

## Call for candidates and role description: Regional Representatives on IPNEd's Global Executive Committee

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

Since then seven regional representatives and two global co-chairs have overseen and supported the successful development of the world's first and only parliamentary network on education. IPNEd now has more than 350 member parliamentarians from over 50 countries, and is playing a vital role in driving progress on Sustainable Development Goal 4, 'Quality Education'.

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

The Global Executive oversees the operation of the Network, shaping priorities, supporting the Secretariat and playing an active role in representing the Network's members and the Network as a whole.

The Executive meets every two months and individual members of the Executive are expected to contribute actively to the work of the Network in between Executive meetings.

### **Regional Representative role description**

The overall role of regional representatives on IPNEd's global executive committee is to serve as a focal point for IPNEd in their region.

Regional representatives' specific roles:

- support efforts to recruit members from their region;
- support the sharing of information with members in their region and promote opportunities for members to participate in and engage with IPNEd's work;
- ensure the views of members from their region are reflected in discussions and decisions at the global level, including within the Global Executive;
- represent IPNEd in their region, at events and activities and in relations with regional bodies;
- represent IPNEd globally at events and meetings organised by IPNEd and those to which IPNEd is invited to participate;
- provide support and advice to the co-chairs on IPNEd's policies and priorities;
- work collaboratively with the Secretariat to develop and deliver the Network's strategic and operational plans.

## **IPNEd Regions**

There are seven seats available on the executive committee representing the following seven regions:

- Africa
- Arab States
- Asia
- Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- North America
- Oceania

## **How to apply**

Applications for the role of Regional Representative are open to any IPNEd member as of 30 September 2021.

Members who wish to apply for the role are required to submit their candidacy [info@ipned.org](mailto: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 set out:

- your personal commitment to and track record of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education;
- your willingness to work with other MPs, including from other political parties in your country, region and globally.

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

A list of candidates will be circulated on Monday December 6 and IPNEd members in each region will have until 23:59 GMT on Sunday December 12 to cast their vote for their preferred candidate. Voting will be online.

We will announce the result of the regional elections to the Global Executive on Tuesday December 14, 2021.

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

## **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. Candidates from these groups are encouraged to apply.

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 all regional representatives 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 two global co-chair positions**

We are also accepting candidates for IPNEd's two global co-chairs. 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](mailto:info@ipned.org).

