



Industrial Development Board

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Item 15 of the provisional agenda

UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

Note by the Secretariat

The present document proposes the appointment of two new members of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee for a three-year term, in accordance with paragraph 8 of the revised terms of reference of the committee, as approved by the Board through decision IDB.48/Dec.5. It further proposes a non-exhaustive roster of candidates to be considered for future vacancies on the committee.

I. Overview

1. The Board established the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC) under its original name, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, in November 2016 to advise the Board and the Director General on issues within the committee's mandate (decision IDB.44/Dec.4). At its forty-eighth session in November 2020, the Board approved the revised terms of reference of the committee, as per decision IDB.48/Dec.5.

2. By decision IDB.48/Dec.6, and in line with paragraph 8 of the revised terms of reference of the OAC, the Board appointed the following members of the committee:

(a) For a term of three years, from 26 November 2020 to 25 November 2023, or until the appointment (or reappointment) of members at the fifty-first regular session of the Board, whichever is later:

Mr. Elmar Vinh-Thomas (South Africa)	Africa Group
Mr. S. Lakshman Athukorala (Sri Lanka)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. Michael N. Parker (Jamaica)	GRULAC
Mr. Gabor Amon (Hungary)	States in List D

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(b) For a term of two years, from 26 November 2020 to 25 November 2022, or until the appointment of a new member at the fiftieth regular session of the Board, whichever is later:

Ms. Yuko Keicho (Japan)

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3. It is noted that the two-year term of Ms. Keicho (Japan) is due to end in line with the conditions described in paragraph 2(b) above.

4. On 4 August 2022, Mr. Amon (Hungary) informed the President of the Board of his resignation as a member of the OAC. In the meantime, the committee continued its work based on the rules of procedure in paragraph 26 of its terms of reference.

II. Selection of new OAC members

5. In keeping with paragraphs 7 and 8 of the terms of reference of the committee, an open call for nominations for positions on the committee was issued to Permanent Missions on 21 April 2022 through information note No. 11. The call for nominations was also posted on the UNIDO website and other relevant social media channels.

6. A briefing for representatives from regional groups, held at UNIDO headquarters on 11 May 2022, recalled the selection procedures, and discussed and agreed on the proposed timeline for the selection of candidates. Information on the selection procedures and the timeline was subsequently issued to Permanent Missions on 13 May 2022 through information note No. 16.

7. In line with the procedures, a selection panel was established composed of representatives of Permanent Missions appointed by the regional groups, as shown in the following table. The panel was supported by the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight in its function as the OAC secretariat.

Mr. Henryk Czubek (Poland)

Representing the Board
President (States in list D)

Mr. Md Tarazul Islam (Bangladesh)

Asia-Pacific Group

Ms. Claudia Elizabeth Guevara De La Jara
(Peru)

GRULAC

Mr. Thomas Hollensteiner (Austria)

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8. By the closing date for expressions of interest, 33 applications were received. All candidates were evaluated against the following criteria: professional qualifications in audit, evaluation and investigation, as well as in areas related to oversight, risk management and managerial experience at a senior level; and organizational experience at international, United Nations and/or public or private sector organizations, including current or previous experience with and/or membership of oversight committees.

9. Thereafter, the selection panel established a ranking of the candidates. Subsequent to discussions, the panel identified the two top-ranked candidates from each of the regional groups.

10. In line with paragraph 7 of the procedure for selection of members of the OAC, interviews took place in a virtual format on 22 and 28 September, and 10 October 2022. Subsequently, the panel completed the selection and presented the list of recommended candidates to the Enlarged Bureau of the Board on 21 October 2022.

11. Based on paragraph 7 of the terms of reference of the OAC, and on paragraph 9 of the procedure for selection of members of the committee, the final, non-exhaustive list of possible candidates for membership of the committee is hereby submitted on behalf of the Enlarged Bureau to the Board for its consideration.

12. The following candidates are proposed for inclusion on the non-exhaustive list or roster of possible candidates to be considered for future vacancies on the committee.

Mr. Ibrahim James Pam (Nigeria)	African Group
Mr. Hesham ElGindy (Egypt)	African Group
Ms. Susan Verghese (India)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. Hock-Chye Ong (Malaysia)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. José Roberto Alpizar Fallas (Costa Rica)	GRULAC
Mr. Martín Guozden (Argentina)	GRULAC
Ms. Sabina Blaskovic (Croatia)	States in List D
Mr. Tuncay Efendioglu (Türkiye)	WEOG
Mr. Michael Schrenk (Germany)	WEOG

13. From the above list, the Enlarged Bureau recommends the following two candidates for appointment to fill the current vacancies on the OAC:

Ms. Sabina Blaskovic (Croatia)	States in List D
Mr. Tuncay Efendioglu (Türkiye)	WEOG

14. The relevant summary curricula vitae will be provided in conference room paper IDB.50/CRP.13.

15. As per paragraph 8 of the revised terms of reference of the OAC, the term of office of each new member will commence on the date of the Board's appointment, and it will expire upon conclusion of their three-year term or upon the appointment (or reappointment) of a member at the regular Board session of the relevant year, whichever is later.

III Action required of the Board

16. The Board may wish to consider adopting the following draft decision:

“The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of document IDB.50/24 on the membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee;

(b) Approves the following non-exhaustive roster of candidates for the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee to be considered for future vacancies on the committee:

Mr. Ibrahim James Pam (Nigeria)	African Group
Mr. Hesham ElGindy (Egypt)	African Group
Ms. Susan Verghese (India)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. Hock-Chye Ong (Malaysia)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. José Roberto Alpizar Fallas (Costa Rica)	GRULAC
Mr. Martín Guozden (Argentina)	GRULAC
Mr. Michael Schrenk (Germany)	WEOG

(c) In line with paragraph 8 of the revised terms of reference of the committee, appoints the following members to the committee for a term of three years, from 23 November 2022 to 22 November 2025, or until the appointment (or reappointment) of members at the fifty-third regular session of the Board, whichever is later:

Ms. Sabina Blaskovic (Croatia)

States in List D

Mr. Tuncay Efendioglu (Türkiye)

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