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2024 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SAVE THE DATE AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (LEADERSHIP BOARD)

[Corrected 10 Sep 24: Leadership Board Information Session times in Sydney, Auckland]

Many thanks for being a member of the ITD Alliance. The 2024 General Assembly for ITD Alliance members has been scheduled. This is your opportunity to have your say on the ITD Alliance's activities and plans. Please save the date in your calendar and consider running for election to the Leadership Board. See details below.

SAVE THE DATE

The ITD Alliance General Assembly will take place online on the following dates and times:

Time zones	General Assembly Meeting 1 (all on Thursday)	General Assembly Meeting 2
	THURSDAY, 17 October 2024	THURSDAY, 17 October 2024
UTC/GMT	Thu 10:00 am	Thu 10:00 pm
Los Angeles/Phoenix	Thu 3:00 am	Thu 3:00 pm
Mexico City/Edmonton	Thu 4:00 am	Thu 4:00 pm
New York/Miami/Montreal	Thu 6:00 am	Thu 6:00 pm
Montevideo/Buenos Aires	Thu 7:00 am	Thu 7:00 pm
Lagos/Lisbon/London	Thu 11:00 am	Thu 11:00 pm
	Still THURSDAY, 17 October 2024	FRIDAY, 18 October 2024
Frankfurt/Johannesburg	Thu 12:00 noon	Fri 12:00 midnight
Moscow/Cairo/Nairobi	Thu 1:00 pm	Fri 1:00 am
New Delhi	Thu 3:30 pm	Fri 3:30 am
Singapore/Hong Kong	Thu 6:00 pm	Fri 6:00 am
Tokyo	Thu 7:00 pm	Fri 7:00am
Sydney	Thu 9:00 pm	Fri 9:00 am
Suva (Fiji)	Thu 10:00 pm	Fri 10:00 am
Auckland	Thu 11:00 pm	Fri 11:00 am

Please save the date and time that best suits you. An agenda and papers will be sent in early October.

The bylaws state the following about the General Assembly:

“All members of the ITD Alliance constitute the general assembly. The general assembly meets at least once a year. The meeting can be held in person or virtually. Virtual participation in in-person meetings will also be possible.

The duties and responsibilities of the general assembly are:

- To elect and members of the Leadership Board, and, in case a presidency will be installed, the President
- To approve annual budget and financial statement,
- To decide on changes in fees for membership,



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- To decide on changes to the bylaws,
- To decide about terminating the ITD Alliance.”

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - LEADERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS 2024-2026

Are you interested in:

- **Shaping the direction** of the only global professional society representing collaborative modes of research and education, especially inter- and transdisciplinarity?
- **Strengthening the visibility, capacity, and interconnectedness** of inter- and transdisciplinary communities around the world?
- **Ensuring that the priorities and perspectives of your region are represented** in the activities and policies of the ITD Alliance?

If so, nominate to join the Leadership Board of the ITD Alliance! (Self-nominations only.)

Nominations close: 23 September, 2024

Please submit your nomination to Interim Executive Secretary, Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org).

Read additional information below on the Leadership Board and the nomination process

1. **Current composition of the Leadership Board and positions open for self-nomination and election in conjunction with the 2024 General Assembly** – institutional, regional and gender distribution
2. **A proposal for reserving positions to improve regional representation** – description of proposal plus effect on vote in conjunction with General Assembly and impact on Leadership Board elections
3. **What’s involved in being a member of the Leadership Board?** – responsibilities and recent activities
4. **An invitation to a Leadership Board Information Session (online) to learn more** – two sessions on 12 and 13 September
5. **Nomination process** – eligibility, candidate statement requirements, submission steps

1. Current composition of the Leadership Board and positions open for self-nomination and election in conjunction with the 2024 General Assembly

The ITD Alliance Leadership Board currently comprises:

- 4 members from Europe (1 due for re-election at 2024 General Assembly as a member representing an institutional member)
- 2 members from Oceania (1 due for re-election at 2024 General Assembly as a member representing an institutional member)
- 2 members from Latin America
- 1 member from North America
- 1 member from sub-Saharan Africa



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- 1 member from Asia (due for re-election at 2024 General Assembly as a member representing an institutional member)

Of these 11 members, 9 are women and 2 are men, and 9 are members representing institutional members and 2 are individual members.

According to the bylaws of the ITD Alliance at least two-thirds of the Leadership Board should be members representing institutional members.

At the 2024 General Assembly

- The terms of 3 current leadership board members will conclude and they will be eligible to stand for re-election. Eight other Leadership Board members are half way through their terms and will carry over to 2025.
- The bylaws (<https://itd-alliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/ITD-Alliance-bylaws-2021-signed.pdf>) stipulate that the Leadership Board can have up to 15 members (at least two-thirds of whom should represent institutional members). Currently the Leadership Board has 11 members, 9 of whom represent institutional members (see above). There are therefore potentially four new positions that could be filled on the Leadership Board.
- Overall, then, there are 7 positions available on the Leadership Board for election in conjunction with the 2024 General Assembly.

2. A proposal for reserving positions to improve regional representation

The ITD Alliance is committed to diversity, as highlighted in the bylaws and mission statement. Our current focus is on being truly global, with members and Leadership Board members from all major regions. We are also keen to maintain gender diversity and strongly encourage men to apply.

It is well established that quotas are an effective tool for achieving diversity, thus the Leadership Board will put a proposal to the 2024 General Assembly that will begin to introduce quotas for regional representation on the Leadership Board.

We aim to begin with a very pragmatic step at the 2024 General Assembly, which is outlined in the following steps (the bylaws make this rather complex):

- The Leadership Board proposes that the 4 currently unfilled positions are reserved for individual members or members representing institutional members from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.
- Of the three members of the current Leadership Board who have reached the end of their terms and are eligible for re-election in conjunction with the 2024 General Assembly in positions reserved for representatives of institutional members, one is from Asia, and the Leadership Board proposes that this position is also reserved for a representative of an institutional member from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa.
- The proposal outlined above to reserve positions to improve regional representation will be voted on at the General Assembly. The outcome of that vote will indicate which of the following two options will govern the Leadership Board elections.



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- **OPTION 1:** If the proposal for reserving positions for members from specific regions is agreed, then at the Leadership Board election in conjunction with the General Assembly, votes will be counted as follows:
 - The top-ranking candidate who is a member representing an institutional member from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa will be elected.
 - The other two top-ranking candidates who are members representing institutional members will be elected.
 - Excluding the candidates above, the top ranking four candidates from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa will be elected. (If there are not 4 candidates in total, the balance of the positions will be left vacant and reserved for the 2025 Leadership Board elections.) If there are four or more candidates and all are individual members (i.e. there are no members representing institutional members), then the Leadership Board would have 9 rather than the required 10 (two-thirds of 15) members representing institutional members. In that case there will be a motion calling for a vote to agree to a temporary suspension of the bylaws, allowing the composition of the 2024-26 Leadership Board to have 9 and not 10 members representing institutions.
- **OPTION 2:** If the proposal for reserving positions for members from specific regions is NOT agreed, then at the Leadership Board election in conjunction with the General Assembly votes will be counted as follows:
 - The 4 top ranking candidates who are members representing institutional members will be elected
 - The highest ranking remaining candidates (individual members or members representing institutional members) will be elected to fill the remaining 3 places on the Leadership Board.

In summary:

Under Option 1 there will be:

- 1 open position for a member representing an institutional member from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa
- 2 open positions for members representing institutional members in any global region
- 4 open positions for members representing institutional members or individual members from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa

Under Option 2 there will be:

- 4 open positions for members representing institutional members in any global region
- 3 open positions for members representing institutional members or individual members from any global region.

3. What's involved in being a member of the Leadership Board?

According to the bylaws:

“Duties and responsibilities of the leadership board are:

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- To define the strategy of the ITD Alliance and to set priorities for its implementation;
- To elaborate and define governance structure of the Leadership Board, (i.e. presidency model or 'Swiss federal council model', specific roles and duties of board members),
- To appoint all functions required for an association under Swiss law that are not appointed by the General Assembly,
- To elect the Executive Secretary and host institution(s) of the secretariat,
- To define additional members of the executive committee,
- To approve new members,
- To exclude members if they act contrary or in opposition to goals of the Alliance,
- To propose membership fees,
- To decide on fee reductions for specific members (e.g. members from low-/low-mid income countries, member-funded institutions, significant in-kind contributions, offering significant benefits for ITD Alliance members),
- To approve or terminate working groups (with termination due to several years without activity, or acting contrary or in opposition to goals of the Alliance),
- To reach out for third-party funding,
- All members of the Leadership Board are generally entitled to represent the ITD Alliance. The Leadership Board will discuss specifics of representation."

The Leadership Board is capable of making decisions if at least 2/3 of its members are present in-person or virtually. Decisions are made by majority vote.

Although the Leadership Board is only required to meet 4 times per year according to the bylaws, the Leadership Board currently meets virtually for an hour every month. Two meetings are scheduled each month to accommodate different time zones. Leadership Board activities in 2024 have included:

- Appointment of a new Interim Executive Secretary
- The diversity considerations highlighted above
- Strategic considerations about benefits for, and recruitment of, institutional members
- Input into the deliberations of the Earth-Humanity Coalition (as well as joining the Earth-Humanity Coalition)
- Collaboration with the TD Training Collaboratory to develop regional workshops on ITD training needs
- Deliberations around hosting a TD Training Design Guide developed by the TD Training Collaboratory
- Development of an Oceania regional network
- Interaction with the three working groups of the ITD Alliance (early career researchers, toolkits and methods, integration experts and expertise), as well as developing ideas for a new working group on education and training
- Approval of new financial and membership management systems and website hosting arrangements for the ITD Alliance
- Development of new operational guidelines for the Leadership Board
- Development of a regular newsletter.



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4. An invitation to a Leadership Board Information Session (online) to learn more

Meetings will be held via Zoom on two days and times to learn more about the responsibilities of the Leadership Board, to hear what it is really like being on the board from current Leadership Board members (“the fun and the work”), and to get answers to specific questions.

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Zoom link will be sent in a reminder closer to the date.

Information is also available from the President (Gabriele.Bammer@anu.edu.au) and Interim Executive Secretary (Caryn Anderson caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org).

5. Nomination process

Eligibility: You must be a member of the ITD Alliance to be eligible for the Leadership Board. If you are not already a member, please see <https://itd-alliance.org/membership-3/> to join and/or contact Interim Executive Secretary, Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org).

Nomination: Please provide a 200-word (approx.) candidate statement that includes:

1. A photo
2. Your position and institutional affiliation
3. Whether you are standing as a representative of an institutional member or as an individual member
4. Languages spoken
5. Professional associations you belong to



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6. A statement about your research, teaching and/or practice and its relevance to inter- and transdisciplinarity or other collaborative modes of research, including link/s to relevant website/s.
7. What you would like to achieve, if elected to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board.
8. Candidates that represent an institutional member, should also attach a separate brief letter of endorsement for their nomination to the Leadership Board from the head of their institution.

Third party nominations are not accepted. Candidates should submit their own nominations.

Email your statement to the Interim Executive Secretary, Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org), with the subject: Leadership Board Nomination.

Nominations for the Leadership Board are very welcome. Closing date: 23 September, 2024