

Asian Parliamentary Assembly
Secretary-General



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To: H.E. Mr. M. Al-Halbousi
Speaker, Council of Representatives of Iraq

Subj.: Future APA President

Excellency,

I would like to once again congratulate you on your recent election as the Speaker of Parliament of Iraq.

Noting that Parliament of Iraq has always been active in APA under your leadership, I wish to call on you to continue with the momentum and support for APA activities.

As the current term of APA Presidency is coming to an end soon, I would like to inform you that the procedure for nomination/election of the APA President is as follows:

1. Based on Article 11 of the APA Charter and Rule 11 of the APA Rules of Procedure, the President of the Assembly shall be elected from amongst the Presidents or Speakers of the Member Parliaments, for two years term, by acclamation or by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting, at the beginning of the first meeting of the Plenary, bearing in mind equitable geographical distribution.
2. Taking into account the balance in regional representation, priority should be given to the nominees of the underrepresented APA Regional Groups.

I may request you to positively consider APA Presidency.

The attached table, explains history of geographical distribution of the APA Presidents and Vice- Presidents, during last 15 years.

Regards,

Mohammad Reza Majidi
Secretary General



APA Presidents, Vice-Presidents & Rapporteur

Plenary	President	VP	VP	VP	VP	Rapporteur
12th (2021)	Turkey	Bahrain	Iran	Iraq	Russia	Indonesia
Geo. Groups	WA	WA	SA	WA	CA&CIS	SEA
12th (2020)	Turkey	Bahrain	Iran	Iraq	Russia	Indonesia
Geo. Groups	WA	SA	SA	WA	CA&CIS	SEA
11th (2019)	Turkey	Iran	Iraq	Russia	Thailand	Pakistan
Geo. Groups	WA	SA	WA	CA& CIS	SEA	SA
10th (2018)	Turkey	Cyprus	Pakistan	Iraq	--	Thailand
Geo. Groups	WA	WA	SA	WA	--	SEA
9th (2017)	Cambodia	Bahrain	Bhutan	Pakistan	UAE	Afghanistan
Geo. Groups	SEA	WA	SA	SA	WA	SA
8th (2016)	Cambodia	Iran	Jordan	Pakistan	--	Palestine
Geo. Groups	SEA	SA	WA	SA	--	WA
7th (2015)	Pakistan	Indonesia	Iran	Turkey	--	Nepal
Geo. Groups	SA	SEA	SA	WA	--	SA
6th (2014)	Pakistan	Cambodia	Indonesia	Iran	Turkey	Philippine
Geo. Group	SA	SEA	SEA	SA	WA	SEA
5th (2011)	Syria	Iran	Korea	Russia	--	Bangladesh
Geo. Group	WA	SA	EA	CA& CIS	--	SA
4th (2010)	Indonesia	Iran	Palau	--	--	Korea
Geo. Groups	SEA	SA	EA	--	--	EA
3rd (2009)	Indonesia	--	--	--	--	Saudi Arabia
Geo. Groups	SEA	--	--	--	--	WA
2nd (2008)	Iran	--	--	--	--	--
Geo. Groups	SA	--	--	--	--	--
1st 2007	Iran	--	--	--	--	--
Geo. Groups	SA	--	--	--	--	--

APA Geographical Groups

With due regard to a balance in regional representation, Asia is grouped into the following five sub-regions¹:

- **West Asia:** Bahrain, Cyprus, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen,
- **Southeast Asia:** Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam
- **South Asia:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,
- **East Asia and the Pacific:** China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kiribati, Mongolia, Palau, Republic of Korea, Tonga
- **Central Asia and the CIS:** Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

¹ APA Charter