

## Report of the Candidatures Committee to the 21<sup>st</sup> ICOMOS General Assembly, 2023

Under Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure, a Candidatures Committee is to be appointed at the General Assembly a year before the election of the Board. The 2022 Annual General Assembly in Bangkok approved, by Resolution AGA 2022/10, the establishment of a Candidatures Committee to prepare the nominations of Candidatures for the elections to be held at the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of 2023, based on the Rules of Procedure. Some of the Committee members appointed in 2022 had to subsequently resign from their positions as candidatures from their own countries were put forward over the following months. The new Committee members have been approved, in all cases, by the Board.

The Candidatures Committee's final composition consisted of:

- Mario Santana (Canada)
- Kirsti Kovanen (Finland)
- Silvia Arroyo Duarte (Panama)
- Lassinan Traore (Cote d'Ivoire)
- Fauzia Qureshy (Pakistan)
- Hossam Mahdy (CIAV)
- Nader Al-Nouri (Syria, EPWG)

The Committee held an online meeting on 17 May 2023 to elect a Chairman and a Rapporteur for the Committee, and to check the preliminary candidatures received until that date. The Committee elected Mario Santana as the Chairman of the Committee and Kirsti Kovanen as the Rapporteur. Concerning the 22 candidatures received, the Committee noticed that there were no nominations for the position of Secretary General nor for the position of Vice-President representing the Arab States. In order to encourage members to present candidatures for these key positions, and to ensure regional and gender balance, the Committee agreed to publish, together with the preliminary list of candidates, a cover letter highlighting those issues and inviting the membership to present further candidatures.

A second online meeting was held on 5 July 2023. In relation to the preliminary list of candidates, the Committee noted that 7 new nominations for candidatures had been received, one candidate had withdrawn, one nomination file for a candidature remained incomplete and one nomination had changed the position to stand for.

The Committee agreed that there were 27 valid candidatures: 1 for the position of President, 3 for Secretary General, 1 for Treasurer, 7 for Vice President and 15 for Board members.

As for regional representation worldwide, 2 candidates come from Africa, 4 from the Americas, 3 from the Arab States, 5 from Asia Pacific and 13 from Europe. In relation to gender balance, the Committee noted that there are 12 men and 15 women candidates. The Committee noted that diverse specialisations and Emerging Professionals are represented among the nominations. The Committee found the candidatures balanced according to the Rules of Procedure.

Having examined the files nominating candidates for election, the Committee found 27 candidates eligible according to Art. 9-d-9 of the Statutes and Art. 63 of the Rules of Procedure. After reception of one further withdrawal, the Committee agreed to circulate the list of candidates to the membership, and that the presentation documents and short videos provided by the candidates be posted on the ICOMOS website.

The list of 26 eligible candidates is as follows:

**President**

Teresa Patricio (Belgium)

**Secretary General**

Faïka Béjaoui (Tunisia)  
Jurn Buisman (Netherlands)

**Treasurer**

Cyrill von Planta (Austria)

**Vice Presidents**

Riin Alatalu (Estonia)  
Leonardo Castriota (Brazil)  
Chilangwa Chaiwa (Zambia)  
HRH Dana Firas (Jordan)  
Zeynep Gül Ünal (Türkiye)  
Bo Jiang (China)  
Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (Australia)

**Board**

Olufemi Adetunji (Nigeria)  
Saul Alcántara Onofre (Mexico)  
Antoine Bruguerolle (France)  
Adriana Careaga (Uruguay)  
Doo-Won Cho (Republic of Korea)  
Andreas Georgopoulos (Greece)  
Siame Ishac (Lebanon)  
Marianne Knutsen (Norway)  
Celia Martínez Yañez (Spain)  
Eran Mordohovich (Israel)  
Takeyuki Okubo (Japan)  
Mariana Pereira (Portugal)  
Nupur Prothi Khanna (India)  
Monica Rhodes (United States)  
Gráinne Shaffrey (Ireland)

This report of the Candidatures Committee was adopted in the third online meeting of the Committee held on 17 - 24 July 2023.

The Candidatures Committee would like to express its gratitude to all ICOMOS members who kindly accepted to present their candidatures, and to the International Secretariat, especially Ms. Jessica Khan, for their permanent support and assistance.

Mario Santana

Kirsti Kovanen

Silvia Arroyo Duarte

Hossam Mahdy

Nader Al-Nouri