

IHEA Board Election – Call for Expressions of Interest

IHEA will hold elections in November 2025 for members of the Board of Directors and a President-Elect. Directors will serve a four-year term, beginning January 1st, 2026, and the President-Elect position will involve a six-year commitment – two years as President-Elect, two years as President, and two years as Past-President.

More details on the Board composition and recent changes within the association to ensure diversity and inclusion in IHEA governance can be found [here](#); the IHEA Bylaws can be seen [here](#). The Bylaws require that there be at least one Director from each of the UN Regions and two Early-Career Researcher (ECR) Directors – one from the Global North and one from the Global South (see relevant definitions in Annex).

The 2025 elections for Directors are for the following positions:

- 1 Director for Africa
- 1 Director for Latin America & the Caribbean
- 1 Director for Northern America
- 1 Director for Oceania
- 1 ECR Director from the Global North
- 1 ECR Director from the Global South

Interested members of IHEA who are willing to contribute to the running and further development of the association are encouraged to express their interest by sending their CV and a letter of motivation. This letter should include information on how the nominee meets the IHEA Bylaws' criteria outlined below, which position they wish to stand for (President-Elect or which Director's position) and if standing for a Director position motivate their ability to represent the relevant constituency (region or ECRs).

A Board Search Committee will oversee that candidates fulfill the following criteria specified in IHEA's Bylaws:

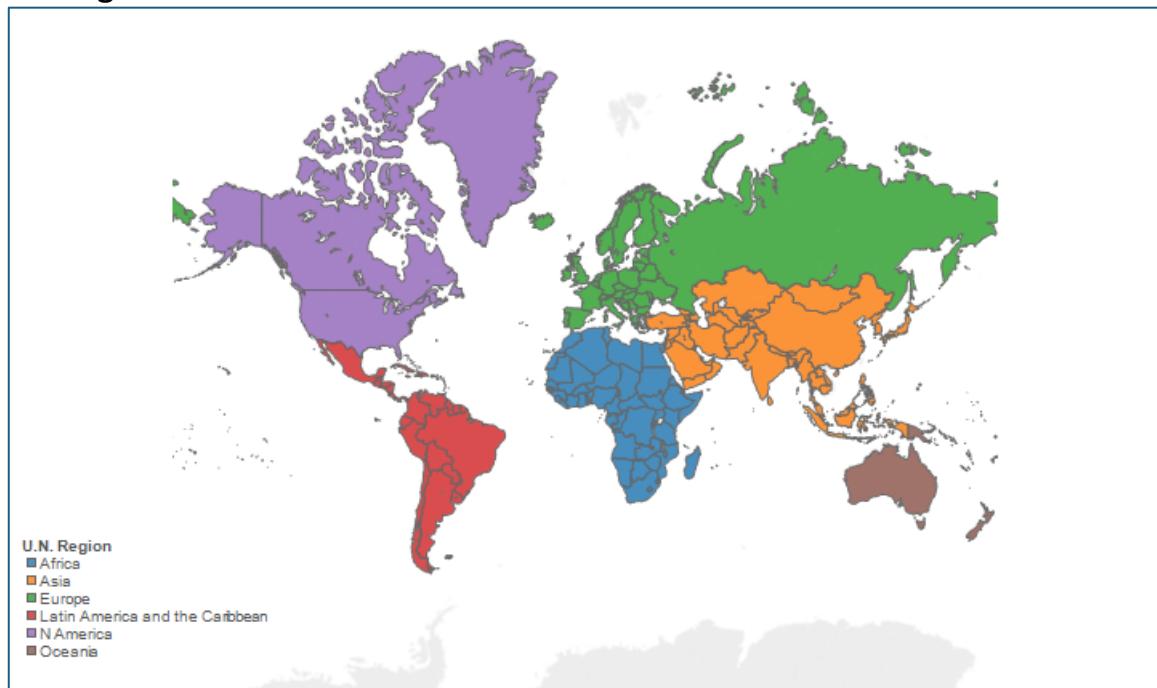
- **Candidates for President-Elect** should:
 - i) be an internationally well-respected economist working on health and/or health care,
 - ii) be an IHEA member for at least five years, who has made important contributions to IHEA by having served on the Board, a Board committee, and/or as a convener of a Special Interest Group
 - iii) have networking skills and international connections, and
 - iv) be willing to be an active president and build programs for IHEA.
- **Candidates for Board Director** should be:
 - i) an economist working on health and/or health care, and
 - ii) an IHEA member for at least two years.

Please submit your expression of interest in standing in the 2025 elections via the IHEA website here by **October 15, 2025**.

The Board Search Committee will review all expressions of interest in late October, and their recommendations will be considered by the IHEA Board. All those who have expressed their interest will receive feedback from the Board Search Committee. Candidates for election will be provided with an opportunity to prepare an election statement and related material that will be uploaded onto the IHEA website by **November 17, 2025**.

Annex: Definitions relating to Director categories

UN Regions



The regions for which Director positions will be contested in 2025 are defined as follows:

- **Africa** - all countries on the African continent and nearby islands
- **Latin America & the Caribbean** - all countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America
- **Northern America** - USA, Canada, Greenland, Bermuda
- **Oceania** - Australia, New Zealand and all countries in Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia

Early Career Researcher (ECR)

An Early Career Researcher is someone who has graduated within the last seven years. In cases of having a career break or working part-time, the full-time equivalent working period after graduation should be no longer than seven years.

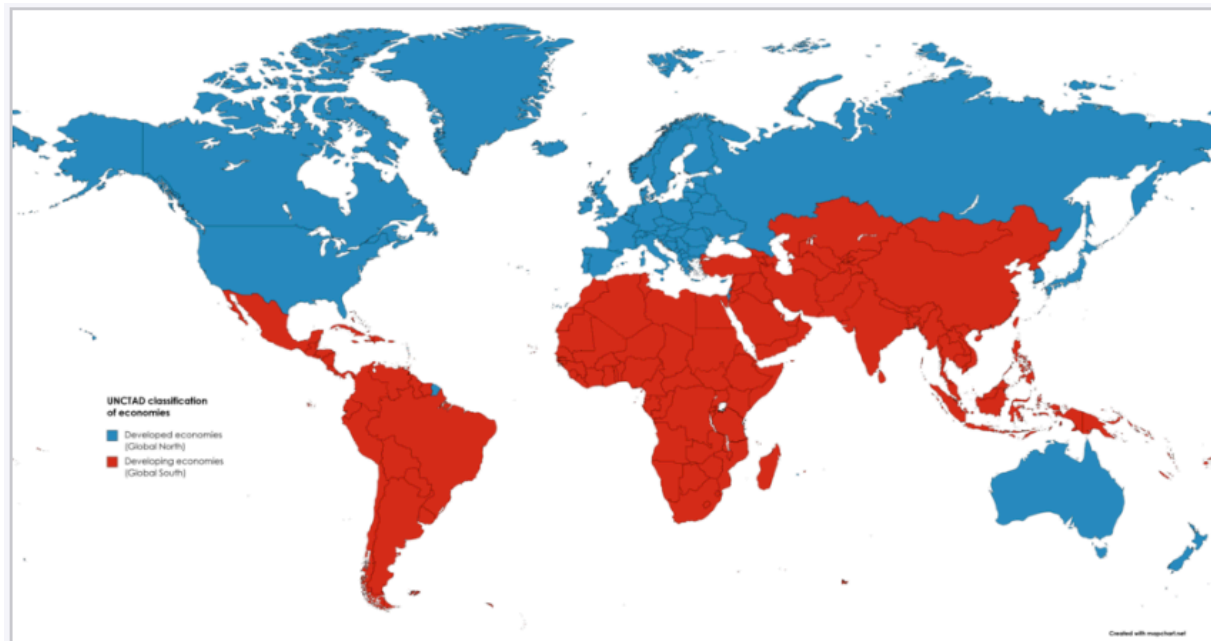
Global North and Global South

The Global North refers to wealthy, highly industrialized countries with high standards of living, such as the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. The Global South refers to 'less developed countries', primarily in Africa, Latin America, and Asia, characterized by lower incomes, poverty, and limited access to social services.

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) developed the map below for countries falling into the Global North (blue) and Global South (red), which do not

correspond fully with the geographic distinction of the northern and southern hemispheres. UNCTAD indicated that:

- The Global North includes the UN Regions of Northern America, Europe, Australia and certain Asian countries or territories, namely Israel, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.
- The Global South comprises the UN regions of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia (excluding Israel, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand).



Important note

IHEA recognizes that many health economists are currently living and working in countries other than the country they most identify with (e.g. country of birth, upbringing, where they have lived most of their life). Standing for a Board Director's position for a specific UN region is not restricted to citizens of, or those currently living in, a country within that region. It is each person's prerogative to motivate or make their case for their ability to represent the region they are running for. For example, if you regard yourself as African, but are currently based in another region, you can stand for the Board Director from Africa but must motivate why you are well placed to input to IHEA Board deliberations from the perspective of African health economists.