



ICER STATUTES

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TITLE I: OBJECTIVES AND MISSION

Article 1. Mission, Vision and Values

Vision:

The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (hereinafter referred to as ICER) was created on October 19th, 2009, as a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe.

Mission:

ICER's aim is to improve awareness and understanding of energy regulation and its role in addressing a wide spectrum of socio-economic, environmental and market issues, and the work of national energy regulators in monitoring electricity and gas markets and safeguarding consumer interests. By establishing this voluntary confederation and making full use of its international scope and diversity, with regular and structured contacts and cooperation between regulators, the world's energy regulatory authorities exchange information and best practices in the regulation field in an effort to constantly improve the effectiveness of energy regulation and seek to make a significant contribution to the evolution towards a sustainable planet.

ICER thus provides an open platform for energy regulators to pursue joint values and goals, reconcile market mechanisms with public service objectives and provide a significant contribution towards a sustainable planet.

By coping with constant evolution in order to ensure stability, ICER also intends to have an adaptive regulatory framework while protecting the consumer's interests and meeting targets for environmental and climate change.

To achieve these goals, ICER promotes advancing knowledge, research, debate and the exchange of ideas so that we learn from each other's experience and practices.

ICER Values:

Independence – we promote strong independent regulators that act with integrity.

Cooperation – we cooperate through continuous dialogue on issues of mutual interest, valuing the combined strength of our different experiences, skills, and expertise.

Excellence – we are committed to professional excellence through information exchange, training and education.

Respect – we act with respect and proactively promote a culture of equality, diversity and inclusion in the energy sector.

Article 2. Duration. The duration of ICER is unlimited.

Article 3. Working language. The working language of ICER is English.

TITLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Article 4. Membership. Member admittance shall be through application to the ICER Steering Committee. Decisions about membership admittance, categories and status are to be made by 50%+1 of the attendees in the Steering Committee.

Article 5. Membership categories, rights and obligations. There are two types of Membership categories: Full Members and Associate Members.

Article 5.1. Full Members. Entities eligible to be a Full Member are: Regional Regulatory Associations (RRAs) of National Energy Regulatory Authorities (NRAs), National Energy Regulatory Associations of Federal States, and Energy Regulators which cannot be represented by any existing RRA.

A Full Member may participate in all aspects of ICER activities including:

- a) Steering Committee, where each Member has voting rights in the decision making in accordance with the fee schedule, as amended from time to time and attached to these statutes as Appendix A.
- b) Working Groups (hereinafter referred to as WGs).
- c) Workshops.
- d) Access to on-line resources.
- e) Decision-making.
- f) Nominating candidates for election as officers of ICER bodies (e.g. ICER Chair, ICER Vice Chairs, ICER WG Chairs).

Full Members shall:

- a) Promote the purpose and objectives of ICER through participation in its activities and otherwise.
- b) Pay annual membership dues stipulated by ICER so as to contribute financially to the ICER budget.

Article 5.2. Associate Members. Entities eligible to be an Associate Member are:

- a) Regional Regulatory Associations who are able to contribute to the work of ICER through their expertise, information, international status, or communications network, but are unable to contribute financially to ICER's work due to significant financial barriers.
- b) Not for profit bodies who have responsibilities related to energy regulation.
- c) Bodies who have responsibilities related to the energy sector and have aims and values which align and complement those of ICER.
- d) Bodies who have responsibilities related to the energy sector and are able to contribute to the work of ICER, through their expertise, information, international status, or communications network.
- e) Bodies willing to contribute financially to ICER's work which have aims and values align and complement those of ICER.

To be eligible, bodies must not be under the influence of companies regulated by energy regulatory authorities.

The following conditions apply to Associate Members:

- a) Associate Members can participate in ICER activities as follows: They can make proposals for activities to be included in the ICER Work Programme; participate in ICER WGs upon invitation; attend workshops upon invitation; receive information (including the ICER Chronicle) and communicate with ICER members where appropriate (by agreement with the ICER Secretariat).
- b) Associate Members are not entitled to attend or vote in the Steering Committee and can only attend and speak at the Steering Committee meetings if invited by the ICER Chairperson.
- c) Associate Members contribute financially to the ICER budget unless membership has been granted under Article 5.2(a) above.
- d) Associate Members may be granted access to selected ICER information only with the agreement of the ICER Secretariat.
- e) Associate Members are not entitled to participate in any form in the election for officers of ICER Bodies (e.g. ICER Chair or Vice Chairs).
- f) Associate Members can include a reference to being an ICER associate member on their website.

Article 5.3. Register. The ICER Secretariat shall keep an updated Register of all Members (Full Members and Associate Members). All decisions regarding the admittance, resignation or exclusion of Members are to be recorded within 7 days of the ICER Steering Committee having knowledge of the decision (this includes the record of those members who are excluded for non-payment).

A short register listing the names and country/region of each Member (and category of member) shall be posted on the public part of the ICER website.

Article 6. Membership Termination. Membership in ICER terminates on the basis of:

- a) Written request for withdrawal by the member.
- b) Cessation of the organization's operation or existence.
- c) Exclusion for non-payment of the annual membership dues.
- d) A decision of the ICER Steering Committee to exclude any Full Member or Associate Member which does not conform to the statutes, after hearing that Member's or Associate Member's position.

Article 7. Annual Membership Budget, Annual Budget, Annual Accounts and Membership Dues. The Full and Associate Members shall pay the annual budget in one amount on the date established by ICER for payment of the said dues.

The payment date and Budget will be proposed by the Executive Board and the Steering Committee will approve it.

- a) The ICER Chairperson, assisted by the ICER Coordinator and ICER Secretariat shall prudently manage the finances of ICER and shall prepare the annual budget.
- b) Each year, and at least six months after the accounting year, the Chairperson shall submit the accounts of the previous year to the Steering Committee for approval.
- c) Each year, the Executive Board shall present a budget proposal including the corresponding annual membership dues (for Full Members and Associate Members) for the following year to the Steering Committee no later than the last meeting of the year preceding the budget year and no later than the end of the 3rd quarter of the year preceding the budget year (from January to December).
- d) The membership dues (Full Members and Associate Members) should be determined according to a system previously agreed by the Steering Committee and set out in the Steering Committee approved Rules of Procedure.
- e) ICER's Steering Committee should adopt or modify the annual budget with a majority (50%+1) of the Members present or represented.
- f) Upon Steering Committee approval of the budget and membership dues and payment date, the ICER Secretariat shall issue invoices (for the full year) requesting payment by a specific date (proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the Steering Committee).
- g) Full Members and Associate Members should pay the annual budget by the due date. Non-payment of membership dues by the agreed due date shall lead to suspension of voting rights.
- h) ICER may seek to supplement its income from annual membership dues with grants obtained from foundations, donors or income-generating activities. All funds to ICER will be promptly deposited to the ICER bank account and will be reported in the annual accounts.

TITLE III: STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

Article 8. Bodies of the Confederation. The ICER Bodies are the following:

- Steering Committee
- Executive Board
- Secretariat
- Coordinator

Article 9. Steering Committee. The Membership of the Steering Committee consists of one representative of each Full Member.

In its deliberations, the Steering Committee will seek to work by consensus and to encourage participation and comments from its members. The decisions will be adopted with 50%+1 of votes corresponding to each Full Member represented in the Steering Committee. Proposals and supporting documents will be circulated (electronically) with 15 days' notice to allow review at the national and regional levels.

In addition to participation of the representatives of each Full Member and the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Chairperson of each WG Group and Initiatives, the Coordinator and the Secretariat may also participate in a non-voting role in the Steering Committee meetings.

Article 9.1. The Steering Committee's functions. The Steering Committee's functions are the following:

- a) To approve the annual budget of the Confederation proposed by the Executive Board.
- b) To approve the Work Plan¹ for the three years of the new chair.
- c) To approve reports and studies issued by Working Groups each year.
- d) To elect the Chairperson, Vice-Chairs of ICER, the Chairpersons and co-chairs of the WGs and Initiatives.
- e) To decide on the creation and termination of ICER WGs and Initiatives
- f) To approve the annual plan of each WGs and Initiatives.
- g) To admit, exclude and accept resignation by Members.
- h) To determine, approve and modify the Statutes, rules of procedures and any other operative and organizational rules.
- i) To encourage members to participate in research and training courses organized by the Full and Associate Members.
- j) To approve the suspension or removal of any Full or Associate Member in ICER.
- k) Any other matter related with ICER purposes.

The Steering Committee will be convened at least two times per year and more frequently when appropriate. The Steering Committee meetings may be virtual or physical meetings. The date of each meeting will be proposed in the final part of the Steering Committee meeting in accordance with the timetable managed by the Secretariat.

The proposed agenda and related documents of the meeting shall be fixed and communicated to the Full Members and Associated Members (when they are invited) at least 15 days before the meeting.

Article 10. Executive Board. The Executive Board comprises the Chairperson and up to three Vice-Chairs. One Vice-Chair shall be a high-level representative of the NRA or RRA that is hosting the World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER).

The Chairperson manages ICER and represents it externally, but may delegate some activities, if necessary, to the Vice-Chairs.

Article 10.1. Executive Board's functions. The functions of the Executive Board are the following:

- a) To propose the Work Plan for three years' period.

¹ The Work Plan includes the guidelines that ICER will follow during three years.

- b) To propose the annual budget and other expenditures not considered in the last budget.
- c) To propose inter associations meetings.
- d) To approve the Steering Committee meetings agenda.
- e) To approve the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) of the Secretariat² and other activities not considered in the last AOP.
- f) To convene extraordinary meetings of the Steering Committee.
- g) To represent the Confederation in specific activities.
- h) To oversee the work of the Coordinator.
- i) To approve the person recommended to function as Secretariat by the Coordinator.

Article 11. Secretariat. The Secretariat is managed by the Coordinator and operates under the direct supervision of the Chairperson.

Article 11.1. Secretariat's functions. The functions of the Secretariat are the following:

- a) Coordinating logistics for Steering Committee meetings.
- b) Managing all records relating to Steering Committee meetings.
- c) Assisting the Chairperson in managing and preparing the annual budget.
- d) Issuing invoices for ICER membership dues, tracking payment and follow up collection efforts.
- e) Assisting the Coordinator in the coordination of WFER related activities.
- f) Providing analytical and administrative support to ICER Working Group Chairs.
- g) On an ongoing basis, monitoring ICER's general email, responding where appropriate and forwarding inquiries to appropriate Executive Board members and the Coordinator as required.
- h) Preparing communications materials as requested.
- i) General file management of ICER records.
- j) Conducting research on various matters when requested, providing clear and concise advice and recommendations or options to the Executive Board and the Coordinator.
- k) Managing ICER's website and social media accounts, updating/posting information as requested.
- l) Other related duties as assigned and agreed to by Secretariat and ICER Executive Board.

Article 12. Coordinator. The Coordinator will facilitate communication between ICER, the WFER host, and the members of the Working Groups and Initiatives. The Coordinator will support discussions and follow-up on specific tasks, particularly when deadlines for comments or approvals apply. Working closely with the WFER host, the Coordinator will ensure that organizational activities remain consistent with ICER's established practices and policies, drawing on the lessons learned from previous WFER events. The role may also involve representing the ICER Chairperson in designated activities. Reporting to the

² The Operational Plan includes the specific activities which will need support of the Secretariat.

ICER Executive Board, the Coordinator will collaborate with the ICER Chairperson and Secretariat to achieve ICER's objectives. As part of these responsibilities, the Coordinator will recommend a candidate for the position of ICER Secretariat, subject to Executive Board approval, and will oversee the Secretariat's work.

TITLE IV: ELECTION PROCESS

Article 13. Election of the Executive Board. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons are to be elected among the nominees of the Full Members of the Steering Committee members by 50%+1 of each Full Member represented.

The decision will take place during the World Forum of Energy Regulation (hereinafter referred to as WFER), and the term of office shall be determined by a vote of the SC and coincide with the rhythm of WFER

If the office of Chair or a Vice Chair falls vacant before the end of the term of office, new elections shall be convened. The new elected Chair or Vice Chair shall serve for the remainder of the term of office. In the case of the Chair's office stepping down before the end of the full mandate, the longest-serving Vice Chair would serve as acting Chair until elections were convened.

Notwithstanding article 9 above, in the case of elections of the ICER Chair and Vice Chairs and the host of the World Forum on Energy Regulation, in order to ensure transparency, the Executive Board should propose procedures and guidelines that further define and clarify the criteria and rules governing these elections. Such proposals should be circulated with enough notice to allow review at regional level and should be approved in advance by the ICER Steering Committee.

TITLE V: DECISION MAKING

Article 14. Decision Making. Decisions are taken by the Steering Committee. The number of Member votes will be counted in accordance with the fee schedule, as amended from time to time and attached to these statutes as Appendix A. Decisions are taken only if at least half (50%) of the Full Members are present or represented.

Article 15. Voting. Decisions are passed by the 50%+1 of votes corresponding to the Full Members of the Steering Committee present or represented. If consensus cannot be reached, the ICER Chair will be the tiebreaker if needed.

TITLE VI: FUNDS

Article 16. Budget. The funds of ICER consist of the Annual Membership fees and contributions paid by Full and Associate Members. Any other monies to be paid to ICER, including donations, international cooperation funds, are to be approved by the Steering Committee before accepting receipt.

TITLE VII: GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Article 17. Activities. ICER activities include the following:

- a) ICER manages Working Groups to undertake joint analysis on a variety of regulatory topics.
- b) ICER manages, organizes, and hosts Initiatives as it sees fit and as are decided by its membership.
- c) ICER oversees the organization of the WFER, the leading international conference on energy regulation, held at the time and location determined by a vote of the SC but no less frequently than once every three years.

The details regarding the activities are in the ICER Rules of Procedures.

TITLE VIII: OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Article 18. Dissolution & Merger; Disposition of Assets. The Association may decide about its merger with another association or its cessation without legal successor. In the case of cessation without legal successor, the property and assets – after the payment of creditors – shall fall under the provisions of the Constitution, or, if there are no such regulations, it shall be the decision of the Steering Committee. If there are no provisions made by the Association or its Steering Committee regarding its property, it shall be divided – after the payment of creditors – among its members based on the proportion of their financial contribution. All Association liabilities of whatever kind shall be paid from the value of the assets of the Association.

Article 19. Association Liability. Association Members shall not be required to pay on account of any Association liability, debits, obligation, fee, court judgement, or other governmental obligation any sum or monies from their own assets or funds. All such Association liabilities of whatever kind shall be paid from the value of the assets of the Association.