

**Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson
of Seventeenth Governing Council (GC-17)**

1. Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council states, 'the Governing Council shall, as provided in paragraph 3 of Article IV of the Agreement, elect from among its Member States, a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson at the beginning of each of its regular sessions, who shall remain in office until the election of a new Chairperson and a new Vice-Chairperson at the next regular session of the Governing Council'.
2. The Council at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting held in Manila , Philippines on 31 May and 01 June 2007 unanimously elected Philippines and Sri Lanka as the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson respectively of the Governing Council for the biennium 2008-2009.
3. The Council has to elect for 2010-2011 biennium a new Chairperson and a new Vice-Chairperson to succeed the Philippines and Sri Lanka respectively. A chart showing the Member Countries who held the offices of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons in each biennium during the period from 1979-2009 is given below. As may be seen from the chart, it has been a convention that the incumbent Vice-Chairperson, who also hosted the GC meeting, is elected as Chairperson, and a Vice-Chairperson is elected from a sub-region other than that to which the Chairperson belongs. For kind formation of Your Excellency as per the decision of last GC-16 meeting, the GC-17 meeting will be held in Bangladesh back to back with the EC-27 and the Second Ministerial Meeting. Hence, the selection of Chairperson of GC-17 requires reconsideration.
4. The matter is placed before the Council for election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson for the biennium 2010-2011.

Office-Bearers of CIRDAP Governing Council

Years	Chairperson	Vice-Chairperson
1979-1980	Indonesia	Pakistan
1981-1982	Pakistan	Philippines
1983-1984	Philippines	Nepal
1985-1987	Nepal	Malaysia
1988-1989	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
1990-1991	Sri Lanka	Vietnam
1992-1993	Vietnam	Bangladesh
1994-1995	Bangladesh	Lao PDR
1996-1997	Lao PDR	India
1998-1999	India	Myanmar
2000-2001	Myanmar	Nepal
2002-2003	Nepal	Indonesia
2004-2005	Indonesia	Pakistan
2006-2007	Bangladesh	Philippines
2008-2009	Philippines	Sri Lanka
2010-2011	To be elected	To be elected

CIRDAP Member Countries (CMCs)

Afghanistan	Myanmar
Bangladesh	Nepal
India	Pakistan
Indonesia	Philippines
Iran	Sri Lanka
Lao PDR	Thailand
Malaysia	Vietnam