Elections for the office of FIFA President – FAQ

1) When will the elections for the office of FIFA President take place?

The elections for the office of FIFA President will take place at the 65th FIFA Congress to be held in Zurich on 29 May 2015. The exact timing is not available. For the sake of transparency, the entire Congress will be streamed live on FIFA.com.

2) What is the composition of the Ad-hoc Electoral Committee?

As stated in article 7.2 of the Electoral Regulations for the FIFA Presidency, the Ad-hoc Electoral Committee shall be composed of the chairman of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee, the chairman of the FIFA Appeal Committee and the chairman of the FIFA Audit and Compliance Committee.

Prior to the final review process of the candidatures, the chairman of the FIFA Audit and Compliance Committee Domenico Scala (as a dual Swiss/Italian national) and the chairman of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee Claudio Sulser (as a Swiss national) withdrew from their positions in the Ad-hoc Electoral Committee to avoid any appearance of a potential conflict of interest based on nationality. As provided for by the Electoral Regulations, Sindi Mabaso Koyana (South Africa), as the deputy chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee, replaced Domenico Scala, and Lim Kia Tong (Singapore), as the deputy chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, replaced Claudio Sulser as representatives of the Ad-hoc Electoral Committee. Larry Mussenden (Bermuda), the chairman of the Appeal Committee, remains with the Ad-hoc Electoral Committee and was agreed on as its new chairman. The duties of the Ad-hoc Electoral Committee are listed in article 8 of the Electoral Regulations.

3) What is the election format?

The FIFA President shall be elected by a secret ballot of the FIFA Congress, in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress.

4) What is the general voting procedure?

The elections shall be conducted by secret ballot with ballot papers (cf. art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes and art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress) (...). At the beginning of the first session, the Congress shall appoint an adequate number of scrutineers (cf. art. 25 par. 2 (e) of the FIFA Statutes and art. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Congress) (...). The Secretary General, assisted by the scrutineers, shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress) and be responsible for ensuring that the process is properly documented (...). The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the chair of...
the Congress before the count (cf. art. 10 par. 2 of the **Standing Orders of the Congress**). A public notary will participate in the election procedure.

5) **Which member associations are entitled to vote?**

Each FIFA member association has one vote in the Congress electing the FIFA President. Only the FIFA members present are entitled to vote (cf. art. 23 par. 1 of the **FIFA Statutes**).

6) **In what order will member associations cast their votes?**

The order in which the members present shall cast their votes shall be the alphabetical order of members in English language.

7) **Will candidates have the opportunity to address the Congress?**

Before the voting is opened, the candidates shall have the opportunity to present their programme to the Congress (cf. art. 17 par. 2 of the **Electoral Regulations**).

8) **How many votes are necessary in order for a candidate to be elected?**

For the election of the FIFA President, two-thirds of the votes of the members present and eligible to vote are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient. If there are more than two candidates for the office of FIFA President, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left (cf. art. 27 par. 3 of the **FIFA Statutes**).

9) **How is the final result announced?**

The counting and declaring of the results shall take place in accordance with the relevant provisions of the **FIFA Statutes** and the **Standing Orders of the Congress**. The chair shall announce the result of each ballot (cf. art. 10 par. 4 of the **Standing Orders of the Congress**).

10) **When will the new term of office of the President-elect start?**

The mandate of the President-elect shall begin after the end of the Congress that has elected him (cf. art. 30 par. 2 of the **FIFA Statutes**).