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Report from FIG Engagement Committee

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Overview of Engagement Committee (EC) activities

- In total, EC convened five meetings to identify and discuss prospective candidates for the upcoming 2022 elections of FIG President and two FIG Vice Presidents.
- EC recognised there was a possibility of National Member Associations (NMAs) nominating a limited number of candidates for the upcoming elections, therefore the EC needed to be proactive in soliciting nominees.
- EC agreed that prospective candidates should have relevant working experience at Commission Chair level, and knowledge (or suitable understanding) of the operations or administrative functions of FIG.
- EC recognised the importance of enacting FIG's policy on diversity, gender balance, and inclusion, and consideration of prospective candidates who possess leadership qualities, communication and people management capabilities, and be known amongst our FIG and sister organisation communities.

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- EC developed a list of prospective candidates to engage with, totalling 18 and comprising of - 5 persons for the position of FIG President; and 13 persons for the 2 FIG Vice President positions.
- Engagement process began 1-2 weeks prior to the Christmas 2021 / New Year 2022 period and during the months of January and February 2022.
- All prospective candidates were initially engaged via web base conversations, and follow up talks through the same or alternative digital media.
- EC prepared guidelines (“hints and tips”) on the process, as well as a “how to” effectively engage with prospective candidates.

Overview of Engagement Committee (EC) activities

- By the application deadline of 1 March 2022, the number of nominations submitted by NMAs and received by the FIG Office were “3” for FIG President and “5” for two FIG Vice President positions.
- EC prepared a report to FIG Council for consideration; consisting of a subjective analysis of the engagement process, and a list of observations, as well as recommendations for improvement.
- Overall, the EC categorised the inaugural implementation of this initiative as a very respectable outcome and therefore support the continuation of an EC for the next round of FIG elections.