

## Planning for Executive Committee: Continuity and transition to 2018 and beyond

Note from the Secretariat to the Executive Committee, 11 April 2016

The Secretariat recommends that the Committee have a brief discussion at its May meeting about its composition going forward to next year and the year after that.

While this may seem quite early to be canvassing such matters, the discussion would be of a preliminary nature and relatively brief. A clear understanding of Committee members' intentions for 2017 will assist the Chair and Secretariat in forward planning.

The following table sets out the terms of the current Committee members as we look forward to 2017 and beyond.

ICDPPC Executive Committee Composition 2015 and 2016 (actual) to 2017-19 (projected)					
	Last year	This year	Next year	Year after that	Long range
Committee Position (region)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Elected 1 (Asia & Pacific)	New Zealand 1 <sup>st</sup> term Elected as Chair	New Zealand 2 <sup>nd</sup> term Elected as Chair		<i>Authority A</i>	
Elected 2 (Americas)	USA 2 <sup>nd</sup> term	Canada 1 <sup>st</sup> term		<i>Canada 2<sup>nd</sup> term</i>	
Elected 3 (Europe/Middle East/Africa)	France 1 <sup>st</sup> term		<i>France 2<sup>nd</sup> term</i>		<i>Authority B</i>
Current host	Netherlands	Morocco	Hong Kong	<i>Host X</i>	<i>Host Y</i>
Former host	Mauritius	Netherlands	Morocco	Hong Kong	<i>Host X</i>
Notes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The descriptions of regions given for the elected position are indicative, not official.</li> <li>The year refers to the principal year of operation of the Committee – members are actually elected for the Committee late in the previous calendar year.</li> <li>'Unknowns' are shown in grey: For planning purposes the table shows members elected for a second 2 year terms which assumes both willingness to serve and successful election by the Conference. If a member chooses not to seek re-election, or retires having served 1 year of a 2 year term, composition of the Committee will change. Other unknowns include new elected members from 2018 onwards and the host of the 2018 Conference.</li> </ul>					

It will be helpful if Committee members can signal their intentions for 2017 – as far as they may yet be known - at the May meeting.

To get things started, New Zealand can indicate its willingness to complete its second elected two year term into 2017 and continue as Chair and thus to provide the Secretariat. The rules provide that New Zealand must then drop off the Committee. A new Chair will then need to be elected at the 2017 Conference and a handover of Secretariat arrangements completed.

The current Committee arrangements have only been in place since November 2011 when the first Committee was elected. Netherlands performed the role of Chair and Secretariat for 3 years and New Zealand would propose to follow that precedent.