

**THIRTY-NINETH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME**  
**Hybrid Meeting, 1-2 December 2021**

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 39<sup>h</sup> meeting:

- 39 C/Decision 1    The 2022 operational budget will be US\$5,288,613.00. It will be distributed among the Members as follows: Cyprus US\$518,551.45, Egypt US\$534,522.84, Iran US\$912,650.59, Israel US\$912,650.59, Jordan US\$518,551.45, Pakistan US\$912,650.59, Palestine US\$66,385.00, and Turkey US\$912,650.59. (*Decision taken at the Restricted Budgetary Session for the Members*)
- 39 C/Decision 2    The following decisions taken at the Intermediate Closed Meeting of the Members on 15 November 2021 are confirmed with no change. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 02 ICM/Decision 1    The Secretary of the Council will prepare a one to one-and-a-half page briefing on latest developments with Pakistan which the Director will give to the office of HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal in the hope that he may find a way of convincing Pakistan to retain membership.
- 02 ICM/Decision 2    At the 39th Council meeting, the Director will propose an increase to the operational budget of plus/minus 10% to be effective from 2024. It will state that this increase is coupled with the elaboration of a strategy to recover the unpaid contributions by some of the Members.
- 39 C/Decision 3    The Director will elaborate a strategy for dealing with the accumulated debt and will pursue efforts to increase membership. The latter will include preparation of a communication plan and promotional material. In parallel, he will prepare a proposal for an increase to the annual operational budget to come into effect on 1 January 2024. This increase will be of the order of 9.5%, or such other percentage that ensures that none of the Members' annual contribution exceeds US\$1 million. At each of the forthcoming biannual Council meetings to be held prior to 2024 there will be a report on progress in the elaboration of a strategy and on the actions undertaken to increase membership. Subject to this progress meeting the expectations of

the Members, the increase to the operational budget will be approved at the autumn 2023 Council meeting. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)

- 39 C/Decision 4 A special platform to which the Members may export promotional material will be created on SESAME's web site. After being checked, and if required revised, this material will be posted on the web site for the public to see. Only the delegates of the Members will have access to this special platform. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 39 C/Decision 5 Palestine's outstanding contribution to the 2012, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 operational budgets will be settled in instalments within the next four-five years. Its accumulated debt for the years prior to 2011 is waived. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)  
Note added after the meeting: In December 2021, Palestine paid in full its contribution to the 2020 budget and US\$50,000 of its contribution of US\$66,385 to the 2021 budget
- 39 C/Decision 6 Professor Khaled Toukan will be invited to continue to serve as Director of SESAME on a part-time basis for a period of four years with effect from 1 May 2022. This will normally be on a non-remunerative basis, however, if during the third and fourth years he no longer holds a position at JAEC (Jordan Atomic Energy Commission), for the said two years this will be on a salaried basis. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)
- 39 C/Decision 7 The Scientific Director and Chair of SESAME's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) will be invited to organize a workshop to bring together those interested in an MX (Macromolecular Crystallography) beamline and those interested in a BioSAXS (Biological Small Angle X-ray Scattering) beamline so that there be a proposal elaborated on what beamline should be constructed. This workshop will take account of the advantages and disadvantages of both beamlines, which would cost less, what the region would be interested in and what is available at other light sources.