



Executive Committee Elections (2023-2026)

Special voting rules

Relevant sections in the Charter	Section 15	
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Matters put to vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of the members of the Executive Committee • Selection of the Host of the International Conference • Amendments to the Charter 	
Counting	Each country has two votes	
	Country with only one national entity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The member has two votes 	Country with several entities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. One vote for the national entity b. One vote for the collective of the states or jurisdictions from the same country c. Collective vote decided by simple majority of the collective of Members. d. In case of a tie, the vote is not counted.
Voting requirement	Simple majority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of the members of the Executive Committee • Selection of the Host of the International Conference 	2/3 majority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to the Charter

Regulatory considerations

ICIC Johannesburg Charter

15. For the election of the members of the Executive Committee, including the election of the Chair and the Vice Chair, the amendment of the charter and the selection of the host country for the ICIC, each country will have two votes.

ICIC Handbook

5.1 Special Voting Rules

The Charter recognises the diversity of the membership of the International Conference, ranging from members representing national, sub-national, supra-national bodies to institutional jurisdictions, and as such, that a country may be represented in the International Conference by more than one member.



For certain matters requiring a vote from the membership which may result in an imbalance between the various members under the “one member, one vote” rule, the Charter has specified that the matters would be put to a vote under the Special Voting Rules.

There are three situations which will call for the Special Voting Rules:

1. The election of the members of the Executive Committee
2. The selection of the Host of the International Conference
3. Amendments to the Charter

5.2 The voting process

The annual meetings are crucial to ensure that members have the opportunity to reflect and vote on matters of importance to the International Conference. As such, the Host of the annual meeting and the Secretariat of the International Conference will work in concert to table all relevant documents and facilitate the voting of members at the meeting.

There are however circumstances for which the voting will take place outside the time of the annual meeting. These circumstances, and the process, are described in the subsections below.

Step 1 Preparing the “list of members”

When proceeding to a vote by the membership, the Secretariat prepares a list of current members and groups them by country. This list is to allow the Host and the Secretariat to collate the votes in accordance with the voting rules of the Charter.

Step 2 Preparing the “list of votes” in advance of the annual meeting

In advance of the annual meeting, the Secretariat prepares the “List of votes” which lists the matters that will require a vote by members, the type of vote and the voting requirements for each vote, as per the above table.

The “list of votes” and the “list of members” are completed and reviewed with the Host no later than 7 weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Step 3 Publication of the “List of votes” and details about the electronic voting

The Secretariat sends all relevant documents relating to all voting matters to all the members six weeks before the Closed Session. The notice includes links to all relevant documents and provides members who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person with the details on how they can cast their vote electronically.

The Secretariat also publishes the list of votes on the website at the same time.

Step 4 Collating electronic votes

With exception of matters relating to mediation and conflict resolution, the electronic vote closes 24 hours before the beginning of the annual meeting.



The Secretariat collates the electronic votes and keeps the tally of these votes secret until the voting of members present at the annual meeting occurs.

Step 5 Voting at the Annual Meeting

The Host of the annual meeting manages the voting matters with the help of the Secretariat.

In most instances, the votes will be easily counted by show of hands and the tally of electronic votes. In situations where the voting results are not readily apparent, the votes will be counted by the Secretariat, taking into account the Special Voting Rules as required.

The Secretariat will tally all votes and share the information with the Host who will announce the result to the members.