

2022 FIDE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CANDIDATE STATEMENT



INAL SHERIPOV

FIDE President Candidate



LEWIS NCUBE

FIDE Deputy President Candidate

Dear Friends,

I am Inalbek Cheripov, popularly known by my English-name version of Inal Sheripov, filmmaker and winner of several film awards and President of World Chess Culture that was founded in 2017 by decree of King Philip of Belgium to implement special chess projects. World Chess Culture is currently involved in the development of an interactive chess museum, which we plan to open in 2024 for the 100th anniversary of the founding of FIDE.

Throughout my professional career I have remained in touch with the chess community and developed various initiatives aimed at strengthening the popularity of chess in our lives. As a member of the KSK Rochade Eupen-Kelmis Chess Club, I have managed to occasionally participate in chess tournaments, whenever time allowed. The last time I took part in the Belgian Open Rapid Chess Championship was in 2018, where I took 6th place. My current FIDE rating is 2290 (rapid).

Dear chess friends, I have assembled a team of experienced and dedicated chess enthusiasts and administrators who want to ensure the desired growth of our global chess community. I am sure that my experience in the film industry, combined with the individual and collective competencies of my team, will contribute greatly to the promotion of chess around the world and make FIDE more successful.

I have therefore decided to stand for election as President of FIDE in Chennai, India in August 2022.

I am pleased that my friend, the renowned chess organizer, President of the African Chess Confederation, Lewis Ncube, is running as my Deputy President. His years of experience and talent as an organizer will certainly be a reliable support for all the plans that I would like to implement in FIDE.

We are always open for cooperation, because we believe that together we can do a lot more.

I wish everyone peace and happiness as we also remember our brothers and sisters in long suffering Ukraine.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Inal Sheripov', written in a cursive style.

Inal Sheripov

18 May 2022