

Global Young Academy – Election Regulations

1. Purpose

These regulations govern the election of the Co-Chairs and Executive Committee (EC) members of the Global Young Academy (GYA).

2. Voting Method

2.1 Elections shall be conducted via remote, secure electronic voting.

2.2 The voting period shall ordinarily be 24 hours, in order to ensure broad participation.

2.3 The EC, in consultation with the Nomination and Election Committee, can adapt the voting time based on the constraints of the specific AGM/SGM.

2.4 Voters will rank candidates in order of preference for both Co-Chair and EC elections.

3. Co-Chair Elections

3.1 Two Co-Chairs will be elected:

- One from High-Income (HI) countries
- One from Low- and Middle-Income (LMI) countries

3.2 Co-Chair elections will use the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) system:

- Candidates are grouped by their country classification (HI or LMI).
- Voters rank all Co-Chair candidates for HI and for LMI in two separate simultaneous ballots.
- Votes will be tallied using IRV.

4. Executive Committee Elections

4.1 Nine additional EC members will be elected using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system.

4.2 A minimum of:

- Three members must be from High-Income (HI) countries, and
- Three members must be from Low- and Middle-Income (LMI) countries
- Low- and middle-income countries are the countries defined by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as Official Development Assistance recipient countries at the time of the last day of the most recent previous Annual General Meeting.[1]

4.3 All EC candidates will run in a single election using STV.

4.4 After the STV results are tabulated, if the elected group does not meet the representation minimum, and if there are enough candidates to meet the criteria, the process will be adjusted as follows:

1. Eliminate the lowest-ranked candidate(s) from the overrepresented group among the nine initially selected and recalculate the count.
2. Repeat until the 9 elected members include at least 3 from HI and 3 from LMI countries.

5. Amendments

5.1 This regulation can be amended by the General Assembly. An amendment is approved if it receives more than half of the votes.

[1] The ordinary residence of a member is considered as being the country where the member has lived and worked for most of the last two years and will work in the coming year. As the country of residence for some GYA members is not easily defined, members are encouraged to consult with the Nominations and Election Committee in cases where residency is unclear.