

United Nations – Nuclear Young Generation Statute

1. Name

The name of the organization is “United Nations - Nuclear Young Generation”, herein referred to and abbreviated as “UN-NYG”.

2. Mission and Purpose of the UN-NYG

The UN-NYG is a recognized club of the Vienna International Centre (VIC) Recreation Committee (VICREC).

The mission of UN-NYG is to support the peaceful use of nuclear technology within the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda, by enhancing the development of young professionals in the international nuclear sphere.

The purposes of UN-NYG shall be:

- To facilitate personal and professional networking of UN-NYG members;
- To support knowledge and experience transfer to young professionals, including through a mentoring programme;
- To support professional development and provide UN-NYG members with opportunities to enhance young professionals’ knowledge of the peaceful use of nuclear technology;
- To provide a voice and strengthened representation of young professionals in the Vienna-based organizations;
- To liaise with other international or national nuclear young generation associations.

3. Membership

Membership is free of charge and may be granted to individuals meeting the following conditions: (1) younger than 38 years old; (2) committed to promote the purposes of the UN-NYG; (3) working or having worked in the field of nuclear technology.

Individuals wishing to become members should send their application by using the form on the UN-NYG website. Membership is subject to the approval of the UN-NYG Board.

The UN-NYG is not responsible for granting or facilitating access to the Vienna International Centre.

Members’ obligations:

Members have the obligation to:

- Promote the purposes of the UN-NYG and positively contribute to its activities;
- Act in accordance with the United Nations Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service and with the highest ethical standards of integrity, professionalism, and respect for diversity.

Members’ rights:

Members have the right to attend all UN-NYG activities and to participate and vote at the UN-NYG Annual General Meeting and in the elections of members of the UN-NYG Board.

4. Organizational Structure

Composition:

The UN-NYG Board is composed of three (3) elected members (the President; the Vice-President and Secretary; the Treasurer) and up to three (3) non-elected members.

The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the UN-NYG Board;
- Establish the strategic vision of the organizational development and oversee the implementation of this vision;
- Prepare the Annual Report and submit it to VICREC;
- Serve as the representative of the UN-NYG in interaction with other local or international organizations;
- Serve as spokesperson for the UN-NYG at events or meetings;
- Handle the list of members and corresponding contact details;
- Promptly inform VICREC if there is a change in the composition of the elected member of the UN-NYG Board;
- Exercise all powers and perform all duties normally incident to such offices.

The Vice-President and Secretary shall:

- Perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in his/her absence;
- Be responsible for elections as outlined in this Statute;
- Assist the President in the preparation of the Annual Report for the VICREC and planning of upcoming activities;
- Oversee membership of the UN-NYG and implement measures in a view of increasing membership;
- Assist the President in developing the strategic vision of the organizational development;
- Oversee implementation of the projects and programmes of the UN-NYG;
- Develop and support other activities as deemed necessary.

The Treasurer shall:

- Collect all monies given to the UN-NYG, and collect the potential dues (if they are introduced by the Annual General Meeting);
- Develop and review any ongoing sponsorship, application forms, and seek to raise funds for the UN-NYG either through one-off or sustained sponsorships;
- Deposit UN-NYG funds in the official VIC Bank Austria account and manage the designated bank account;
- Keep the book of accounts of the UN-NYG and prepare the books for any potential audit of UN-NYG funds;
- Pursue and seek out opportunities of funding, sponsorship or partnerships for events, trips, conferences or other relevant events as needed;
- Draft and finalize a treasurer's report when requested by the President;
- Sign or countersign withdrawal or deposit of funds of the UN-NYG;
- Arrange for payment of expenses owed by the UN-NYG when necessary and upon approval to justify such payments;
- Develop and support other activities as deemed necessary.

The non-elected members, whose duties are determined by the UN-NYG elected members, are appointed by the existing UN-NYG Board. Possible roles and duties for these members include, but are not limited to:

The Programme Manager shall:

- Develop main activities that will form the basis for the UN-NYG;
- Implement short-, medium- and long-term activities as they are planned;

- Cooperate with the President and the Vice-President in establishing the strategic development plan for the UN-NYG;
- Cooperate with the Communication and Liaison Officer in establishing and developing partnerships;
- Develop and support other activities as deemed necessary.

The Communication Officer shall:

- Record and keep the minutes of each meeting, sharing the results with other members of the UN-NYG Core Team within one week of the meeting;
- Handle and lead internal correspondence of the UN-NYG as business takes place, in conjunction with the liaison officer as necessary;
- Head efforts to maintain a network across the VIC and liaise directly with the membership;
- Draft possible articles and/or newsletter on behalf of the UN-NYG, especially to highlight major activities (in accordance with the President and Vice-President);
- Implement online and offline outreach instruments in cooperation with other members of the UN-NYG Core Team.

The Liaison Officer shall:

- Handle and lead external correspondence of the UN-NYG as business takes place, in conjunction with the communication officer as necessary;
- Maintain existing official contacts and establish new relationships and partnerships with other associations focusing on nuclear, energy or sustainable development at the international level;
- Implement online and offline outreach instruments in cooperation with other members of the UN-NYG Core Team.

The Administrative Officer shall:

- Record and keep the minutes of each meeting, sharing minutes with other members of the UN-NYG Core Team;
- Regularly collect the data on new young staff in the IAEA from the Division of Human Resources, communicate with newcomers and update the mailing list accordingly;
- Maintain and update UN-NYG profiles in social media channels;
- Coordinate and organize UN-NYG events and meetings;
- Serve as the focal point for cooperation with the Vienna Intern Organization (VIO) and other intern groups;
- Develop and support other activities as deemed necessary.

Gender parity and geographical diversity clause:

In the appointment of the UN-NYG Board members, due consideration should be paid to gender parity and geographical diversity. The UN-NYG encourages its members to embrace diversity by bringing together members from varied backgrounds, cultures and experiences and sees such diversity as a strength. In addition, the UN-NYG Board will strive (to the greatest extent) for gender parity and geographical diversity in the organization of UN-NYG activities.

Removal clause:

The UN-NYG Board may decide to remove a member by a simple majority of members.

5. Annual General Meeting and Modification of the Statute

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be organized each calendar year and held at a time and place to be designated by the President. Extraordinary general meetings may be called by a decision of the UN-NYG Board.

A notice of the time and place of these meetings must be sent to each member at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The list of nominations for elections, should they be held during these meetings, shall be made part of this notice.

Statutes and financial rules may only be modified by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at the AGM. All amendments to the statute and financial rules must be retroactively approved by the VICREC before they become effective.

6. Elections

The election of the UN-NYG Board shall be held following one of two possible procedures.

- (a) **In person:** at the AGM or at an extraordinary general meeting if one or more members of the UN-NYG Board steps down before the expiration of their terms. Voting of officers shall be by ballot and not be cumulative. There shall be no voting by proxy. A Candidate is elected by a simple majority. In the event of a tie vote, the UN-NYG Board will vote with the President being the tie-breaking vote. If there is only one nominee for an office, voting for that office may be conducted by voice vote.
- (b) **Online:** elections will take place online by voting at the official UN-NYG website (unnyg.org). Votes are possible from the official email addresses based at the VIC (i.e., those associated with one of the UN organizations). A Candidate is elected by a simple majority. In the event of a tie vote, the UN-NYG Board will vote with the President being the tie-breaking vote. All members should be informed about the online voting at least seven (7) days in advance, with a clear end time for the closing of the polls. At the day when elections start, all members should be emailed the link to the voting form, which shall include the information about the candidates. The members will be allowed to vote online for seven (7) days starting from the beginning of elections.

The choice of procedure to be used for the elections in the given year is made by the UN-NYG Board, or if deemed necessary due to a vacated position.

At least five (5) weeks prior to the date of expected elections, the UN-NYG President shall appoint a temporary Nominating Committee, chaired by the Vice-President and Secretary. This committee shall consist of three UN-NYG Board (3) members. The duties of this committee shall be to:

- A) Announce the nomination process at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of expected elections.
- B) Ensure those nominated are members and accept the nomination.
- C) Prepare election ballots for the voting in person, or voting form at UN-NYG website (unnyg.org) for the online voting.
- D) Manage the election process during the AGM, extraordinary general meeting or during the online voting.

E) Announce the results of the election.

Candidates for being members of the UN-NYG Board shall be members and shall be elected for a term of one year. An officer may succeed themselves in that office for a maximum of two consecutive terms or in another office by consensus of the UN-NYG Board. Additional extensions are possible under consensus of the UN-NYG Board.

7. Annual Report and Financial Statement

Every January, the UN-NYG Board submits a written report of its activities and a financial statement presenting the closed accounts of the previous financial year to the VICREC; drafting of this report is led by the President. The reporting year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

8. Auditor

Auditors may be elected during the AGM. If auditors are elected, at least one auditor should have some relevant professional experience. The auditors are not part of the UN-NYG Board but are members of the UN-NYG and may request information expected for this role.

9. Financial Rules

The UN-NYG is a non-profit organization.

The revenues of the UN-NYG shall be derived from voluntary contributions, grants or any other such source. The UN-NYG may accept such contributions on a continuous or one-time basis.

As mentioned in paragraph 3, membership should be free of charge and there should be no annual fees, unless decided otherwise during the AGM. Introduction or abolition of fees shall be made by at least two-thirds of members present and voting at the AGM. If annual membership fees are established they shall cover possible running costs of the UN-NYG.

Two-thirds of the UN-NYG Board must approve a change in the amount of annual dues should they be introduced. Notice of a change of dues must be announced at least one month prior to the date of the change.

The UN-NYG accounts shall be kept in the official VIC Bank Austria account with the bank having a list of signatures of those eligible to sign for the movement of money. The accounts should have at least two authorized signatures from the President and the Treasurer.

10. Rules for dissolving the UN-NYG

In the event of the UN-NYG dissolving or recognition being withdrawn by VICREC, any outstanding assets should be directed to the International Youth Nuclear Congress (IYNC), after any grants received from the staff association or other VIC based organization has been repaid. The VICREC shall verify that the UN-NYG has been correctly closed. Furthermore, the associated Bank Austria account shall be officially closed.

11. Disclaimer

Participants in the UN-NYG activities shall take part at their own risk and shall not hold the UN-NYG responsible for any damage, injury or death, which may arise out of participation in such activities.