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## Subject: Appointment of new members to the Oversight Advisory Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the process has begun to replace the members of the UNESCO Oversight Advisory Committee whose term is coming to an end soon. Two membership positions are therefore advertised.

A copy of the advertisement notice outlining the mandate and required qualifications and experience of Committee Members is annexed for your information.

In order to achieve a more balanced geographical distribution, as well as an equitable representation of women, it is essential to encourage all appropriate and qualified candidates to apply.

Any candidate wishing to be considered for membership is invited to submit the application by e-mail to ios@unesco.org no later than 28 January 2022.

Bernardin Assiene, Director of the Internal Oversight Service, (email: <u>b.assiene@unesco.org</u>), will be glad to provide you with any additional information you may need.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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To Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO

As the United Nations specialized agency for education, sciences, culture, and communication and information, UNESCO is seeking applications for two upcoming vacant positions on its Oversight Advisory Committee.

- The primary purpose of the Committee is to provide expert advice to UNESCO's Director-General and the Executive Board on the effectiveness of risk management, internal control, internal audit, evaluations, and internal oversight related matters.
- The candidate should have recent and relevant senior-level experience in financial reporting, risk management, audit, and/or oversight-related competencies in international organizations or the public sector.
- The candidate must be external and independent of the Organization. Persons formerly employed by UNESCO cannot apply. Once selected, he/she shall serve in his/her personal capacity, starting from the effective entry on duty, for a three-year term, renewable once. Members of the Committee shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any government or other authority.
- Service on the Committee is without remuneration, but Members are provided with the standard Organization entitlement for travel and daily subsistence expenses to attend, on an annual basis, face-to-face meetings in Paris, with a frequency of two to three meetings a year. However, when the sanitary situation does not allow for face-to-face meetings, the Committee meets virtually through digital means
- Interested candidates are invited to submit an application by email to <u>ios@unesco.org</u>. Further information on UNESCO and the Committee's Terms of Reference can be found on the following webpage: <u>https://en.unesco.org/about-us/ios</u>.

The deadline for applications is 28 January 2022