

Call for candidates and role description: Global Co-Chairs on IPNEd's Global Executive Committee

In November 2020, the International Parliamentary Network for Education (IPNEd) appointed its first Global Executive.

They have overseen and supported the successful development of the Network to now encompass more than 350 member parliamentarians over 50 countries, and played an instrumental role in driving progress on Sustainable Development Goal 4, 'Quality Education'.

One year on, we are delighted to now be in a position to move to electing a Global Executive, consisting of two global co-chairs and seven regional representatives.

The Global Executive will meet bimonthly and support all aspects of the Network, including membership recruitment and delivering on the priorities of IPNEd member parliamentarians.

The role of the global co-chairs

IPNEd's two co-chairs serve as global representatives of the Network. They provide leadership to the Global Executive, facilitating meetings and acting as principal source of contact with the IPNEd Secretariat.

They also regularly represent IPNEd in global fora and the media, and establish relationships with key stakeholders in the global education sector.

Co-Chairs specific roles:

- oversee the Network's development and lead efforts to recruit members to the Networks;
- help set the priorities for the Network, including on recruitment and membership engagement
- issue statements and interventions on behalf of the Network;
- represent and deliver on the priorities of IPNEd member parliamentarians in discussions and decisions at the global level;
- support IPNEd's engagement with key education stakeholders and other parliamentary networks with the support of the IPNEd Secretariat;
- participate in global events on behalf of the Network;
- work collaboratively with the Secretariat and members of the Global Executive to develop and deliver the Network's strategic and operational plans.

How to apply

We are seeking to elect two global co-chairs, one representing the Global North and one representing the Global South.

Applications are open to any IPNEd member as of 30 September 2021. To apply for the role, please submit their candidacy to info@ipned.org in the form of a statement up to 300 words, outlining your relevant experience and reasons for applying for the role.

In your statement we encourage you to also address the following key issues:

- your personal commitment to and track record of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education;
- how you would ensure the views of IPNEd members from around the world are represented in discussions and decisions at a global level.

The deadline for submitting your candidacy is 23:59 GMT on Sunday December 5.

The newly elected regional representatives of the Global Executive will then meet at 11:00 GMT on Friday December 17 to elect the Network's new Global Co-Chairs.

Selection criteria

- A member of IPNEd as of 30 September 2021;
- Ability to participate in bimonthly executive committee meetings, as well as regular events and activities on behalf of Network;
- Available to provide regular advice and support to the IPNEd Secretariat and Executive Committee;
- Willingness to represent the Network in events, statements and interventions to the media;
- Knowledge and understanding of Sustainable Development Goal 4 and the key issues and challenges relating to education financing, equity and quality;
- Personal commitment to and track record of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education;
- Willingness to work cross party and globally;
- Proven track record of acting honestly and with integrity.

Please note

IPNEd seeks to amplify the voice of parliamentarians from under-represented groups. We strive to ensure that the voices of women parliamentarians are prominent in our Network and that we engage with and empower parliamentarians of all ages as well as legislators with disabilities, those from ethnic or religious minorities, and other marginalised groups.

Joining the executive is a voluntary commitment, no members will receive any remuneration, except for expenses associated with fulfilling the role, such as travel.

The length of the term for the new Global Executive will be two years until December 2023.

We expect both co-chairs to be able, to the best of their ability, to attend executive meetings every two months, as well as participate in regular events on behalf of the Network.

Candidates for regional representative

We are also accepting applications for seven regional representatives on IPNEd's Global Executive. It is possible for a member to apply for both roles, however they may only hold one position at any time. For example, if a candidate is successful in being elected to represent their region on the Global Executive but is then elected one of the two global co-chairs by the newly elected Global Executive they will vacate their regional representative role and the candidate who came second in the election for the regional representative will be elected to represent that region on the Global Executive.

You can see the current composition of IPNEd's executive at <https://www.ipned.org/executive-committee>.

For further information please contact info@ipned.org.

