



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
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Regional Centre
on Urban Water Management
(under the auspices of UNESCO)

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Governing Board Meeting 2021

1. GEOGRAPHICAL DOMAIN OF ACTIVITIES

Geographical Scopes: Regional priority scope of the Centre's activities is based on UNESCO regional definition as follows:

- Group I (Western Europe and North America)
- Group II (Eastern Europe)
- Group IV (Asia and the Pacific)
- Group Vb (Arab States)

Therefore, Group III (Latin America and the Caribbean) and Group Va (Africa) are out of regional priority scope of activities.

2. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Water and wastewater management in human settlements have the high priority. Centre's scope of activities is all aspects of urban water management from technical to social and economic issues. Moreover, it is considering interaction with water use in other sectors such as agricultural and industrial sectors at the basin level in accordance with Integrated Water Resources Management Concept.

3. GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION

Governing Board is consisted of three categories as follows:

A) Members at State Level: Representatives of Member States, from the Region I, IV, Vb, which will be granted a six-year Governing Board membership period as well as right to vote equivalent to other members. Member state representatives not attending the board meeting for a 3-year consecutive period will no longer be deemed as a member.

B) Members at International Organization Level: Representatives of UN Agencies and other international and regional organizations, shall be granted a 3-year Governing Board membership period and right to vote equivalent to other members. Membership continuation of this category will be evaluated and decided by the end of the first three years.

C) Observers: Representatives of relevant national, regional and international entities with similar geographical domain and/or scope of activities, which will be invited as an observer without holding right to vote.

4. GOVERNING BOARD DECISIONS

Decisions will be made and approved based on the majority of votes.

5. LANGUAGE

English shall be the official language of the Governing Board Meeting. The Director may consider other UN languages as required.

6. DATE AND PLACE

According to the Agreement, the Governing Board shall meet in ordinary session once per year. It shall meet in an extraordinary session if convened by the Chairperson on his/her own initiative or at the request of the Director General of UNESCO or one-third plus one of its members. The venue of the Governing Board Meeting is primarily in Iran.