Report of the Candidatures Committee to the 20th ICOMOS General Assembly, 2020

Under Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure, adopted on 12 December 2017, a Candidatures Committee is to be appointed at the General Assembly a year before the election of the Board. The 2019 Annual General Assembly in Marrakesh approved, by Resolution AGA 2019/8, the establishment of a Candidatures Committee to prepare the nominations of Candidatures for the elections to be held at the 20th General Assembly of 2020, based on the Rules of Procedure. Some of the Committee members appointed in 2019 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 final composition consisted of:

Alfredo Conti (Argentina, chair) Faïka Bejaoui (Tunisia) Ishanlosen Odiaua (Nigeria) Sharif Shams Imon (Bangladesh) Anja Vintar (Slovenia, EPWG).

The Committee held an online meeting on 21 August 2020 to check the candidatures received until that date, when 29 candidatures had been received. The Committee noticed that there were no applications for the position of Secretary General and that there were 4 applications for the position of Vice-President, while 5 Vice-Presidents are foreseen by the Statutes. 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 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 November 2020. In relation to the first list of candidates, the Committee noted that several new candidatures had been received, one had been withdrawn and two had changed the position they wished to stand for. The Committee agreed that there are 36 valid candidatures: 1 for the position of President, 2 for Secretary General, 2 for Treasurer, 11 for Vice President (2 candidates for Vice President only standing for this position if they are not elected respectively to the position of Secretary General and Treasurer General) and 22 for Board members. As for regional representation, 3 candidates come from Africa, 5 from the Americas, 6 from the Arab States, 8 from Asia Pacific and 14 from Europe. In relation to gender balance, the Committee noted that there are 22 male and 14 female candidates.

The Committee agreed to circulate the list of candidates and that the presentation documents and short videos provided by the candidates be posted on the ICOMOS website. The list of eligible candidates is as follows:

President

Teresa Patricio (Belgium)

Secretary General

Fabián Llisterri (Spain)
Mario Santana Quintero (Canada)

Treasurer

Pamela Jerome (USA)
Marc Kocken (Netherlands)

Vice Presidents

Riin Aitalu (Estonia)
Bo Jiang (China)
Leonardo Castriota (Brazil)
Aboulkacem Chebri (Morocco)
Alpha Diop (Mali)
Luigi Fusco Girard (Italy)
Khalid El Harrouni (Morocco)
Pamela Jerome (if not elected Treasurer) (USA)
Mario Santa Quintero (if not elected Secretary General) (Canada)
Assaad Seif (Lebanon)
Maria Guadalupe Zepeda (Mexico)

Board

Nils Ahlberg (Sweden)
Mohammad Al Aidaroos (Saudi Arabia)
Tariq Al Murri (Egypt)
Naima Benkari (Algeria)
Fernande Bodo (Cameroon)
Adriana Careaga (Uruguay)
Andreas Georgopoulos (Greece)
Han Suk-Young (South Korea)
Donald Hankey (United Kingdom)
Leonid Kondrashev (Russia)
Anastasia Martynova (Russia)
Takeyuki Okubo (Japan)
Maria Cristina Paterno (Philippines)
Peter Phillips (Australia)
Cyrill von Planta (Austria)
Nupur Prothi (India)
Grainne Shaffrey (Ireland)
Jean-Christophe Simon (France)
Hatthaya Siriphatthanakun (Thailand)
Pascall Taruvinga (South Africa)
Zeynep Gül Ünal (Turkey)
Stacy Vallis (New Zealand)

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. Gaia Jungeblodt and Ms. Laura Maxwell, for their permanent support and assistance.

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The 20th General Assembly of ICOMOS adopts the report of the Candidatures Committee, according to which the candidates listed above shall be eligible by the General Assembly for the offices indicated (see list above).