

World Association of Public Employment Services

Brief introduction to the WAPES network















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History



- The <u>Association was founded</u> in 1988/89 by six countries: Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the USA, together with the International Labour Office (ILO). WAPES was created as a non profit international organisation
- The International Labour Office (ILO) gives support to WAPES but is an observer in the Managing Board.
- The <u>official address of WAPES</u> is situated at the ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, but the WAPES Secretariat is located in Brussels, Belgium

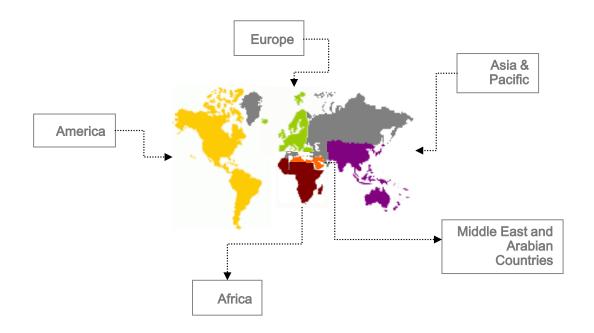


The WAPES network

Today 92 countries through their Public Employment Services are member of WAPES

WAPES uses three official languages: English, French and Spanish

The members are grouped in five WAPES regions:





Who are WAPES members?

1. National public or governmental bodies responsible for activities related to employment management or implementation of labour market policies may join WAPES

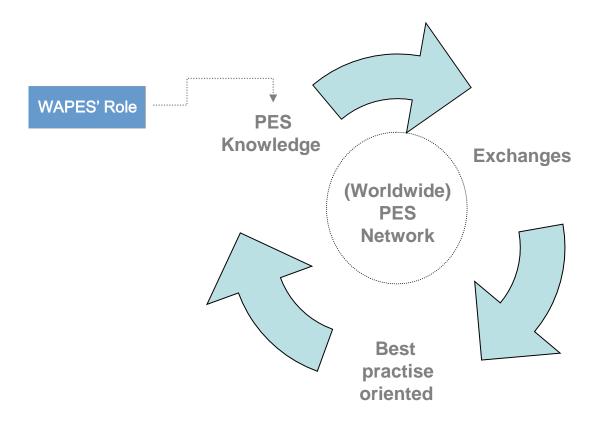
Membership is at country level

- 2. Members are represented by the Director Generals of the PES organisation in the member countries
- 3. One Vice-President located in each WAPES region:
 - Africa
 - America
 - Asia & Pacific
 - Europe
 - Middle East & Arabic Countries



What is WAPES' role?

To be a knowledge based worldwide network of public employment services (PES) in the field of labour market policies and more specific on the functioning of PES.





What are WAPES' purposes?

Central purposes



 To promote information and knowledge exchanges about PES, labour market and employment policies in an international PES-network environment



 To encourage co-operation between members (technical assistance) and to provide a space for debate among PES-members; new development of ideas through practical observation of regional strategies and best practices



Objectives *



- Encourage the exchange of experiences and information about innovations and latest developments in between the PES-members
- Promote technical assistance between PES, especially for the less developed organisations
- Provide services of common interest such as surveys, studies, data bank management, training and upgrading
- Organise congresses, conferences, meetings, workshops, and seminars dealing with themes of common interest, in order to provide the PES-members, useful information for improving their services and daily operations



Services

WAPES offers to PES-members the following services:

Work Shops and Study Visits

Between four and six events are organized every year in all WAPES' regions. Work groups analyse common problems, exchange successful experiences, useful information, and observe directly the daily operation of PES-members

Technical Assistance

The role of WAPES is to provide an intermediatory platform for member countries and regions to find specialized partners in technical assistance

World Congress

Is organized every three years and all the PES-members are involved. In this forum meeting perspectives and challenges are discussed in the General Assembly meeting



Services

Website (www.wapes.org)

Offers networking and open spaces for communication and interchange for PES-members

Publications

WAPES produces information on workshops and World Congresses, working group reports, conclusions, and national labour market information. In the next weeks a special section for your documents will be made available on our Website)

Newsletter

Four editions are printed during the year regarding on WAPES activities and research papers, working reports and abstracts of current studies that might be highly interesting for the development of PES-members







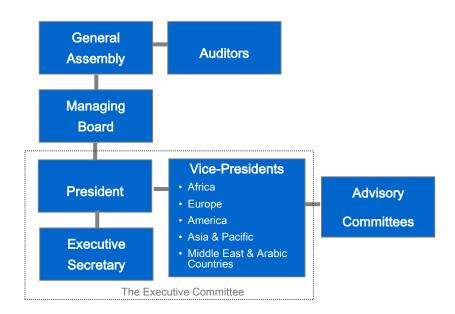




Organisational chart

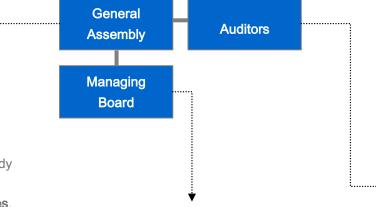
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Executive Bodies of WAPES





Decision making bodies of WAPES



General Assembly:

- Is the highest decision-making body and includes all members
- Approves and amends the statutes, elects the President, the members to the Managing Board and the Auditors
- Approves general plans for future activities, the management reports and the accounts
- Meets every three years in the month of May or June

Managing Board:

- Consists of the President and 16 members elected by the General Assembly for a threeyear period
- Is responsible for ensuring effective administration of the association and for carrying out the decisions made by the General Assembly.
- Proposes a general plan for future activities and prepares management reports on activities that have taken place
- Approves the annual budget
- · Meets at least once a year

Auditors:

- Are elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years
- They shall each represent one member of WAPES, but they can not be members of the Managing Board
- The Auditors are responsible solely to the General Assembly, to whom they report on the financial conduct of the association











Secretariat support the activities of

the Vice-Presidents and the

Executive Secretary

Executive Committee Vice-Presidents The Executive Committee The President Africa **President** · Is formed by the President, the Europe · Is responsible for proposing Vice-Presidents, the Executive America and initiating strategies for the Secretary and the Treasurer Asia & Pacific Executive development of the Association • The members are elected by Middle East & Arabic Secretary Countries effective the Managing Board • He **ensures** an functioning through the WAPES Supervises WAPES activities Secretariat and evaluates results Treasurer The Executive Secretary The Vice-Presidents TheTreasurer • The Executive Secretary carries • They propose annual activity · Is in charge of preparing and out the activities that have been programmes implementing the budget decided on by the President and • They plan the execution of the Executive Committee · Shall report to the President, and these programmes annually to the Managing Board • The Regional Advisors in the

about incoming

services rendered

 Is authorised to collect fees, special contributions for specific activities and remuneration for

expenditures

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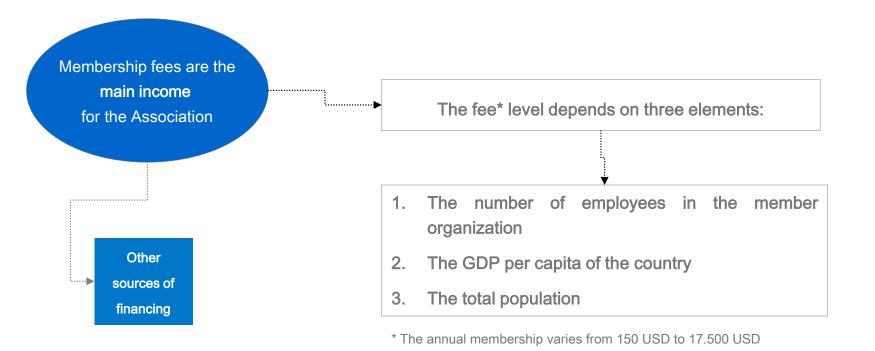








How is WAPES financed?







From individual members by bringing in HR-support, expertise and contributions to WAPES activities











America region members

At present this region has 20 members:

- 1. Argentina
- 2. Bolivia
- 3. Brazil
- 4. Canada
- 5. Chile
- 6. Colombia
- 7. Dominican Republic
- 8. Ecuador
- 9. El Salvador
- 10. Guatemala
- 11. Honduras

12. Mexico (Vice-President)

- 13. Nicaragua
- 14. Panama
- 15. Paraguay
- 16. Peru
- 17. Uruguay
- 18. Venezuela













You can contact WAPES through (click for further information):

1 the Website

- the WAPES Executive Secretariat
- the Vice-President for America Region



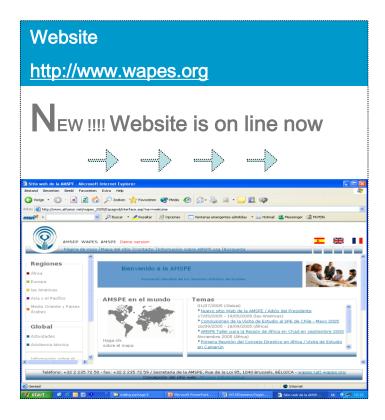






















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