Chairpersons of groupings of Member States at UNESCO (2nd half 2021)

Electoral groups (grouping of Member States for the elections of the Executive Board)
1. Group I
   Chairperson of Group I (1-year term: for 2021)
   **BELGIUM**
   H. E. Ms Régine Vandriessche
   Ambassador, Permanente Delegate

2. Group II
   Chairperson of Group II (6-months term: 2nd half 2021)
   **AZERBAIJAN**
   H. E. Mr Elman Abdullayev
   Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

3. Group III (GRULAC)
   Chairperson of Group III (GRULAC - Latin America and the Caribbean) (6-months term: 2nd half 2021)
   **PANAMA**
   H.E. Ms Elia Del Carmen Guerra Jurado
   C Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

4. Group IV (ASPAC)
   Chairperson of Group IV (ASPAC - Asia and the Pacific) (1-year term: for 2021)
   Starting 27th October 2021:
   Viet Nam
   H. E. Ms Thi Hong Van LE
   Ambassador, Permanent Delegate
   From January to October 2021:
   INDONESIA
   H. E. Mr Arrmanatha C. Nasir
   Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France, Permanent Delegate

5. Group V(a) (Africa)
   Chairperson of Group V(a) (Africa) (1-year term: for 2021)
   **NAMIBIA**
   H. E. Mr Albertus Aochamub
   Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Namibia to France, Permanent Delegate
6. Group V(b) (Arab States)

Chairperson a.i. of Group V(b) (Arab States)

MOROCCO
H. E. Mr Samir Addahre
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

Other regional groups and sub-groups

1. Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

Chairperson of the Group of Non-Aligned Movement (3-years term, starting October 2019; the 18th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement took place in 2019 in Azerbaijan, this country chairs the group until the 19th Summit)

AZERBAIJAN
H. E. Mr Elman Abdullayev
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

2. Group of 77 and China (G-77 and China / Paris Chapter)

Chairperson of the Group of 77 and China (G-77 and China / Paris Chapter) (until December 2021)

GHANA
H.E. Ms Anna Bossman
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ghana to France, Permanent Delegate

3. Group "European Union"

Chairperson of the "European Union" Group (6-months term: 2nd half 2021)

SLOVENIA
H. E. Ms Metka Ipavic
Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire, Déléguée Permanente

4. Geneva Group

Co-chairperson of the Geneva Group

CANADA
Ms Dominique Levasseur
Senior Program Officer

Co-chairperson of the Geneva Group

SWITZERLAND
Ms Sibylle Obrist
Counsellor
Deputy Permanent Delegate

5. Francophone Group

Chairperson of the Francophone Group (since September 2020)

TUNISIA
H. E. Mr Ghazi Gherairi
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

6. Group of Commonwealth Members of UNESCO
Chairperson of the Commonwealth Members of UNESCO (since December 2018)

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
7. Group of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (Lusophone Group)

Chairperson of the CPLP Group

TIMOR-LESTE
Mr Marciano da Silva
Counsellor

8. Russian-speaking Group

9. Europe Regional Group

Group co-chaired by the Chairpersons of the Electoral Groups I and II and convened on ad hoc basis to address issues of special interest to both groups combined (Europe).

BELGIUM
H. E. Ms Régine Vandriessche
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

AZERBAIJAN
H. E. Mr Elman Abdullayev
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

10. Southern African Development Community Group (SADC)

Chairperson of the SADC Group (since August 2017)

SOUTH AFRICA
H. E. Mr Tebogo Seokolo
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France, Permanent Delegate

11. Group of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Chairperson of the West African States Group (since June 2017)

TOGO
H. E. Mr Sankardja Lare-Sambiani
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate

12. Group of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Chairperson of the Group of Small Island Developing States (since November 2020)

COOK ISLANDS
H. E. Ms Nathalie Rossette-Cazel
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate
13. Association of South-East ASEAN Nations - UNESCO Committee (ASEAN)

Chairperson of the ASEAN-UNESCO Committee (1st half 2021)

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
H. E. Mr Yong Chanthalangsy
Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary
Permanent Delegate

14. Group of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC)

Chairperson of the Group of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) (since September 2017)

CÔTE D'IVOIRE
H. E. Ms Denise Houphouët-Boigny
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate

15. Group of Arab Gulf Countries to UNESCO

Chairperson of the Group of Arab Gulf Countries to UNESCO (for 2019)

YEMEN
H. E. Mr Mohammed Jumeh
Ambassador, permanent Delegate

Circle of Permanent Delegates

Chairperson of the Circle of Permanent Delegates

AZERBAIJAN
H. E. Mr Elman Abdullayev
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate