Member Governing Board IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Profile: Financial and project development

Period: 2023 – 2026

Description

Introduction to IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

IHE Delft is the world's largest international graduate water education facility. Based in Delft, The Netherlands, the Institute works in partnership to strengthen capacity in the water sector to achieve global sustainable development. IHE Delft has a permanent staff of 220 of which more than 140 are academics from all over the world, and about 250 guest lecturers from academia and industry contribute to the Institute's educational programmes. Each year 750 professionals (including about 200 MSc students) from all over the world attend various water-related courses at IHE Delft. The Institute has an international staff and student community with English as the working language.

Organization

IHE Delft is a foundation under Dutch law and financially independent while operating under the auspices of UNESCO. Its operations are financed with a base funding from the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and revenue from tuition fees and project assignments. As such, it is an international not for profit organization based in the Netherlands with an independent governing board. For its operation, the Institute relies on external funding. To allow for an efficient management of our resources, all our activities are project based.

Strategy

To address the world's water-related development challenges, we work with partner to deliver excellent education, cutting-edge applied research and institutional strengthening. The global dynamics and challenges require flexibility in organization and operation of IHE Delft and its partners to adapt and design new ways of knowledge transfer and research needed to maximise our collective impact. Through capacity development activities, IHE Delft aims to make a tangible contribution to achieving all water centric Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 6 'Clean Water and Sanitation'.

Governing Board

The Governing Board provides strategic direction and leadership to ensure IHE Delft is able to fulfil its vision and mission to create a world in which people manage their water and environmental resources in a sustainable manner, and in which everybody has equal opportunities to fulfil their aspirations and live a life free of poverty and injustice. The Governing Board has two regular meetings per year. This number may be increased by additional (online) meetings. The Chair also attends monthly meetings with the Rectorate (Management Board). In addition, the Chair attends two meetings with the Works Council and the Rectorate. The Governing Board also has an audit and risk committee in which two members participate. The Governing Board Regulation describes the responsibilities in more detail.

Requirements

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- interest in the water sector and capacity development especially in the Global South.
- extensive experience with issues related to the financial and economic governance of not-for-profit organizations in general and of specific issues of IHE Delft in this respect.
- experience with the process of tendering for project and project management.
- knowledge of applicable Dutch legislation and taxation system.
- availability and willingness to participate in the audit and risk committee of the Governing Board.
- experience in: organizations with similar or related activities as IHE Delft. For example: Regional Water Authority, Water Utility, Research Institute, Financial/investment sector affiliated to the water sector, Water consultants.

Depending on the background of the other board members the following topics will also be considered as an asset:

- affinity with academic research issues i.e. of tertiary education issues (including MSc-programs, distance education and set-up of tailor-made courses).
- knowledge of issues in the area of HR-management.
- knowledge of the international water scene (activities, organizations, problems, UN institutions).

The Governing Board actively supports the diversity and gender balance agenda of IHE Delft and as such will give preference to a candidate to balance diversity and gender while following the set rules for the composition of the Governing Board of IHE Delft as described in its by-laws. In view of the present composition of the Governing Board, there is a preference for a female candidate.

Terms and remuneration

Members of the Governing Board are appointed for a maximum of two consecutive terms of 3 years, subject to evaluation after the first term.

The Governing Board Members with the exception of the Chairman shall receive an attendance fee to the amount of Euro 500 per day excl. VAT and a reimbursement of their travel, board and lodging expenses based on the Guideline for Claiming Expenses by Natural Persons, IHE Delft.

Contact and information

Please send your motivation letter and CV to secretariat of the rectorate (Secretariat.Rectorate@un-ihe.org). If you would like to have additional information please contact Eddy Moors (e.moors@un-ihe.org mentioning Governing Board as subject).