
Fifth Assembly of International Solar Alliance
18 October 2022
New Delhi, Republic of India

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Agenda Item 4

Election of the President and Co-President of the ISA Assembly

Summary

This document contains information on the end of term of the current President and Co-President of the ISA Assembly and the consequent election of the next President and Co-President at the Fifth Session of the ISA Assembly.

Election of the President and Co-President of the ISA Assembly

Background

In accordance with Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure (RoP), during the Third Session of the ISA Assembly, the Republic of India and the Republic of France were unanimously elected as the President and the Co-President of the ISA Assembly respectively, for a period of two years ending on 13 October 2022, continuing till such time that the next President and the Co-President are elected and assume office, in accordance with Rule 40.

Pursuant to Rule 40, the term of the outgoing President and Co-President comes to an end upon the election of the next President and Co-President during the Fifth Assembly and the new President and Co-President of the ISA Assembly assuming office.

Statutory provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly¹

Rule 39: Election of President, Co-President, and Vice Presidents

The Assembly shall elect a President and a Co-President, having due regard to equitable geographical representation, in accordance with Part XI. Members may only hold one of the President, Co-President, and Vice-President positions.

The four regional groups of the ISA Members are as follows:

- a) Africa;
- b) Asia and the Pacific;
- c) Europe and Others; and
- d) Latin America and the Caribbean

Rule 40: Period of Office

The term of the President and the Co-President shall be for two years and continue till such time that the next President and Co-President are elected and assume office. At the beginning of the session following the two-year term, the new President, Co-President shall be elected by the Assembly. The outgoing President, Co-President may seek re-election.

¹ Only the relevant statutory provisions have been included in the document.

PART XI: ELECTIONS

Rule 74: Secret Ballot

All elections shall be held by a secret ballot unless there is acclamation.

Rule 75: Elections to Fill One Elective Place

When only one elective place is to be filled and no candidate obtains in the first ballot the absolute majority required, a second ballot shall be restricted to the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

Next Steps

The Director General has circulated the notification requesting the Members to express their interest in the candidature of the President and the Co-President at least 90 days in advance of the convening of the Fifth Assembly. The format of the same is annexed herewith under Annexure 1.

The tentative guidelines for the Election of the President and Co-President at the Fifth Session of the Assembly are also annexed herewith under Annexure 2.

The calendar capturing the timelines for the circulation of the notification, confirmation of candidature and withdrawal of candidature have been outlined in Annexure 3.

Annexure 1**[NOMINATION FORM / NOTE VERBALE FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATURE FOR THE PRESIDENT/CO-PRESIDENT POSITION OF THE ISA ASSEMBLY]**

The Government of the [.....] presents its compliments to the President of ISA Assembly and has the honour to put forward its candidature for the position of President and/or Co-President [delete as required], of the Fifth and Sixth session of the ISA Assembly, for the period 2022-24, as requested in the Director General's letter dated XX July 2022.

The vision statement of the Government of [.....] is attached to this nomination form.

The Government of the [.....] avail itself of this opportunity to renew to the office of the President of the ISA Assembly the assurances of its highest consideration.

Date: (DD/MM/YYYY)

Official seal of nominating Government

Office of the President of ISA Assembly

Address: [.....]

Enclosure: Vision Statement

Annexure 2

Guidelines for the

Election of the President and Co-President at the Fifth Session of the Assembly

1. The Assembly, through a specific agenda item in its Fifth Session, will hold the elections for the positions of President and Co-President of the Assembly.
2. In accordance with Rule 39, the Assembly shall elect a President and a Co-President, having due regard to equitable geographical representation, in accordance with Part XI.
3. It is further clarified that the Members may only hold one of the President, Co-President, and Vice-President positions. Vice-Presidents for the respective regions will only be selected after the elections for the positions of President and Co-President.

Method of voting

4. The authorized representative of the Member shall only be eligible to cast their vote. The Secretariat shall circulate the information on the method of voting, as approved by the Seventh Standing Committee beforehand. The Member States are requested to submit the names of the representative and an alternate, who will cast the ballot of the Member State (the voter) to the Secretariat designated officials Mr. Shishir Seth, Chief of Unit - Governance at shishir.seth@isolaralliance.org and Ms. Sunayana Bhatnagar, Legal Analyst at sunayanabhatnagar@isolaralliance.org.
5. In accordance with Rule 74, all elections shall be held through a secret ballot unless there is acclamation. However, pursuant to Rule 14, as may be required in extraordinary circumstances for the fulfilment of its powers and functions, the Assembly may act by means of proxy letter, e-mail or any such other method of communication in which the participation of each Member of the Assembly may be facilitated, and the votes of each Member of the Assembly may be recorded, subject to procedures determined by the Assembly in a separate decision. In such cases, the decision shall be taken in accordance with Rule 65.
6. Giving due consideration to COVID 19 precautions and based on the modality of conducting the Fifth Assembly of the ISA, voting will be conducted either physically (paper ballot or electronic voting machine), electronically (e-voting platform) or both. In the event, e-voting takes place, the e-voting platform along with the circumstances necessitating the same will be placed before the Seventh Standing Committee for approval.

Required majority

7. As per Rule 75, when only one elective place is to be filled and no candidate obtains in the first ballot the absolute majority required, a second ballot shall be restricted to the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot. If in the second ballot the votes are equally divided, the President shall decide between the candidates by drawing lots.

Announcement of the results

8. Upon receipt of the results certified by the teller/s, the President of the Assembly shall inform the members during the Assembly (if the Assembly is held in physical mode) or through circulation of a letter (in case of virtual or hybrid mode), the results and declare elected those Member States that have received the greatest number of votes and a required majority of the members present and voting.

Annexure 3
Calendar for Election of President and Co-President

S.No.	Action	Date/Deadline	Remarks
1.	Notification to all Members of ISA Regarding Election	18 th July 2022	90 days before opening of the Assembly Session.
2.	Notification to the Sixth Standing Committee regarding the Election	21 st July 2022	Working document pertaining details of the process which will be followed by the ISA Secretariat for receiving candidature from countries for President and Co-President along with the mode of voting.
3.	Update to the Seventh Standing Committee regarding the Election	7 th /10 th September 2022 (Tentative)	Working document providing update on the details shared previously with the Standing Committee.
4.	Submission of Note Verbale for Nominating Candidature	18 th September 2022	60 days after receiving the notification.
5.	Withdrawal of Candidature	18 th October 2022	Candidature may be withdrawn prior to the Election process commencing.
6.	5 th Assembly of ISA	18 th October 2022	Election to take place by acclamation or voting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of ISA Assembly