



UNFCCC Electoral Process

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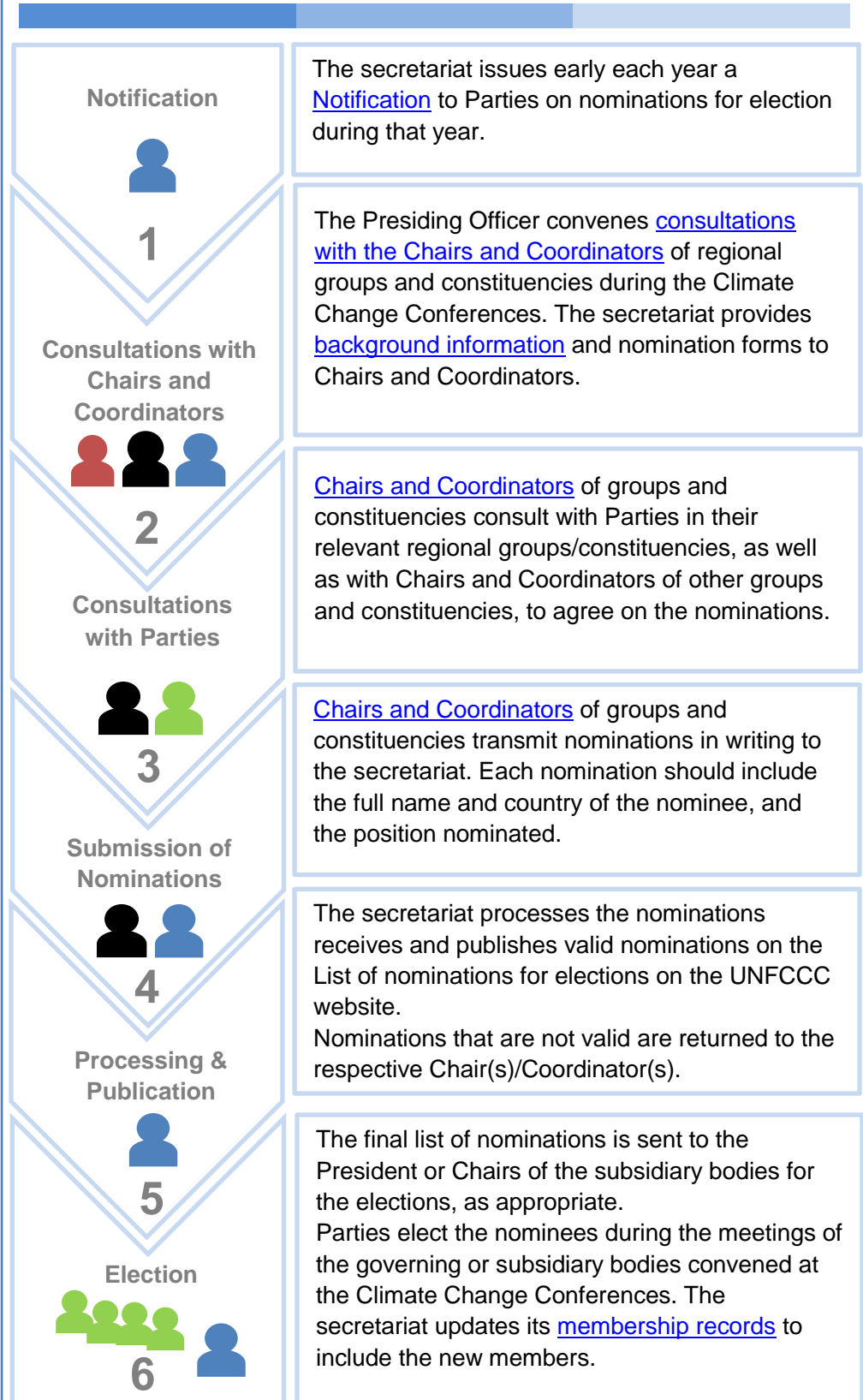
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Gender balance goal

"The meaningful inclusion of women in decision-making increases effectiveness and productivity, brings new perspectives and solutions to the table, unlocks greater resources, and strengthens efforts across all the three pillars of our work." - United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

The COP invited Parties to make additional efforts to achieve the goal of gender balance in UNFCCC bodies (see [decision 3/CP.23](#)).

See the current gender composition of bodies [here](#).



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Parties



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Chairs and Coordinators



Presiding Officer – a Vice-President of the COP/CMP/CMA

The nomination process through Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies

Positions reserved for UN regional group (Africa, Asia-Pacific, E. Europe, GRULAC & WEOG), LDCs or SIDS

Parties submit nominations through their National Focal Point to the Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) of their regional group, LDCs or SIDS.

After agreement within the group/constituency, Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) transmit the agreed nomination(s) in writing to the secretariat.

Secretariat processes the nominations and informs chair(s)/Coordinator(s) of the outcome.
Valid nominations are posted on the UNFCCC website.
Nominations that are not valid are returned to Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) with recommendation.

Secretariat forwards the valid nomination(s) to the Presiding Officer for election, or informs of the direct appointment.

Positions reserved for the SBSTA and SBI Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs

Parties submit nominations through their National Focal Point to the Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) of their regional group or SIDS.

After agreement within the group/constituency, Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) transmit the agreed nomination(s) in writing to the secretariat.

Secretariat processes the nominations and informs Chair(s)/Coordinator(s) of the outcome.
Valid nominations are posted on the UNFCCC website.
Nominations that are not valid are returned to Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) with recommendation.

For competing nominations for a position, the concerned Chair(s)/Coordinator(s) consult to reach agreement.

Secretariat forwards the valid & agreed nomination(s) to Chair of the subsidiary body for election.

Positions reserved for Annex I/II Parties constituency

Parties submit nominations through their National Focal Point to the 4 Coordinators of Annex I Parties constituency.

After agreement within the constituency, Coordinators transmit the agreed nomination(s) in writing to the secretariat.

Secretariat processes the nominations and informs Coordinators of the outcome.
Valid nominations are posted on the UNFCCC website.
Nominations that are not valid are returned to Coordinators with recommendation.

Secretariat forwards the valid nomination to the Presiding Officer for election, or informs of the direct appointment.

Positions reserved for Annex I EIT Parties constituency

Parties submit nominations through their National Focal Point to the 2 Coordinators for AI EIT Parties constituency.

After agreement within the constituency, Coordinators transmit the agreed nomination(s) in writing to the secretariat

Secretariat processes the nominations and informs Coordinators of the outcome.
Valid nominations are posted on the UNFCCC website
Nominations that are not valid are returned to Coordinators with recommendation.

Secretariat forwards the valid nomination to the Presiding Officer for election.

Positions reserved for NAI Parties constituency and designated for UN regional groups with NAI Parties, LDCs or SIDS

Parties submit nominations through their National Focal Point to the Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) of their regional group, LDCs or SIDS.

Chair(s)/Coordinator(s) informs the Coordinator of Non-Annex I Parties constituency of the agreed nomination(s).

Coordinator of NAI Parties transmits (or endorses the transmittal) the agreed nomination(s) in writing to the secretariat.

Secretariat processes the nominations and informs Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) of the outcome.
Valid nominations are posted on the UNFCCC website.
Nominations that are not valid are returned to Chairs/Coordinators with recommendation.

Secretariat forwards the valid nomination to the Presiding Officer for election, or informs of the direct appointment.

Positions reserved for Non-Annex I Parties constituency

Parties submit nominations through their National Focal Point to the Chair(s) or Coordinator(s) of their group/constituency.

Chair(s)/Coordinator(s) transmits the nomination(s) to the Coordinator of Non-Annex I Parties constituency.

For competing nominations for a position, the concerned Chair(s)/Coordinator(s) consult to reach agreement.

After agreement with Chair(s)/Coordinator(s), Coordinator of NAI Parties constituency transmit the agreed nomination(s) in writing to the secretariat.

Secretariat processes the nominations and informs NAI Coordinator of the outcome.
Valid nominations are posted on the UNFCCC website.
Nominations that are not valid are returned to NAI Coordinator with recommendation.

Secretariat forwards the valid & agreed nomination(s) to the Presiding Officer for election.