



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE EXPERT MEMBERSHIP

BACKGROUND

CERN¹, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, is an intergovernmental organisation with 23 Member States.

CERN's mission is to enable international collaboration in the field of high-energy particle physics research and, to this end, it designs, builds and operates particle accelerators and the associated experimental areas.

The Organization's headquarters are in Geneva but its premises are located on both sides of the French-Swiss border. Thousands of scientific users from research institutes all over the world currently use CERN's installations for their experiments.

ROLE AND COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee (hereinafter referred to as the AC), a subordinate body established by the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraph 12, of the CERN Convention², provides oversight on governance, risk management and internal control arrangements at the Organization and its Pension Fund, and assists the Council by providing independent, objective advice and guidance on the adequacy and effectiveness of such arrangements.

The detailed functions of the AC are laid down in its [terms of reference](#). The Committee's composition and the term of office of its members are set out in Article III a), as follows:

The Committee is composed of a minimum of four and a maximum of six members, comprising:

- at least two members appointed by the Council from among Council delegates and Finance Committee members, of whom at least one must be a Council delegate,
- at least two experts appointed by the Council.

The term of office of members of the Committee is three years. An extension for a maximum additional period of two years may be approved by the Council.

¹ See <http://cern.ch>

² <http://council.web.cern.ch/en/convention>

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

According to its terms of reference, the AC meets at least four times per year, usually in February, June, September and November. It may convene additional meetings as appropriate. Meetings usually take place at CERN's premises in Geneva, Switzerland, but have recently also taken place by remote conference.

When the AC's meetings are held at CERN, the expert members are expected to attend in person and are required to act solely in the best interests of the Organization.

Members of the Committee are engaged on a *pro bono* basis. Transport and a daily travel allowance to cover accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenses are paid by CERN in accordance with its Staff Rules and Regulations.

POSITION, QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The appointment will be for three years, starting on **1 January 2023**.

The successful candidate should meet the following requirements:

- general auditing background, internal and external;
- strategic and analytical thinking and approach on the audit function in a large intergovernmental organisation;
- general pension fund experience; and,
- the ability to put searching questions to the internal and external auditors and to the CERN Management.

Experience in auditing the financial statements of intergovernmental organisations would be an advantage.

APPLICATIONS

Interested persons should apply by sending their CV to:

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SCHEDULE

Applications will be accepted until 15 October 2022. Interviews with selected candidates will take place on **16 November 2022**.