

Guidelines for the Selection of the Members of the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network

Introduction

The present Guidelines build on the [Terms of Reference of the Global Judicial Integrity Network](#), which were adopted at the launch of the Network in April 2018 and envisage that “*the Advisory Board may adopt further guidelines for the organization and coordination of its work.*”

These Guidelines have been drafted by the first Advisory Board and the secretariat with a view to strengthening the transparency of the functioning of the Advisory Board and the selection of its members.¹

Functions

1. The Advisory Board shall provide the Global Judicial Integrity Network with guidance on the identification of the Network’s priorities and the implementation of its activities.
2. The Advisory Board shall not be an administrative or executive body of the Global Judicial Integrity Network, but shall have an advisory role. The ultimate responsibility for providing the required support services to the Network shall be vested with the secretariat.
3. The Advisory Board shall perform the following functions:
 - (a) provide guidance on the overall strategy and direction of the Network;
 - (b) champion the Network, raise awareness about activities and services, attend key events at the national, regional and international levels, and network with key audiences and stakeholders on the Network’s behalf;
 - (c) develop biennial workplans of the Network, based on the priorities identified through consultations with the participants of the Network;
 - (d) help identify priority challenges and emerging issues to be addressed by the Network;
 - (e) advise on the organization of the Network’s activities, in particular the Network’s high-level conferences; and
 - (f) report on its activities to the Network at its meetings.

Composition

4. The Advisory Board shall consist of high-ranking judges or former judges who have experience in a managerial, policy-making, or training role within the judiciary at the domestic or international level, including Chief Justices, Presidents of Supreme Courts, Presidents of Constitutional Courts, or their duly qualified nominees, as well as representatives from international and regional judicial associations and similar bodies active in promoting judicial integrity.
5. The Advisory Board shall be composed of twelve (12) members, of whom six (6) shall represent national judiciaries and six (6) shall represent judicial associations.

¹ As per the decision made at the Advisory Board meeting held on 23-24 January 2019 in Doha, the State of Qatar.

6. One seat on the side of judicial associations members shall be reserved permanently for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers.

Selection and Terms

7. The members of the Advisory Board shall continue to be identified and proposed by the secretariat, in consultation with existing members of the Board and other Network participants, based on the following criteria:
 - (a) equitable geographical distribution;
 - (b) equitable gender distribution;
 - (c) balance between judiciaries and judicial institutions (six (6) members each); and
 - (d) the candidates' level of participation in and contribution to the activities of the Network.
8. The list of candidates proposed by the secretariat shall be presented to the participants at the regular high-level conferences of the Network for endorsement. The list of candidates proposed by the secretariat shall be published in the restricted area of the website of the Network, whenever possible, at least one (1) month before the high-level conference where endorsement shall be sought. Any comments or concerns about proposed members may be voiced to the secretariat prior to the conference.
9. All members shall serve on the Advisory Board for a term of two years, with the possibility of the renewal of their terms. A term shall begin at the time of the member's endorsement and end approximately two years later at the closest high-level conference.
10. A staggered approach to the terms of the Advisory Board members shall be encouraged in order to allow for a duality of experience and innovation.
11. All members shall serve in their personal capacities and on a *pro bono* basis.
12. The Advisory Board members shall express their interest to continue to serve on the Board at least six (6) months before the expiration of their membership.

Operation

13. The Advisory Board shall be supported in its work by the secretariat of the Network.
14. The Advisory Board shall meet at least once a year. It may choose to conduct its annual meeting via video or telephone conferencing or to organize it in the margins of meetings and activities of the Network or similar appropriate occasions.
15. In the interim, the Advisory Board shall conduct its business primarily by email. Additional in-person meetings, teleconferences or videoconferences shall be held on an *ad hoc* basis and subject to the availability of funds.
16. Upon invitation by the secretariat and the approval of the Advisory Board members, additional persons can be invited to the meetings or parts of the meetings of the Advisory Board in the capacity of observers, such as representatives of the judiciaries responsible for the organization of the Network conferences.



17. If any Advisory Board member is unable to attend the Board meeting, he or she shall not be replaced by another representative from their judiciary or judicial association. The Advisory Board operates on the principle of mutual trust without the need to use temporary substitute representatives in the meetings.

18. The meetings of the Advisory Board shall be conducted in English. The Advisory Board shall make decisions by consensus whenever possible. The secretariat, in consultation with the Advisory Board members, shall prepare the minutes of each meeting.