

2019 CSPF WORKING GROUP ELECTION

ELECTORAL PROCESS

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Mid July – end July	August 22- Sept. 22	Sept. 16 - 30	Early Oct.	Oct. 18 -31	Early November	Mid. November	Dec. 1, 2019	February 1, 2020
Announcement of the electoral process with criteria for candidates and individuals allowed to vote	Candidates apply	Review and finalize selection of candidates	Publish list of candidates online	Voting period	Review voting results, and make any diversity adjustments	Election results published online	New group assumes role. Leaving members assume advisory role for transition period.	Transition period ends for departing WG members.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES:

- **Familiarity with World Bank, IMF and CSPF:** Candidates must have attended the CSPF at least twice in the last 5 years. That timeframe also includes the upcoming 2019 Annual Meetings.
- **Commitment:** be eager to actively engage with civil society in their region, volunteer few hours a month for calls, mails, meetings and other work, and more intensively prior to and during the CSPF at Spring and Annual Meetings for the two-year term period.
- **Regional representation:** Ideally candidates will be based in the region they represent. However, in situations where a candidate has ties with the region through their work but is based elsewhere, they should provide a justification for why they are applying under that region.
- **Re-election of current WG members:** Only one immediate re-election is possible.
- **Attendance to 2019 Annual Meetings CSPF:** Candidates are strongly encouraged to participate in the launch of the election process at the 2019 Annual Meetings CSPF to present their candidacy.

Verification: Candidates should declare that they meet the above criteria and verification will be conducted by the World Bank, IMF and the CSPF WG. If a candidate does not meet all the criteria, they will be disqualified from the election process.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidates will select the region they wish to represent based on the location of the organization they work for and the work they are doing.
- A map will be published in the ballot with each region in different colours showing which countries are in each region.
- Candidate bios will be available on a dedicated website. Candidates will send their bios, headshot and short statements of interest by mid-September 2019.
- The WG will provide the draft ballot questions and suggested layout (use different ‘survey monkey’ ‘page’ for each region within the same survey).

- A question will be added to the ballot for the WG to seek direct communication with CSOs. Along the lines of: “In order to receive news from the WG and to send to the WG your feedback, comments or suggestions, do you allow the Working Group to contact you? Leave us your e-mail”
- The World Bank CSO team will handle the creation and launching of the ballot through Survey Monkey.
- Voters will vote for 1 candidate from each region.

VOTING PROCESS AND CRITERIA:

- Voters: The ballot will be sent only to CSOs that have attended the CSPF at least once in the last 5 years.
- The election will be officially launched on Friday, October 18, and will remain open until October 31, 2019.
- Voting is done on the basis of individual choice, rather than organisational-wide preferences.
- Results will be announced by mid-November, 2019.
- New WG class will assume their seat on December 1, 2019.

GENDER DIVERSITY CLAUSE:

In case the elected members were all of the same gender or were 6 of same gender, the Group would be added by the two most voted candidates of the other gender. If the imbalance were 5 of same one gender, the Group will be added by the first most voted candidate of the other gender

ELECTION RESULT	GENDER REPRESENTATION
All 7 elected members are from the same gender	2 additional members from the unrepresented gender will be added ((who received most votes).
6 elected members are from the same gender	2 additional members from the minority gender will be added (who received most votes).
5 elected members are from the same gender	1 additional member from the minority gender (who received most votes).

WG REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE:

The new elected group will assume their role on December 1, 2019. For continuity purposes, the leaving WG members will keep an advisory role until they step out on February 1, 2020.