

**The ICCA  
Consortium**



**ICCA CONSORTIUM  
Membership Report for  
the General Assembly  
Geneva -2017**



# Members

- ▶ Indigenous Peoples / Indigenous Peoples' Organizations
- ▶ Local Communities / Local Communities' Organizations
- ▶ Federations / Networks of ICCAs
- ▶ CSOs engaged with IPs/LCs; other

## Honorary Members

- ▶ Nominated individuals with remarkable experience, concerns and capacities to support CCAs

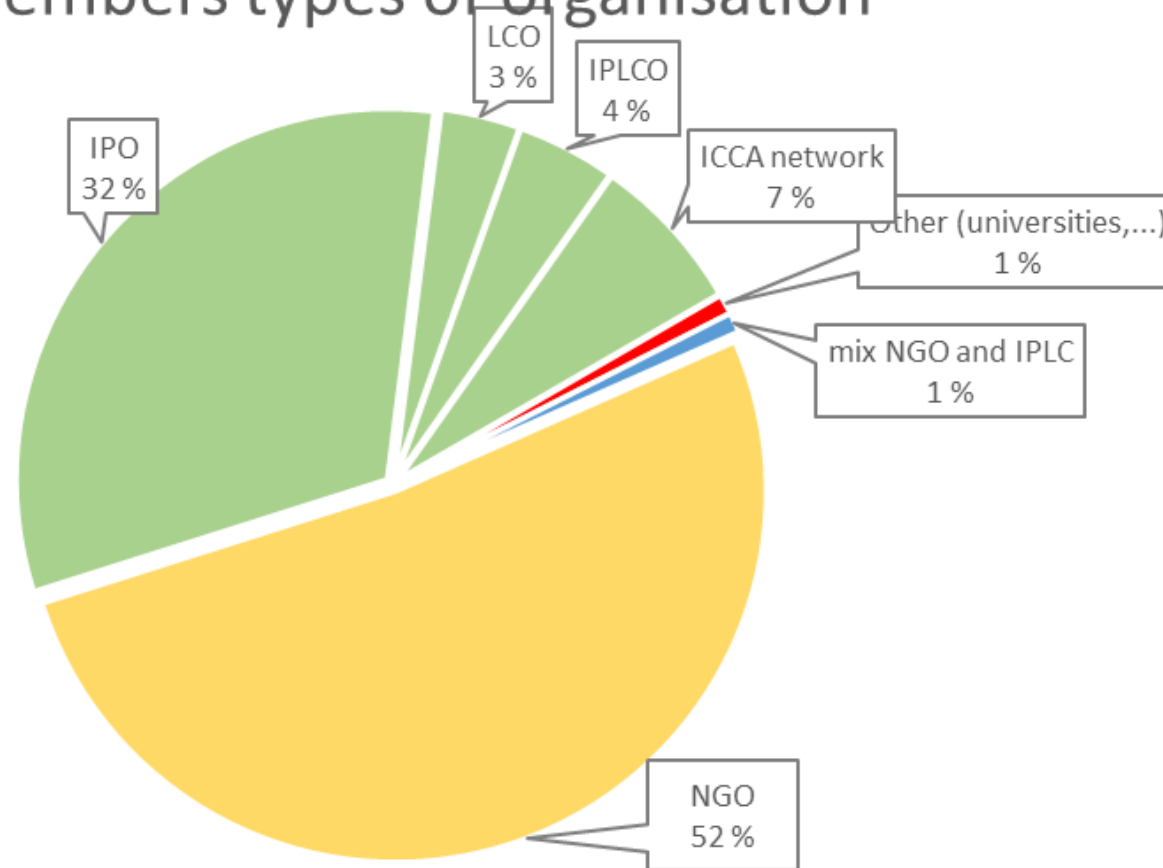
### Latest count:

**116**  
**Members**  
(12 new)

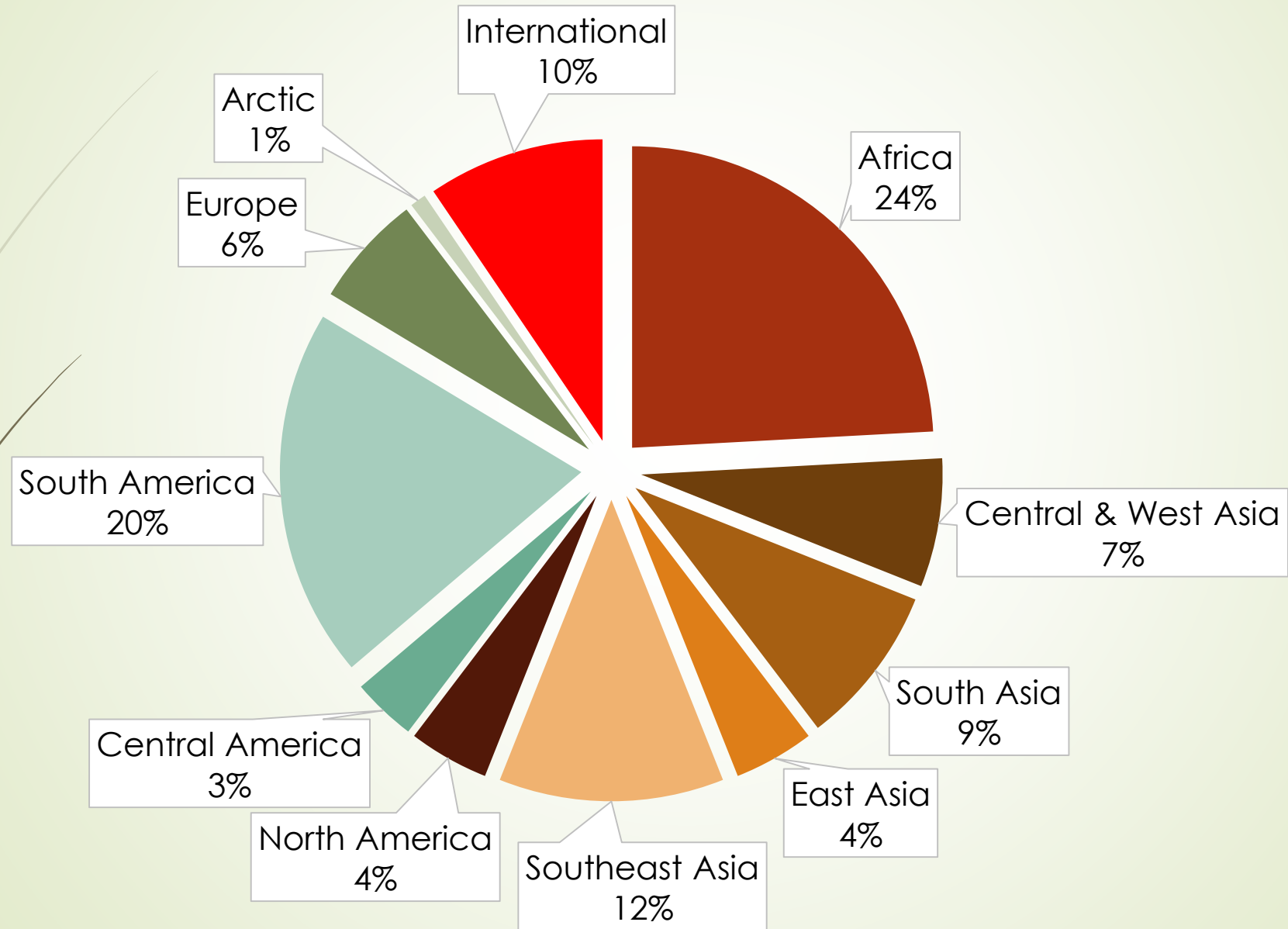
**277**  
**Honorary members**  
(38 new)

# I – The Consortium Members

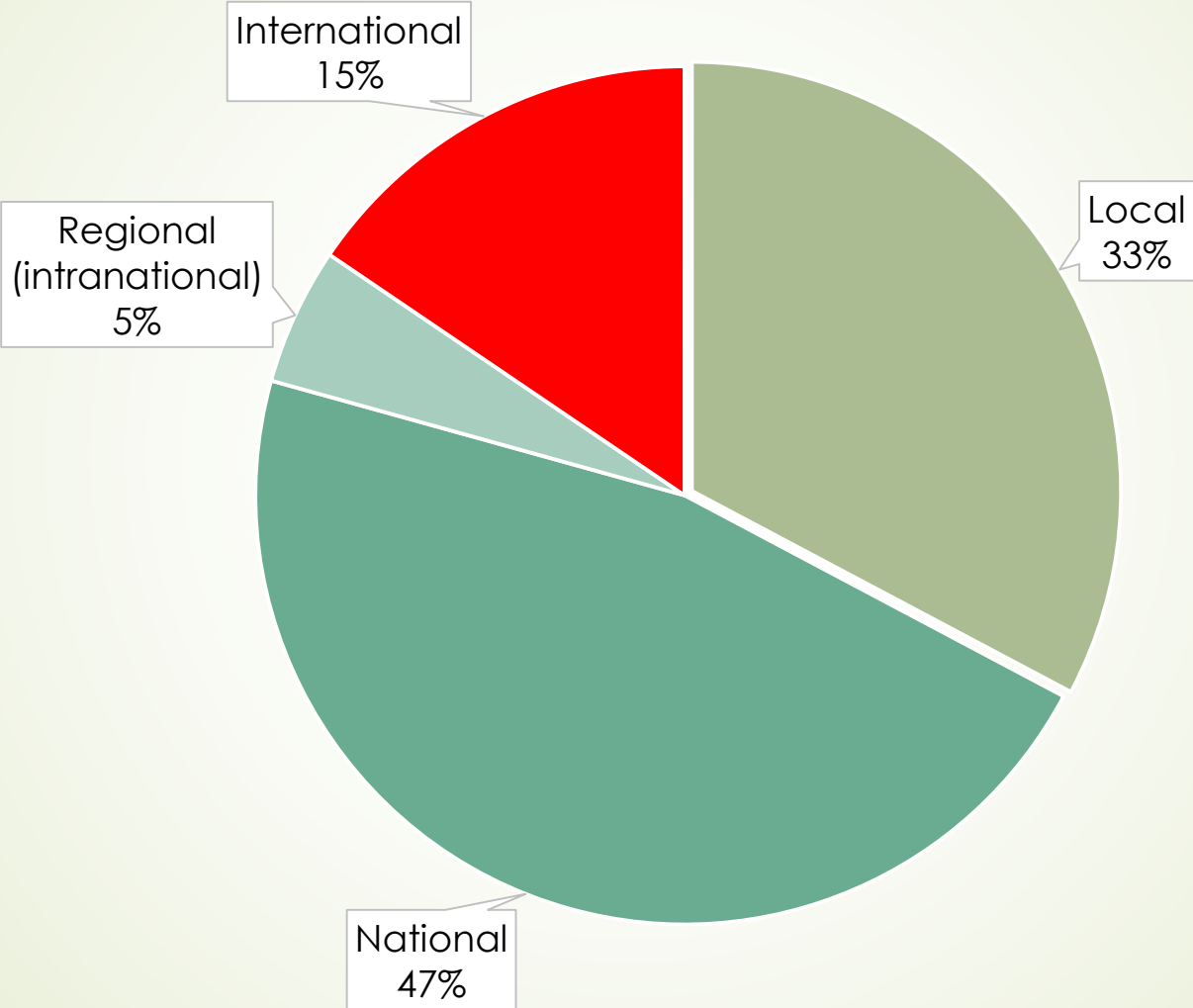
Members types of organisation



# Members' regional areas of action

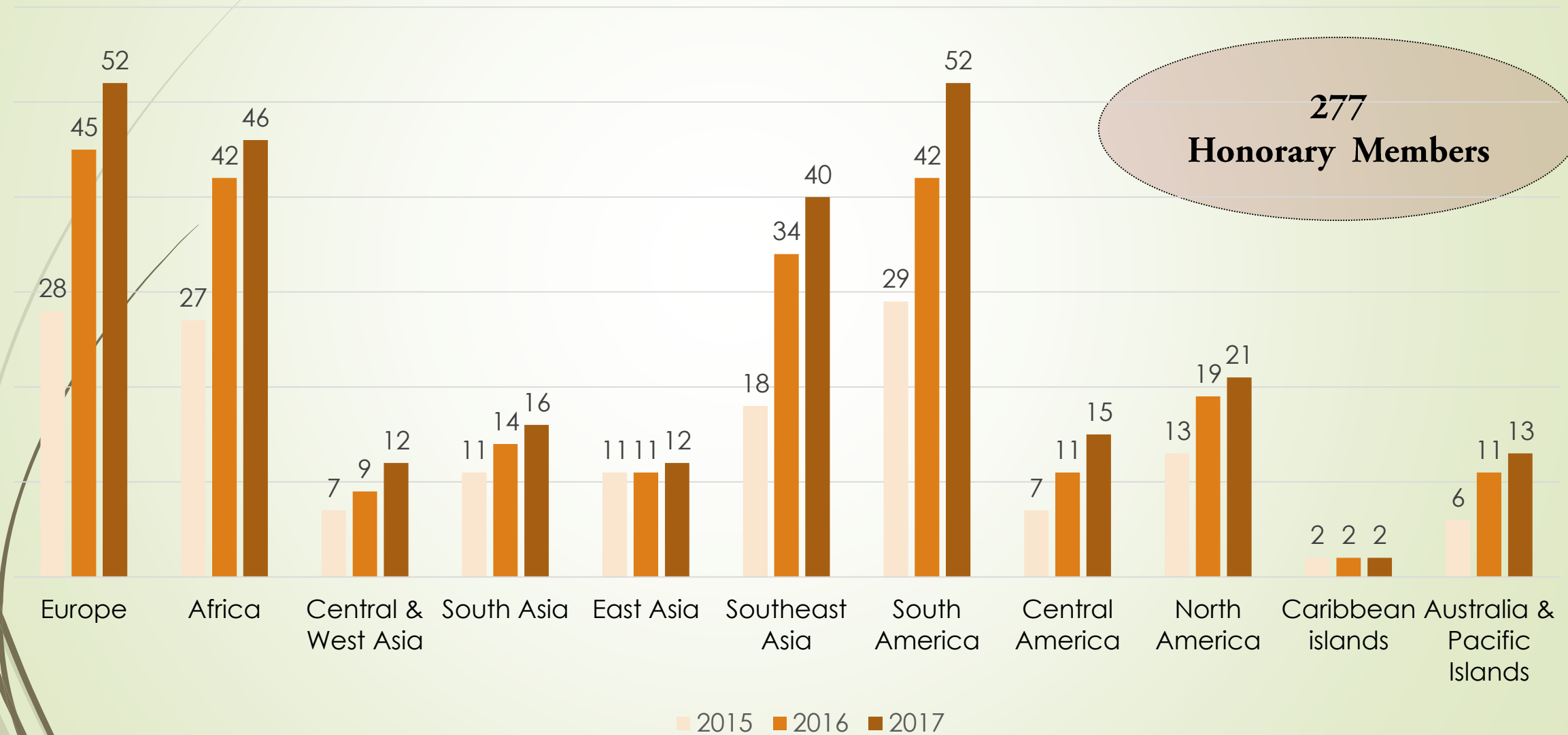


# Levels at which Members work

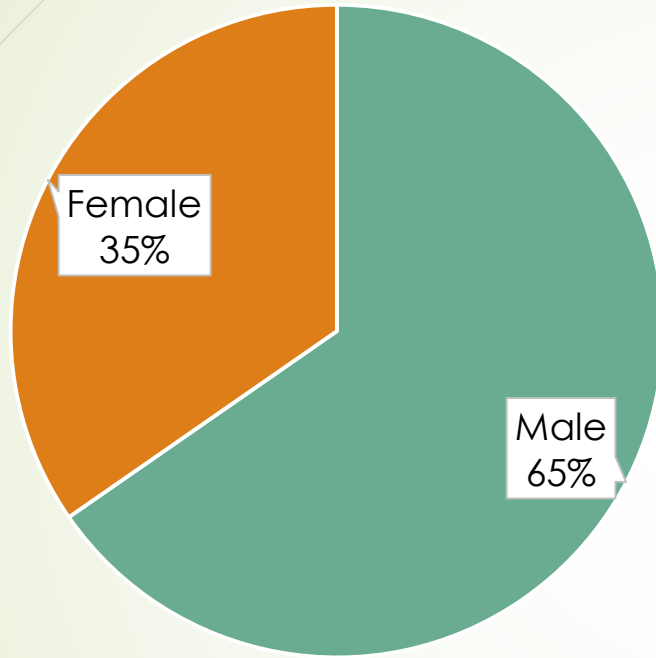


# II – The Consortium Honorary members

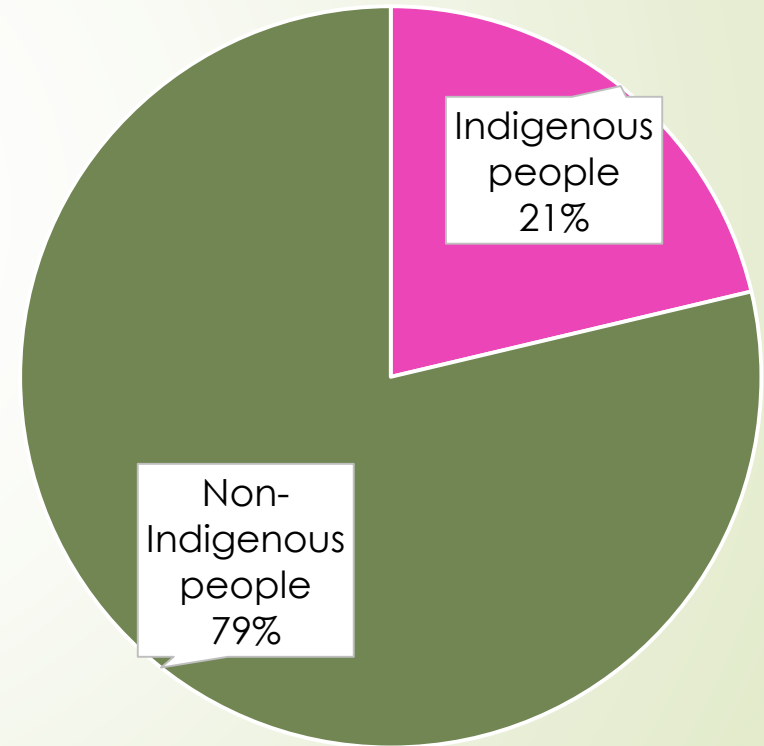
Evolution of the Honorary Members Across Regions



## Honorary member gender balance



## Proportion of IP-LC among Honorary members





## III – New membership policy

- Creation of the Membership Committee
- Membership application revision process is :
  - shorter (1 month), but
  - more rigorous
- New application process
  - Entails filing in a form (if applicant is an NGO)
  - A new form also being applied to larger IPLC organisations





## JOIN THE CONSORTIUM

There are several ways to join the ICCA Consortium, depending on who you are and what you are willing to do! The Consortium wholeheartedly welcomes new Members and support from non-members.

### ↓ Become a Member in full standing

**Are you an organization or federation representing one or more Indigenous peoples or local communities? Are you an NGO working with Indigenous peoples and local communities, wishing to achieve greater recognition and support for ICCAs?** If so, you may wish to become a Member in full standing. To begin that process, please follow these steps:

1. Review the [Statutes and Operational Guidelines](#) of the Consortium and verify that your organization complies with Members' requirements. Notice that you do not need to be a formal organization (legally registered and recognized), and that you can also apply as an informal or customary organization.

2. If you directly represent an **Indigenous people** or a **local community custodian of an ICCA**

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Write a **formal letter** to the **Consortium President** and **Chair of the Membership Committee** explaining what you do for your ICCA and why you would like to join the Consortium. Please add in copy the **Global Coordinator** and the **Programme Assistant**.

If you are an **NGO** that fits the description of an acceptable member (please check the criteria in the following membership form)

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Attach to it the **Membership Form**, which you should kindly complete by answering the questions and adding links and/or supporting documentation wherever possible.

# Past issues, future procedures

- How we deal with complaints and unclear cases
  - First resolve, then decide!
- Avoid making hasty decisions over sensitive cases
- Prioritising caution and care over speed
- Careful procedures on conflict management
- Getting deeper into the issues at hand
  - eg. the personal hesitation or complaint raised; respect the views of our Members & HMs
  - Note that issues raised may be of broader interest to the Consortium (e.g. IPs vs. non-IPs)

# Future procedures

- ▶ Getting as much information as possible before taking a decision
  - ▶ Even if it means holding applications/nominations till next round!
- ▶ Increased reliance on Regional Coordinators for:
  - ▶ info sourcing
  - ▶ promoting engagement & interaction btwn Members
  - ▶ helping us get new Members & HMs + help us ensure balanced/ fair representation

# IV - Membership review underway


- **Aim:** to improve our knowledge of the membership as a whole
- **Objectives:**
  - to keep our Membership strong, committed, and active
  - to know how best to serve you, our Membership
  - to know how you can best contribute to the mission and work of the Consortium.
- Why you are a Member?
- Would you like to remain a Member? (why or why not)?
- With the Consortium growing at an accelerating pace, we want to take the ICCA Consortium Membership more seriously than ever. We would like to do our best to provide you with more services, and make sure that we also get the best of the huge collective potential of the Membership.

# Excerpt from Membership Review form

<b>12</b>	<b>What has your organization gained from being part of the Consortium, if anything?</b>	
<b>13</b>	What does your organization feel it has offered/given to the Consortium, if anything?	
<b>14</b>	In what ways could the Consortium help your organisation in the future?	
<b>15</b>	In what ways could your organization contribute to and strengthen the Consortium in the future?	
<b>Comments</b>		
	Any possible additional comments you may have	


## IV - Membership review underway

- Started in September 2017
- ~ 28% response rate (33/116 replies to date)
- Already some useful findings!
  - e.g. that several organisations do not even exist anymore
  - wide variance in scale, history, relations, etc.
- More targeted 2<sup>nd</sup> round of review planned for December 2017
- Other updates: a Membership application form adapted also for larger IPLC Organisations



## Q11: How does your organisation contribute to uphold and support ICCAs?

- Strengthening local knowledge systems
- Strategic support for livelihoods and/or to deal with threats
- Offering legal support
- Financial opportunities
- Helping with national networking
- Supporting the registration of ICCAs in the international registry



## Q12: What do Members feel they are getting from the Consortium?


- Being connected to a wider network of allies
- Gaining knowledge on International policies
- Legislative support
- The opportunity to influence International policies and legislation
- The feeling of solidarity and support
- Improving and exchanging skills in working with communities





## Q14: How could the Consortium better help the member organisations in the future?

- Continue documenting and mapping ICCAs
- Provide advice on the process of ICCAs self-strengthening,
- Be active in the international policy and legal arena and sharing the outcomes with members,
- Support the registration of ICCAs in the international registry.
- Provide support & advice on how to deal with obstacles
- Offer more opportunities to exchange with other members
- Identify and mobilize financial resources for ICCAs



## Q15: How do the Member organisations hope to contribute to and strengthen the Consortium?

- Continue bringing lessons from the field,
- Information sharing and communication
- Provide more knowledge on their fields of expertise (gender, sustainable technologies, etc)
- Grounding the Consortium vision
- Representing the Consortium in the country
- Linking with other potential partners & members

# Membership Review & Policy

- Membership review follow-up: targetting inactive/unresponsive Members directly (emails/skype calls/Regional Coordinators)
- At GA – all nominations/ presentations more than welcome!
- Procedures & decisions on membership approval as per new Membership Policy
- Approve this change here – at GA