



TCG membership rotation

TCG 10th Meeting
11 December 2023

TCG 8 decisions

Anticipating the first Conference on Education Data and Statistics, the meeting noted the absence of a TCG rotation process in original terms of reference.

The TCG 8 decided that:

- ▶ each Member State would serve as TCG member for 3 calendar years
- ▶ Member States would be selected via UNESCO regional Electoral Groups
- ▶ next selection would take place in Q1 2022 for the period 2022–2024
- ▶ Member States already serving as TCG member could be selected again

In addition, the TCG 8 decided that:

- ▶ 6 regional organizations (currently observers) would become TCG members
- ▶ regional TCG meetings would be added to plenary / working group meetings

Of all these decisions, only the last decision was implemented.

Review of TCG membership

UNESCO regions	Current	Proposed
I – Western Europe and Northern America	4	4
II – Eastern Europe	3	3
III – Latin America and Caribbean	5	5
IV – Asia and the Pacific	4	7
V (a) – Africa	3	6
V (b) – Arab States	3	3
Total	22	28

It had been proposed that 6 of the 28 seats (one per region – but two for Asia and the Pacific and one for Western Europe and Eastern Europe) could be held by regional inter-governmental organizations: EU, CARICOM, SEAMEO, Pacific Community, AU and ALECSO but this proposal cannot be implemented.

► **TCG members will be 28 Member States**

Rotation of TCG membership

The following steps and timeline are proposed.

1. Retain the following original TCG 8 decisions:

- ▶ Each selected member will serve in the TCG for **3** calendar years (2024–26)
- ▶ Member States already serving as TCG member can be candidates **again**

2. Add the following process-specific steps:

- ▶ TCG 10 decides on these TCG rotation rules and UNESCO invites TCG member candidacies in the **second half of December 2023**
- ▶ Member States submit their candidacy **during the week of 15 January 2024**
- ▶ Electoral Groups meet by **24 January 2024** to select TCG members as per (i) the total number of seats allotted and (ii) their process (and may decide to add rules, such as balanced representation by sub-region)
- ▶ Share the decision to the Secretariat by **29 January 2024**

Exceptionally an Electoral Group can convene on **6 February 2024** (evening)

Revision of TCG terms of reference

In relation to the TCG membership rotation process and other issues, the TCG terms of reference need to be revised:

The following **objectives** need to be added:

- ▶ relationship with the Conference on Education Data and Statistics

The section (and annex) on **members** needs to be updated:

- ▶ to specify the regional make-up of the 28 members
- ▶ to move all current members who are not Member States to observer status

Decision point I2

TCG membership rotation and amendments to the TCG terms of reference

	Option 1	Option 2
Description	TCG membership and rotation rules – and amendments to the TCG terms of reference	
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rotation is overdue and the Conference on Education Data and Statistics is the right moment to implement it- The new TCG members will serve as the implementing body of the Conference on Education Data and Statistics decisions- The respective amendments to the TCG terms of reference will also address other updating needs beyond membership	
Cons		
Proposed decision	Agree the membership and rotation rules, as well as the TCG terms of reference amendments.	
Document	Proposed TCG ToRs.	

Thank you

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