

## **WSSCC STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS January 2018**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### ***What are the WSSCC elections?***

The WSSCC's Steering Committee Elections constitute a key component of the organization's democratic governance process. During this process, an individual is first nominated by himself/herself or another member from any region. Once nominated, that nominee can only receive votes from members of his/her region. The successful nominee then takes up his/her seat as part of Steering Committee, the Governing Body of WSSCC.

#### ***When do the elections take place?***

The WSSCC elections are held on three-year cycles unless an exception is made by the Chair.

#### ***Who is eligible to be elected?***

In order to be elected, an individual must have been a member of WSSCC for at least two years prior to their nomination. Only members from the designated region of the nominee may participate in the voting process for a candidate in their region. For more information on the WSSCC's geographical regions please see page 12, Appendix 12 of the [Governance Document here](#)

#### ***Who can vote?***

The election process is divided into two categories: one process for an individual member not associated with a current partner agency and one process for an individual associated with a current partner agency.

- a. For the first process, all Members of WSSCC except those who are currently associated with active partner agencies, are entitled to vote. There are seven seats in this category which represent WSSCC's seven regions. Each Member registered in one of WSSCC's seven regions has two votes: one regional and one global and each Member registered outside those seven regions has one vote: global.
- b. For the second process, only WSSCC Members associated with an active partner agency at the time of the election are entitled to vote. One seat represents active UN partner agencies, the other two seats represent active non-UN partner agencies.

#### ***What is the process for nominating and voting?***

First members are requested to submit the nomination form that conforms to the checklist by the deadline.

When it is time to vote, members receive an e-mail with voting instructions and a link to the secret ballot. The election itself is supervised by the Secretariat, the WSSCC Chair supported by the Elections Committee.

#### ***What is the role of the elected Steering Committee member?***

In this role, Steering Committee members have a core set of [responsibilities](#) in order to decide the policies and strategies of WSSCC

1. To ensure the financial viability of WSSCC
2. To monitor the performance of WSSCC
3. To appoint the Chair
4. To play an active role in selecting the Executive Director
5. To manage the governance processes
6. To represent the interests of WSSCC's Members and stakeholders
7. To be morally accountable to WSSCC's donors
8. To set rules for its own meetings

In addition to the above, all Steering Committee members are individually responsible for:

- a) representing the WSSCC at meetings at the request of the Chair and
- b) representing the views of the constituents who elected or selected him/her to the Steering Committee as well as
- c) reporting to them regularly and thoroughly