

FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME
King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, Dead Sea, Jordan
4-5 December 2023

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 43rd meeting:

- 43 C/Decision 1 The proposed 2024 operational budget and its distribution is approved by all the Members participating in the meeting, with the exception of Israel that was unable to vote on the motion. This budget is US\$5,288,613.10. Its proposed distribution among the Members is the following: 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 Türkiye US\$912,650.59. (*Decision taken at the Restricted Budgetary Session for the Members*)
- 43 C/Decision 2 The creation of each of the eight staff posts listed in documents SESAME/DEADSEA/43-C/23-08 and SESAME/DEADSEA/43-C/23-09 is approved subject, in each case, to the availability of funding for the post to be established. (*Decision taken at the Restricted Budgetary Session for the Members*)
- 43 C/Decision 3 The following wording will be used for notification of SESAME's decision not to increase the number of Council Observers for a set period: *At its 43rd meeting on 4-5 December 2023, the SESAME Council decided that with effect from 1 January 2024, and for three years until 31 December 2026, it will not approve increases in the existing number (19) of Council Observers. Instead, it will encourage entities interested in joining SESAME to do so in the capacity as full Members or Prospective Members in SESAME's Associate Membership category of Members. This will permit the entities joining SESAME to take a more active role in the activity of the Organization. In the case of a request for observer status that does not increase the number of existing Observers, the Council may grant the status of Observer in exceptional cases and on a case-by-case basis, after careful examination of the request and what the entity will bring to SESAME whether in terms of expertise or funding, and a strategic discussion by the Council. At the end of the three-year period, the Council reserves the right to extend this measure for a further three-year period. (Decision taken at the Closed Session)*
- 43 C/Decision 4 The Scientific and Technical Directors will be reappointed for five years plus one, one being for an overlap between them and the incumbents to replace them at the end of their term. This reappointment will take effect on 1 March 2024. (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)

43 C/Decision 5 Dr Pantaleo Rosario Raimondi from the SLAC National Acceleratory Laboratory, currently a member of SESAME's MAC (Machine Advisory Committee), will be rotated. He will be replaced on the Committee by Dr Günther Rehm from the HZB (Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin). (*Decision taken at the Closed Session*)