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.
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

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