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# World Association of Public Employment Services

Brief introduction to the WAPES network





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## History



- The Association was founded 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 official address of WAPES is situated at the ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, but the WAPES Secretariat is located in Brussels, Belgium



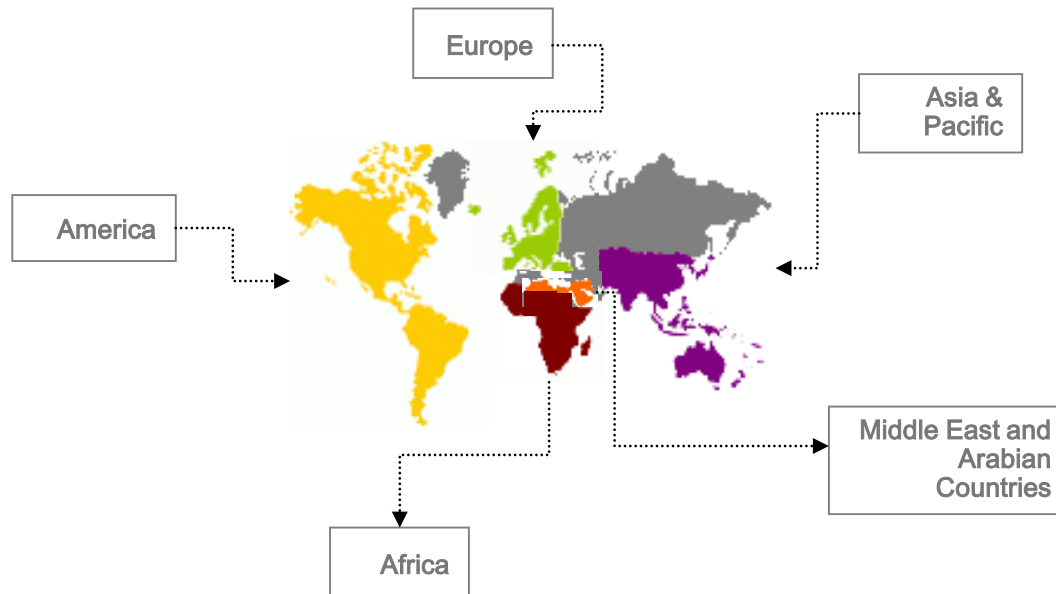


## The WAPES network

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:

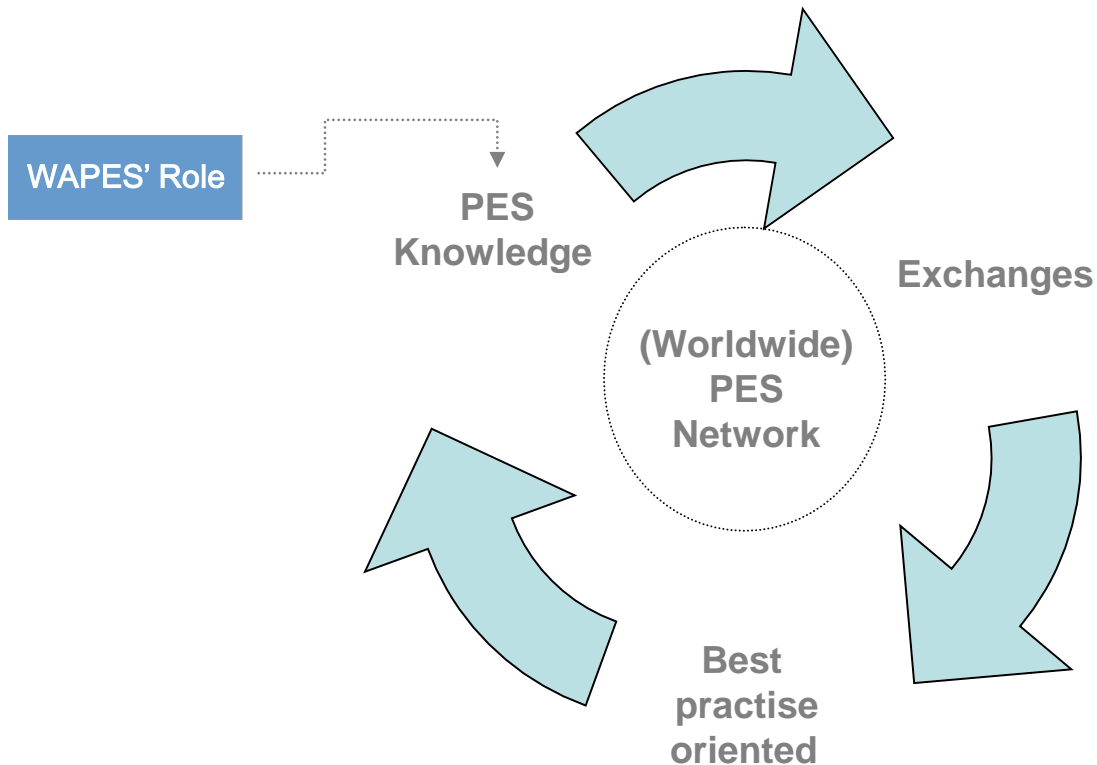
- Africa
- America
- Asia & Pacific
- Europe
- Middle East & Arabic Countries





## 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

1

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

2

- 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 \*



- **E**ncourage the exchange of experiences and information about innovations and latest developments in between the PES-members
- **P**romote technical assistance between PES, especially for the less developed organisations
- **P**rovide services of common interest such as surveys, studies, data bank management, training and upgrading
- **O**rganise 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 intermediary 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](http://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)

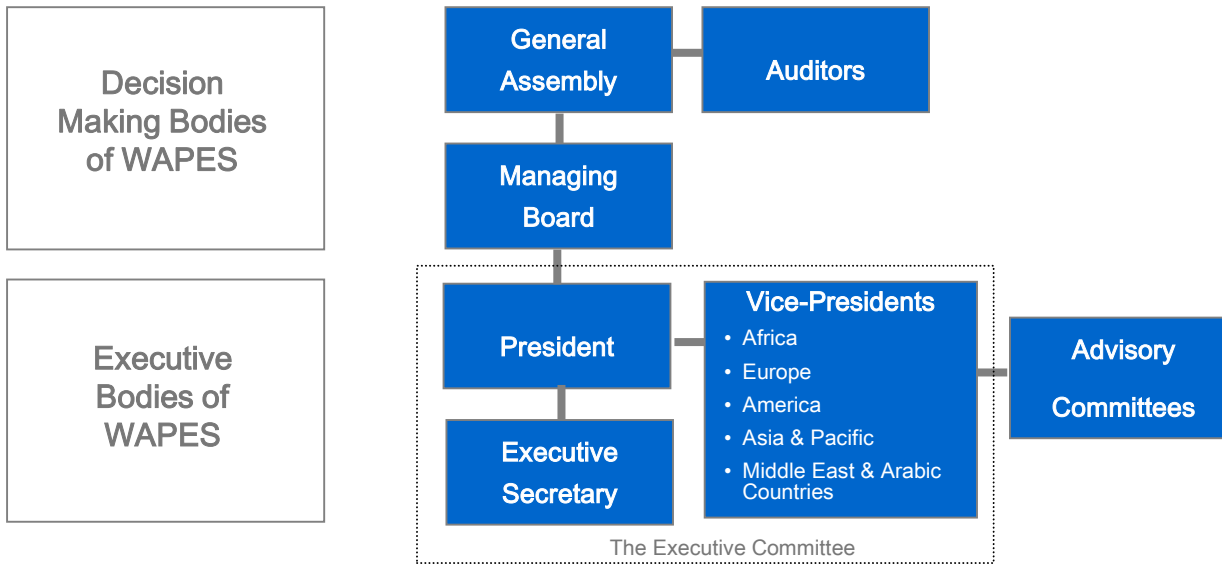
Newsletter

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



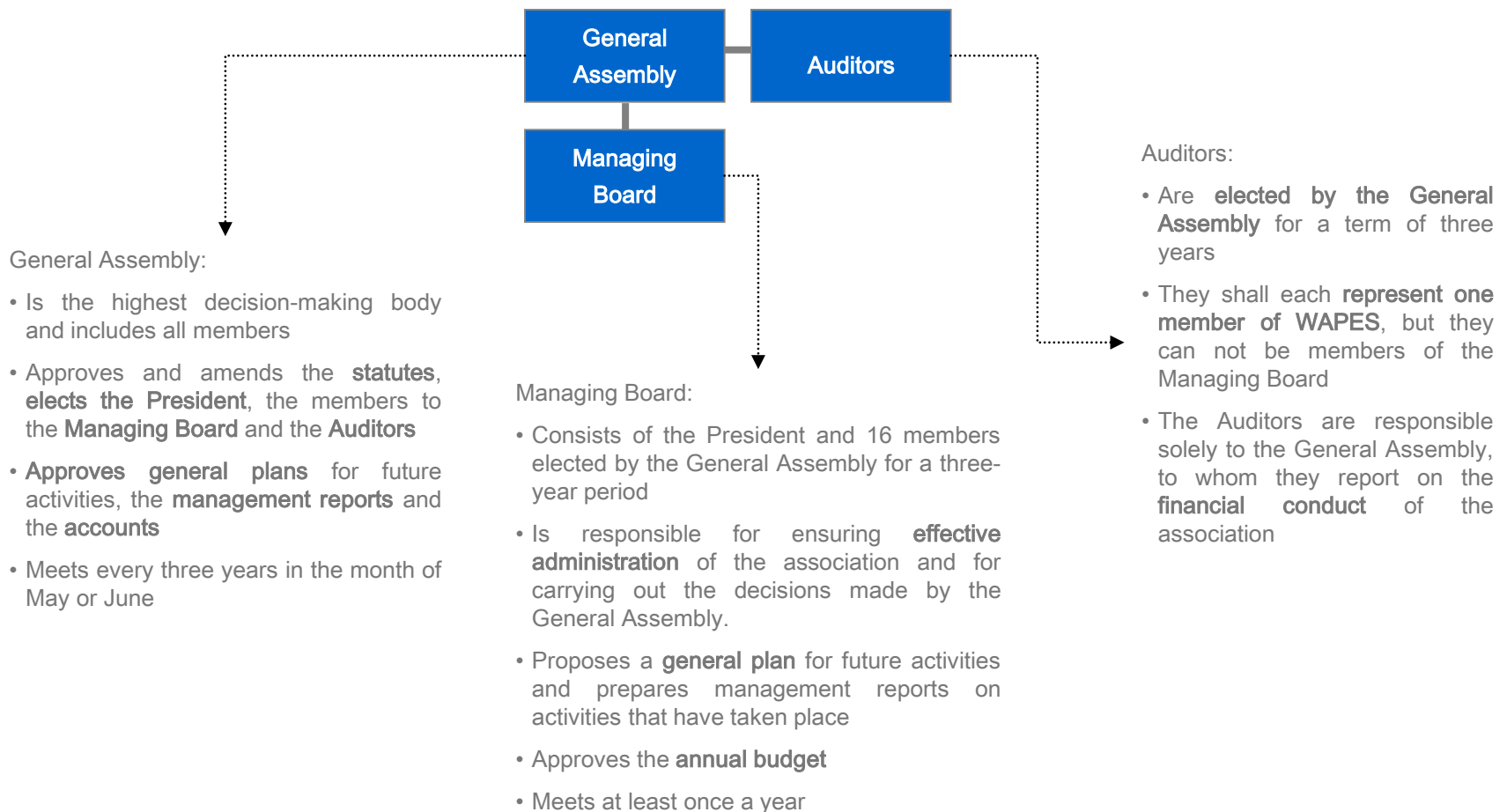


# Organisational chart



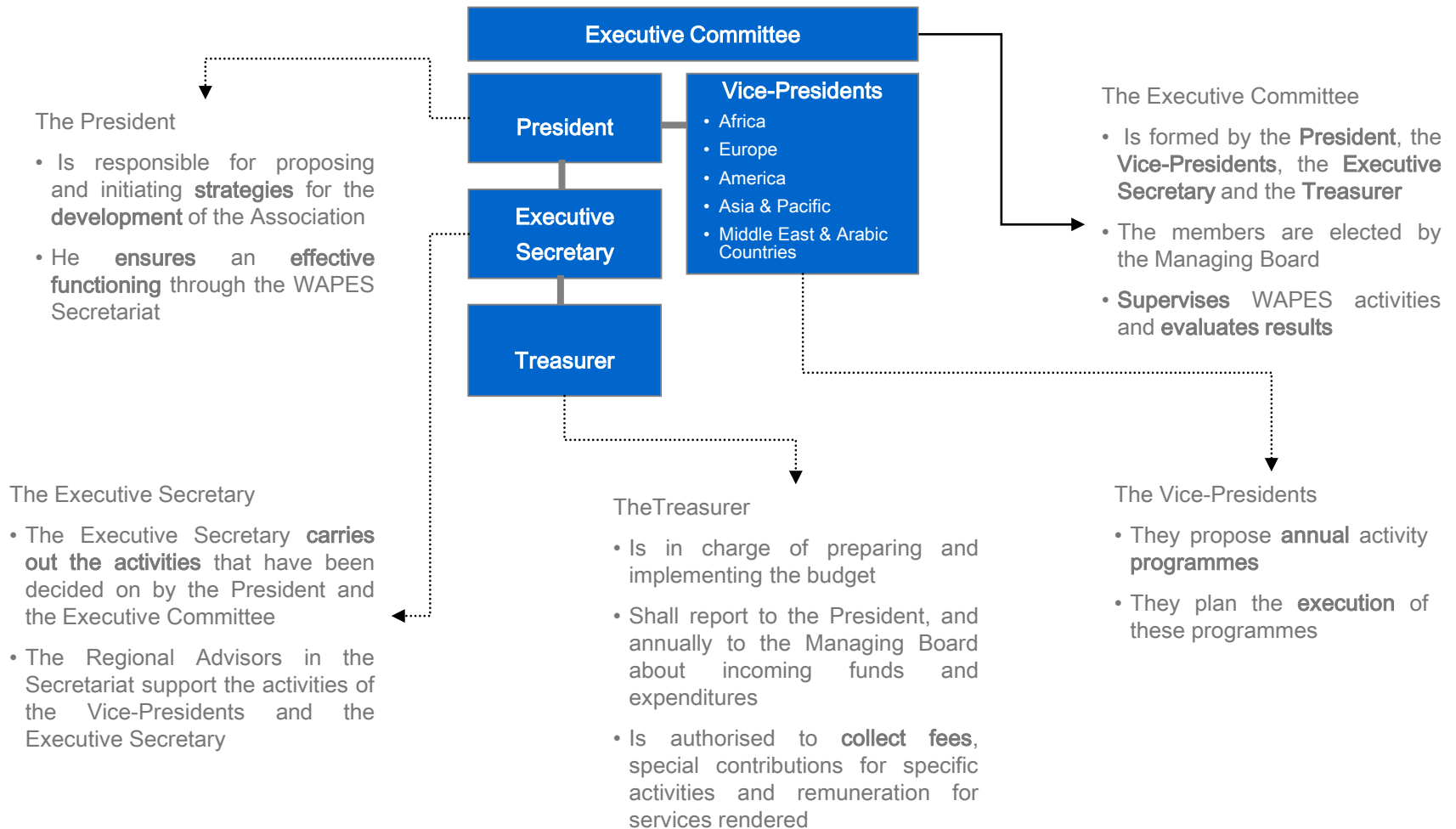


## Decision making bodies of WAPES



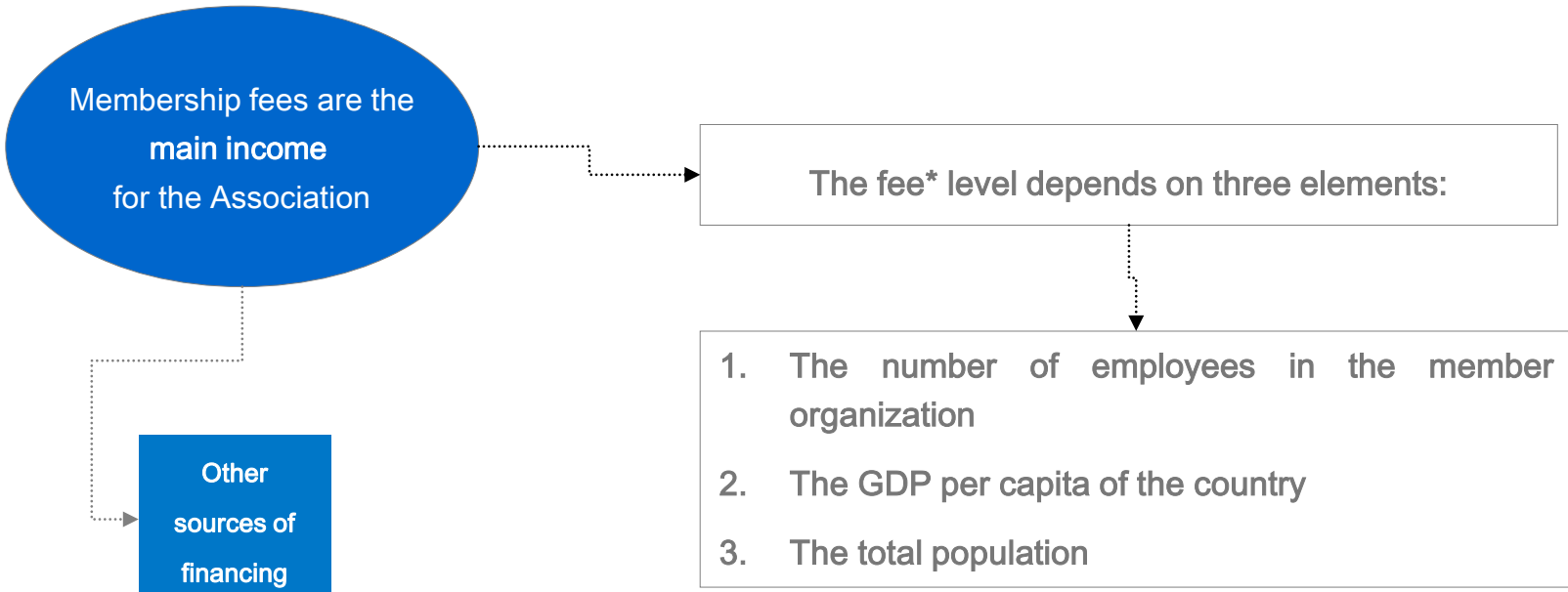


# Executive bodies of WAPES





# How is WAPES financed?



\* The annual membership varies from 150 USD to 17.500 USD

**Grants**      Occassionally from ILO

**Other**      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





## Contact info

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

- 1 the **W**ebbsite
- 2 the **W**APES Executive Secretariat
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## Website

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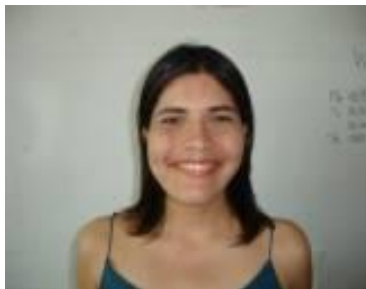
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