



Membership of WHO bodies and committees

Executive Board members from the Eastern Mediterranean Region

1. Membership in the Executive Board of the World Health Organization consists of 34 persons designated by as many Member States who are elected by the World Health Assembly. In accordance with constant, established and agreed practice, the Eastern Mediterranean Region designates five Member States to serve on the Executive Board. Each Member State serves on the Board for a period of three years.
2. According to resolution EM/RC63/R.6, Member States agreed to grouping countries of the Region into three subregional groups in order to ensure that countries in each subregion are represented at the Executive Board at all times. This approach allocates two seats from each of the larger subregional groups (2 and 3), while the smaller group (1) is allocated one seat as shown in Annex 1.
3. The Member States currently representing the Eastern Mediterranean Region as Executive Board members are Afghanistan, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates.
4. In utilizing the selection tool, and according to previous designations, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates will complete their term as Executive Board members in May 2022. Morocco and Yemen will be the incoming members and their term will continue until May 2025.
5. Countries are reminded that, in accordance with Article 24 of the WHO Constitution and as reaffirmed by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA51.26, individuals designated to serve on the Executive Board must be technically qualified in the field of health. Consideration should be given to individuals with a broad mix of skills and practical experience in public health and national public administration at a senior position close to the political decision-making level. The candidates for the Board should also demonstrate the ability to collaborate, coordinate and communicate within their country, between countries of the Region and with international partners.
6. The schedule of membership of countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the Executive Board is shown in Annex 2.

Nomination of a country of the Eastern Mediterranean Region for the President and other elected officials of the World Health Assembly

7. The elected officials of the World Health Assembly are composed of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly, the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs of Committees A and B, and members of the Committee on Credentials and the General Committee.
8. The Presidency and other elected offices of the Health Assembly rotate among the WHO regions every year.
9. Annex 3 shows the number of times each country in the Region has served as President of the World Health Assembly and as other elected officials.
10. According to the table in Annex 3, Afghanistan would be eligible to occupy the position of the President of the World Health Assembly, Djibouti as Vice-Chairman of Committee B, Saudi Arabia and Somalia as members of the General Committee, and Sudan as a member of the Committee on Credentials. However, due

to the current situation, it is proposed that Djibouti become eligible for the position of President of the World Health Assembly, and Lebanon become eligible to be Vice-Chairman of Committee B.

Programme Subcommittee membership

11. According to resolution EM/RC63/R.6, and as part of the harmonization process and alignment of methods of work of the regional committees across the Organization, the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean was established.

12. In accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure, the Programme Subcommittee conducts its business under the following terms of reference:

- Support the preparatory work of the Regional Committee by reviewing the agenda, the working documents, reports, and draft resolutions along with its financial implications submitted by the Regional Director.
- Monitor the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the Regional Committee.
- Recommend to the Committee additional resources required by the Regional Office and propose a mechanism for Member States to contribute additional funding for the implementation of Committee's resolutions and decisions.
- Examine the reports on the implementation of the recommendation of internal and external auditors and advise the Committee on any remedial action needed.
- Consider any other programmatic, administrative, budgetary or financial matters that the Committee, including at the proposal of the Regional Director, refer to the Subcommittee.
- Submit report on its deliberations to the Committee.




13. The Programme Subcommittee would consist of eight Member States, three each from among Group 2 and Group 3 countries and territories, and two from among Group 1 countries. Group 1 comprises Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia; Group 2 comprises Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Group 3 comprises Afghanistan, Djibouti, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic.

14. All members of the Programme Subcommittee other than the observers will be appointed by the Committee and will serve for a period of two years. In order to maintain some institutional memory of the working of the Subcommittee, it is proposed to replace four members each year following the English alphabetical order in each group. Please see Annex 4 for the projected membership in 2022.

15. According to membership grouping, as of January 2021, current members are from Egypt, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Pakistan, Somalia and Sudan. Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Somalia will be outgoing on 31 December 2021, and will be replaced by Libya, Palestine, Djibouti and Syrian Arab Republic.

Annex 1
Eastern Mediterranean Region subregional country groupings for Executive Board membership

Eastern Mediterranean Region subregional country groups

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Tunisia Libya Egypt Morocco	Oman United Arab Emirates Iraq Bahrain Kuwait Saudi Arabia Qatar Yemen	Syrian Arab Republic Afghanistan Djibouti Sudan Pakistan Jordan Islamic Republic of Iran Lebanon Somalia
		
One member	Two members	Two members

Annex 2
Schedule of membership of countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the Executive Board until 2024

Year	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
2021	Tunisia	United Arab Emirates, Oman	Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic
2022	Morocco	Yemen, Oman	Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic
2023	Morocco	Yemen, Qatar	Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic
2024	Morocco	Yemen, Qatar	Somalia, Lebanon

Annex 3
Appointments of Eastern Mediterranean Region countries to official posts of the World Health Assembly until the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in 2021

Country	President	Vice-President	Committee A			Committee B			Credentials Committee	General Committee
			Chair	Vice-Chair	Rapporteur	Chair	Vice-Chair	Rapporteur		
Afghanistan	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	4	2
Bahrain	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	6
Djibouti	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
Egypt	-	7	-	2	-	1	2	1	7	8
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1	5	1	1	-	1	2	-	4	6
Iraq	2	4	-	-	2	1	1	-	5	9
Jordan	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	5	7
Kuwait	1	3	3	1	-	-	2	-	4	6
Lebanon	-	5	1	-	-	1	-	1	6	6
Libya	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	5	6
Morocco	-	3	-	2	-	-	1	1	5	6
Oman	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	8	6
Pakistan	2	5	-	2	2	1	3	-	6	9
Qatar	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	6
Saudi Arabia	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	5
Somalia	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	5
Sudan	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6	5
Syrian Arab Republic	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8
Tunisia	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	10	8
United Arab Emirates	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	5
Yemen	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	6

Annex 4
Projected membership of the Programme Subcommittee (2022)

Composition in 2021	Group 1: Egypt, Tunisia Group 2: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen Group 3: Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan
Outgoing in 2022	Group 1: Tunisia Group 2: Saudi Arabia Group 3: Pakistan, Somalia
Incoming in 2022	Group 1: Libya Group 2: Palestine Group 3: Djibouti, Syrian Arab Republic
Composition in 2022	Group 1: Egypt, Libya Group 2: Palestine, United Arab Emirates, Yemen Group 3: Djibouti, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic