

Governance Committee of the World Conservation Congress 2025

Terms of Reference

The Governance Committee shall be appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, in accordance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress.

Under the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, the Governance Committee shall:

- a. assist the Resolutions Committee of Congress with the implementation of Rule 56 (a) and (g) of the Rules of Procedure with specific reference to governance related motions;

Rule 56 states that:

(a) The Resolutions Committee may refer a motion to a committee or ad hoc contact group of delegates from accredited Members, for its review and advice or decide that it be debated and voted upon directly by the World Congress. It may also propose that motions whose arguments are not technically sound or coherent and require further development or motions which are so controversial that it is, in its opinion, not possible to produce a consensus text for submission to a decision by the Members' Assembly, be deferred to the next World Congress.

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(g) The reports of such contact groups or drafting groups shall ordinarily be considered by the Resolutions Committee prior to their presentation to the World Congress. The debate in the World Congress shall take place on the text resulting from this process.

- b. advise, consult with and facilitate discussion among IUCN Members, representatives of IUCN Commissions, and representatives of IUCN National and Regional Committees participating in the IUCN World Conservation Congress on the objectives and content for proposed governance reforms;
- c. assist Congress by taking note of comments from the membership on governance reform proposals coming from the floor¹ or raised in Congress workshops;
- d. consult with Members or groups of Members who wish to discuss governance matters which they have been unable to address in full in Plenary, and facilitate contact groups on motions related to governance as may be scheduled by the Resolutions Committee;
- e. as appropriate, propose specific adjustments to the proposed governance reforms based on the discussions with Members and the governance contact groups;
- f. in preparing its report, the Committee will coordinate with the Resolutions Committee and the Credentials Committee; and
- g. make recommendations to the next Congress for improving the Committee's role and functioning based on its own evaluation, to be made at its last meeting before the end of the 2025 Congress. These recommendations shall be included in the minutes of that meeting and transmitted to the next Council by the Secretariat.

¹ Refers to interventions made by delegates present physically and connected remotely.