

ICCA Regionalization Process: Background and recommendations

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Background

- ICCA GA decision de decentralize regionally (Geneva Nov. 2017)
- Fundamentals
 - Organizational growth
 - Dependency on a small global team
 - Fundraising and administration challenges
 - ICCA is a movement/member organization

OPERATIONALIZATION PROCESS

- 2 year process (2018-2019) agreed by GA
- Communication sent by Secretariat in January of 2018 to Regional Coordinators (Council members Honorary members and Focal Points) to identify proposals for the process
- Regionalization Committee/ Council meetings/ G A (Montreal June 2018) make recommendations
- Still to take place
 - **Regional Assemblies proposals (2018)**
 - **General Assembly approval (Nov. 2018)**
 - **Implementation starting in 2019 (pilot)**

Feedback from regions

Region	Comments
Africa	Comments from the French speaking Regional Coordinators consolidated into one document by Christian Chatelain. Nothing received from anglophone African
Austronesia	Document and emails from Sutej Hugu (and others).
Europe	Document and emails from Sergio Couto (Europe).
Latin America	Document received from Latin America
North America	Nothing (written) received from North America
South Asia	Nothing received from South Asia
South East Asia	Document and email received from Tanya Conlu – South East Asia.
West Asia	Document received from Cenesta



	Actual (Sub-)Regions	Proposed (Sub-) Regions	Grey Areas
Latin America	South Cone (Lorena) Amazonia (Carmen) Mesoamerica (Albert) Colombia (Carolina FP)	1. Latin America •Subregions to defined	Caribbean Guyanas & Surinam
North America	North America (Eli)	2. North America 3. Circumpolar North	
Europe	Europe (Sergio)	4. Europe •Subregions: East & West? Circumpolar North	
Africa	WA Coastal (Salatou) Sahel (Alexis) CA Forest Ecosystem (Joseph) East & South Africa (Vincent) Africa overall (Christian)	5. Africa •Subregions to defined	
Asia	West Asia (Cenesta) South Asia (Neema) Southeast Asia (Tanya) East Asia (Hugu)	6. West, Central Asia & Caucasus 7. Austronesia •East and West Austronesia 8. Southeast Asia Circumpolar North	Australia & NZ China & Mongolia Japan & Korea SE Asia Madagascar



ICCA REGIONS/SUBREGIONS TO BE DEFINED BY REGIONAL ICCA MEMBERS (REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES)

- Criteria to be considered in the regionalization process (Regions and sub regions):
 - Membership
 - Culture/language /history
 - Ecosystems
 - Political context
 - Proximity
 - Operational
 - Financial

Key topics/ recommendations to be addressed in the regionalization process

- Structure/ governance/ membership
- Functions (global and regional)
- Funding

Structure/ governance/ membership

- Proposed regional structure
 - **National focal points**
 - **Regional Assemblies**
 - **Secretariat**
- Acknowledge that regional structures can be defined by regions
- Relationship with the global structure: through **regional** representation at the ICCA **Council**

Regional functions

- Revise policy and strategies (alerts, communications, fundraising) to ensure they respond to regional needs
- Fundraising and resource mobilization
- Capacity building
- Research/ Generating and exchanging knowledge
- Supporting / recruiting membership

... Regional functions

- Building/ strengthening networks
- Advocacy/ supporting members
- Developing and maintaining data base
- Identifying regional priorities/ plans
- Active engagement in policy definition and implementation
- Facilitating communications at all levels

Funding

- a. Membership fees:
 - Collected centrally
 - Partly distributed regionally
- b. Fundraising:
 - Intensify fundraising efforts at all levels
 - Develop fundraising protocols / guidelines (global level)
 - Certain minimum amount (tbd) allocated to each region from global level
- c. Annual budget:
 - Depends on the regional work plan
 - This should include not only coordinators' time but also administration, communications, travel, assemblies, other initiatives, etc.
- d. Annual remuneration:
 - Regional coordinators should move to either fairly remunerated part-time (50%) or full-time – no longer semi-volunteer