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Rules for Regional Alliances of ICOM National Committees

Introduction

To promote and protect the interests of ICOM and the international museum community, as well as the persons and other entities who support museum programs, these Rules are designed to assure that Regional Alliances of ICOM National Committees provide maximum benefits to all parties.

These Rules are indicative of the matters that are normally placed in the governance documents of a Regional Alliance of ICOM National Committees. However, each organisation may find it necessary or desirable to include in its governance documents specific matters reflecting the particular circumstances of the Region.

Regional Alliance rules shall not be in conflict with the ICOM Statutes.

1. Definition and Recognition

- a. A Regional Alliance of ICOM National Committees shall consist of five (5) or more National Committees within a region defined by political, geographical, linguistic, or cultural criteria, and accepted by the Executive Council.
- b. A Regional Alliance of ICOM National Committees shall be identified by the name of the region approved by the Executive Council.
- c. The Regional Alliance shall have no separate legal status.
- d. The Regional Alliance is a part of ICOM, and established in accordance with the Statutes of ICOM. Its activities are at all times subject to the Statutes and Policies of ICOM and these Rules.

2. Role and Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Regional Alliance are to foster cooperation, mutual assistance and the exchange of information among its participants and in particular to:

- a. Provide a forum for exchange of information between National Committees;
- b. Contribute, where possible, to the realisation of ICOM's Strategic Plan;
- c. Communicate and promote ICOM interests within the region;
- d. Arrange such meetings and produce such publications as it deems necessary, provided all associated costs are met by the Organisation;

- e. Serve the interests of the National Committees in the region, but not as a representative of those Committees.

3. Regional Participation

A National Committee within the region (as defined in Section 1, a and b.) may participate in the activities of the Regional Alliance. All requests for participation shall be made in writing to the Regional Alliance that will, after consulting with the participating National Committees, inform the Director General of the inclusion.

4. Finances

- a. A Regional Alliance shall not enter into financial or contractual obligations that are binding on ICOM in its international capacity.
- b. A Regional Alliance may raise such monies, including grants and donations for its own purpose, as it considers necessary by such means as are legal and proper.
- c. The Regional Alliance shall keep proper accounts of all money received and expended on an annual basis. The accounts shall be reviewed annually and reported to the ICOM Director General.

5. Meetings of the Regional Alliance

- a. The Regional Alliance shall hold such meetings as it considers necessary for the attainment of its objectives.
- b. Prior to the convening of the meeting at least three (3) months notice shall be given to the leadership of National Committees in the region.
- c. National Committees attending the Regional Alliance meeting shall be entitled to one vote on any matter before the Alliance.

6. Management of the Regional Alliance

- a. There shall be a Board of the Regional Alliance consisting of a Chairperson and at least four (4) other persons, selected by the regional participants.
- b. The Chairperson and board are selected for a three-year term, and their mandate can be renewed once. However, no more than one person from any National Committee may be on the Board at any one time.
- c. The Chairperson and the Board shall be Individual Members, or designated representatives of Institutional Members of ICOM who are members of the National Committees forming the Regional Alliance.

- d. The Chairperson and Board shall be selected at the triennial General Meeting of the Alliance normally held in association with the General Assembly of ICOM.
- e. The chair of the Board shall not reside in one country/nation state for more than six (6) consecutive years.

7. Amendment of Rules

- a. The Rules of the Alliance shall be adopted as soon as practicable at a General Meeting of the Alliance and may be amended at any subsequent General Meetings.
- b. A National Committee participating in the Alliance shall be notified at least three months prior to the General Meeting of any proposed amendments to these rules.
- d. Adoption and amendment of the Rules shall require the support of a three-quarters majority of the participating National Committees present, and then only if at least one-third of the participants in the Alliance are present at the meeting.

8. Review of Regional Alliances

Regional Alliances shall be subject to a review on a regular cycle not to exceed six (6) years. The review process will focus on compliance with the operational aspects of the Regional Alliance and its regional validity. Regional Alliances found to be derelict in their compliance with ICOM Statutes, Code of Ethics, Policies, or Rules or dysfunctional may be disbanded or given a notice for reorganisation.

9. Dissolution of the Alliance

- a. The Alliance may be dissolved by informing the Executive Council of ICOM of the region's decision to discontinue activities.
- b. In the event the Alliance is dissolved, its assets (if any) shall be transferred to ICOM headquarters and distributed by the Executive Council, giving careful consideration to all relevant national and regional rules and laws.