

## GB32 Voting rights and financial contributions

GBIF depends on the voluntary contributions of its Voting Participants to fund its operation and work programme. Therefore, lack of payment impacts and delays operations and has a negative impact on effectiveness of GBIF.

The current funding model runs 2023-2027. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, Paragraph 10, 2(B), a Voting Participant is to make its financial contribution in order to retain its voting status. If it is not possible for the Voting Participant to pay by the deadline, an application should be made to the Executive Committee asking for an extension.

Voting Participants countries which have not paid in full by the nomination deadline date, 22 August 2025, or have not received approval for extension of payment from the Executive Committee will have their voting rights suspended.

### Nomination process

This year, nine committee positions are open. Nominations for some of these positions are restricted and may only be submitted by Heads of Delegation from Voting Participants in good financial standing. Nominations for the rest may be submitted by any Voting Participant or Associate Participant.

#### ***Positions open for nomination from all Voting Participants and Associate Participants***

The positions open for nominations from any Participants for the elections are:

Position	Current officer	Eligible for re-election
Governing Board 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-chair	Christoph Häuser	No
Nodes Committee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair	Anabela Plos	No
Science Committee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair	<i>Currently vacant</i>	

The Governing Board 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-chair and the Nodes Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair have served two terms and cannot run again for their current position. The Science Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair position is currently vacant.

#### ***Positions open for nomination only from Voting Participants in good financial standing***

The positions open for nominations only from Voting Participants which have made their full financial contribution or agreed an extension for their contribution are:

Position	Current officer	Eligible for re-election
Governing Board 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-chair	Sharon Grant	Yes
Budget Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-chair	<i>Currently vacant</i>	
Budget Committee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair	Martin Kalfatovic	No
Nodes Committee Chair	Anne-Sophie Archambeau	No
Nodes Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-chair	David Jennings	No
Science Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-chair	Melodie McGeoch	No

The Governing Board 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chair has served only one term and is eligible for re-election, subject to valid nomination. The Budget Committee 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairs, the Nodes Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairs and the Science Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chair have all served two terms and cannot run again for their current position.

## Election process

For the elections for committee positions, only Voting Participants in good financial standing will be eligible to vote.

The [Rules of Procedure for the GBIF Governing Board](#) state:

4.2. In order to retain its voting rights, a Voting Participant is to make its financial contribution each year within the first three months of the GBIF financial year, unless the Executive Committee has approved a later payment arrangement for the financial year (See MOU Paragraph 10.2 (b)).

Voting Participants are considered to be in good financial standing if they have made their full financial contribution for 2025. Voting Participants will also be considered to be in good financial standing if they have reached an agreement with the Executive Committee regarding an extension date for making their contribution. Following such a date, if the Voting Participant has still not made their full financial contribution, they will no longer be considered to be in good financial standing. All Voting Participants are accordingly urged to ensure that they satisfy these criteria or to communicate with the Executive Committee if they wish to arrange an extension date.

## Payment status

The list provided below shows the current payment status (as of 4 July 2025) for all current Voting Participants. Those listed as having paid in full or having an extension agreed are eligible to nominate and vote for all positions. Other Voting Participants are eligible only if they make their full payment or agree an extension prior to the meeting.

	Participant	Payment status
1	Andorra	Paid in full
2	Angola, Republic of	Not paid
3	Argentina	Paid in full
4	Australia	Paid in full
5	Belgium	Extension agreed
6	Benin	Not paid
7	Brazil	Not paid
8	Burundi	Paid in full
9	Cameroon	Not paid
10	Canada	Paid in full
11	Chile	Not paid
12	Colombia	Not paid
13	Costa Rica	Not paid
14	Croatia, Republic of	Paid in full
15	Denmark	Paid in full
16	Estonia	Paid in full
17	Finland	Paid in full
18	France	Extension agreed
19	Germany	Paid in full
20	Iceland	Paid in full
21	Ireland	Paid in full

22	Korea, Rep. of	Paid in full
23	Luxembourg	Paid in full
24	Madagascar	Not paid
25	Mauritania	Paid in full
26	Netherlands	Paid in full
27	New Zealand	Paid in full
28	Norway	Paid in full
29	Peru	Paid in full
30	Poland	Paid in full
31	Portugal	Not paid
32	Slovakia	Paid in full
33	South Africa	Not paid
34	South Sudan	Not paid
35	Spain	Extension agreed
36	Sweden	Paid in full
37	Switzerland	Not paid
38	Timor-Leste, Democratic Republic of	Not paid
39	Togo	Extension agreed
40	Tonga, Kingdom of	Paid in full
41	United Kingdom	Partial payment
42	United States	Paid in full
43	Uzbekistan	Paid in full
44	Zimbabwe	Paid in full