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Agenda and Papers for the 2024 ITD Alliance General Assembly
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Attachment 1: President's Report: Opportunities and Challenges

Professor Gabriele Bammer

The State of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity and the ITD Alliance

Inter- and transdisciplinarity are thriving and are being embraced by a growing number of international, national and local funders, universities and research organisations, and other institutions. For the first time in my career, I feel that we have the wind at our backs, pushing us forward, rather than struggling to progress against headwinds of opposition. Of course, in some places and at some times, the headwinds persist, but overall there is positive change.

As a consequence, the ITD Alliance is at that most difficult of stages in the life of a professional association, when the opportunities for action and impact are considerably greater than the financial and personnel resources available to meet them. Put simply, there's so much to do, but so little capacity to do it.

Volunteer efforts continue to be the foundation of the ITD Alliance. The reports of the Leadership Board members and Working Groups that are in the agenda papers provide good insight into the volunteer work that is so essential to the achievements of the ITD Alliance. I want to acknowledge the efforts of both groups – the Leadership Board, noting also the Executive Committee, for thorough oversight of the work of the ITD Alliance and the working groups as important points of connection with our members on toolkits and methods, integration experts and expertise, and early career researchers.

The days when a professional association could survive only on volunteer labour are long gone, as work demands are now so high that most people have little time and energy left for voluntary work, especially voluntary administrative work, such as organising meetings, maintaining membership lists and dealing with correspondence.

Professional administrative support is critical for the ITD Alliance to "make things happen." We have been extremely fortunate to have two outstanding people, with a passion for ITD, fill the role of Executive Secretary: Tobias Buser (2019 to June 2024) and Caryn Anderson (from May 2024). Tobias played a pivotal role in the establishment of the ITD Alliance and Caryn brings superb administrative skills that are essential for taking the ITD Alliance to the next level of development. Their reports highlight where they focused their efforts in the last year.

My work with them both has made it very clear that funding for a 20% position (ie one day per week) is not close to being sufficient and that there is more than enough work to occupy an Executive Secretary full time. But, as you will see from the financial report and forecast, the ITD Alliance is not close to having that sort of income.

The Leadership Board has undertaken a short-term strategy of going into debt to the Interim Executive Secretary (the 'encumbrances' in the financial report) in order to get appropriate, professional operating systems in place. We are extremely grateful to Caryn for being willing to work in this manner. We estimate that the increased memberships associated with the ITD24 conference and our stronger profile will allow that debt to be met. But clearly that strategy cannot continue going forward.

Therefore, increasing the ITD Alliance funding base to provide administrative support for volunteer efforts, as well as to run proper financial, membership, communication and related processes, is a key priority for the next phase of my term as President. I also note that there are some major expensive tasks – such as refreshing the website – that we are not in a position to undertake. Our initial target is to double the working hours of the Interim Executive Secretary to 40% (ie 2 days per week).

Specific Activities as President

When I became President in December 2023, I took over two Executive Secretary tasks to give the Executive Secretary time to get new and improved financial systems and membership management systems in place. The aim is to hand these activities back to the Executive Secretary in 2025. These tasks are:

- organising and running the leadership board meetings. Key innovations are that the Leadership Board meets online monthly, with two meetings scheduled to allow everyone to participate at a reasonable time of day. The timing also rotates allowing different combinations of members to meet. There is a comprehensive agenda and minutes, with the "gradients of agreement" voting method used to ensure everyone has a say. Member activities and correspondence are shared on Google Drive. At the first meeting in December 2023, the Leadership Board developed an operating procedure that has guided subsequent meetings. The Executive play a key role in developing the agenda and in out-of-session decision making.
- producing a bi-monthly newsletter, starting in February 2024. The aim is to inform ITD Alliance members of the activities of the Leadership Board, working groups and ITD24 conference, as well as key policy and funding initiatives, and conferences and other activities. The newsletter has also been a key tool in spreading information about the ITD Alliance to non-members, who are encouraged to subscribe (free). As anticipated, some have subsequently joined the ITD Alliance.

I have also led negotiations and/or set direction for the following activities:

- Collaboration with the TD Training Collaboratory, a US National Science Foundation funded project to:
  - develop regional workshops on training needs, funded by the TD Training Collaboratory. This project provides opportunities for networking among members and non-members interested in ITD education and training, as well as small amounts of funding support for ITD Alliance members to play leadership roles in the project.
  - provide a 'home' on the ITD Alliance website for a TD Education and Training Design Guide developed by the TD Training Collaboratory. This has also stimulated the development, still in train, of an Education and Training Working Group of the ITD Alliance.
- Membership (non-fee-paying) of the Earth-Humanity Coalition. I have also been actively involved in establishing the transdisciplinary activities of the Coalition.
- Collaboration with NITRO-Oceania to establish an Oceania Regional Network of the ITD Alliance, with the Interim Executive Secretary's administrative support for the network funded by NITRO-Oceania.
- Championing measures to recruit Leadership Board members from under-represented regions, specifically Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Finally, I have:

- Established regular communication with institutional members on key ITD Alliance matters.

- Worked closely with the Interim Executive Secretary, ITD Alliance Executive and Leadership Board to update and streamline the administrative processes.
- Highlighted the ITD Alliance in plenary talks, commentaries, and other relevant activities.

As will be evident from the activities above, partnerships are critical in the activities of the ITD Alliance and a particularly important partnership is with Utrecht University and the Swiss Academy of Arts and Sciences in organising the ITD24 conference in November. While I haven't been involved directly in my role as President, the conference is a key activity of the ITD Alliance and I applaud the efforts of the organisers and participants.

Vision for the Next 12 Months (October 2024-September 2025)

My top priority is to establish the ITD Alliance on a firmer financial footing, so that the Interim Executive Secretary is in a better position to support member activities and manage all aspects of the ITD Alliance administration.

I am also committed to keep working collaboratively, with Leadership Board members and more generally, to make the ITD Alliance truly global. This involves not only recruitment from under-represented regions and countries, but also changing the way the ITD Alliance operates, so that all voices can be influential. We have an exciting learning journey ahead of us, not only to work with cultural, language and other differences, but also to deal with practical challenges, such as poor internet connectivity and fluctuating electricity availability.

The final high priority is to continue all the other activities mentioned above, ensuring that they are either completed or embedded in ITD Alliance processes. While I also aim to be open to new opportunities, this needs to be in the context of the ITD Alliance's limited resources.

How You Can Help

The ITD Alliance needs your help to thrive and to contribute to the growing opportunities to advance inter- and transdisciplinarity. Here are four simple things that you can do:
1. Renew your membership when it becomes due.
2. If you can afford it, make a donation. All size donations are welcome. Consider doubling your membership payment, as I have. Or kick-start an initiative, as institutional network member NITRO-Oceania is, through its funding of administrative support for the Oceania Regional Network.
3. Recruit other members. If every member recruits one other member, it will double the ITD Alliance's income.
4. Submit material to the newsletter. If you are organising an activity or event, let us help you advertise it. If you want to report on something you have attended, let us know.

And, of course, we value any volunteer efforts that you can contribute. Do consider joining a working group or getting involved in other existing activities. Please get in touch if you have suggestions or questions. We have set up an Ideas Board for other activities that we may not be able to support yet, but that should be high on the list as the ITD Alliance becomes more financially secure.

Attachment 2: Financial Report

Theres Paulsen and Caryn Anderson

The Financial Report has three parts:
- The Treasurer's Report
- The FY24 Statement, reporting on our financial activities and position for fiscal year 2024 (1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024)
- The FY25 Budget, reporting on forecasted financial activity for the upcoming fiscal year 2025 (1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025)

Treasurer's Report

As the finances of the ITD Alliance continue to evolve, in 2024 we have adapted our financial controls and reporting to present key information in a way that can be used for strategic planning and development of the ITD Alliance.

The ITD Alliance currently has a bank account with PostFinance AG. We also have a PayPal account to facilitate incoming payments. Both services charge fees, and different types of transfers incur different additional costs.

The Leadership Board receives monthly financial reports on cash flow, focusing on net income and expenses. We account for unpaid services, such as this year's additional secretariat expenses, as "encumbrances", which are not reflected in the ending cash balance. A "Financial Position Adjusted" report is presented to include these future liabilities. Previously, only net payments were recorded as income, but we now record the full membership fee as income, with banking fees listed separately as expenses. Moving forward, we aim to explore ways to reduce these banking fees through informed recommendations.

This year, a significant financial impact came from the transition in the secretariat, as we paid both secretaries for two months to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities. In addition, the Leadership Board felt it was important to take this opportunity to update certain processes, particularly financial reporting, as already mentioned, membership management and web hosting. The Leadership Board authorised the Interim Executive Secretary to work additional hours to complete this work. She, in turn, agreed to defer invoicing for the additional hours to months where cash flow was adequate. These changes will prepare us for the future, allowing us to manage a growing membership base with more efficient invoicing and communication. In addition, technical services will become more expensive in the future, such as the cost of distributing our newsletter. Even though it is an increased cost, we are pleased to report that the number of newsletter subscribers now exceeds the number allowed in the free version of the distribution program we use, so that we have moved to a paid version.

It is our goal to provide our members with a clear and transparent overview of our financial situation. While the ITD Alliance is experiencing positive growth, this also requires additional efforts. As our activities expand, we are seeing an increased need for support, as well as more assistance for the Leadership Board and President. The website will also require a significant update in the near future. To meet our needs, it would be beneficial to double the Executive Secretary's hours (currently 20%, or one day per week), but we are currently unable to fund this. We thank all members for paying their fees on time, engaging in new member recruitment, and keeping bank charges low.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our secretaries, the ITD Alliance has been able to meet most of its obligations from its own resources.

FY24 Statement and FY25 Budget

The 2024 Fiscal Year (FY24) Statement and the 2025 Fiscal Year (FY25) Budget each contain the following sections:

- **Beginning Cash Balances** – This section reports balances on 1 September from our two financial accounts (PostFinance AG bank account and PayPal account). These amounts are carried over from the previous year.
- **Income** – This section includes income from membership fees in two lines: Individual and Institutional Memberships. Currently, we receive no other income.
- **Expenses** – This section includes two primary types of expenses: Secretariat Personnel and Operating Expenses. Secretariat Personnel includes consultant fees paid to Tobias Buser (FY24 only) and Caryn Anderson. Operating Expenses include banking fees for account maintenance and payment processing and technology expenses for website, email, and domain hosting, and bulk email services (Mail Chimp) in FY25.
- **Ending Cash Balances** – This section reports ending balances on 31 August (actual balances for FY24, forecast balances for FY25).
- **Financial Position** – The FY24 Statement includes a section to recognise the "encumbrance" of payments owed to Caryn Anderson for additional hours worked but not yet invoiced. By adjusting our ending cash balance to subtract this encumbrance, we present the actual financial position of the ITD Alliance.
- **Notes** – Each report includes notes under the financial table to explain various items.

Reports begin on the following page.

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FY24 Financial Statement

	FY24 STATEMENT
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	
PostFinance AG (bank)	9.646,11
PayPal	546,98
TOTAL BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	**10.193,09**
INCOME	
Individual Memberships	9.880,86
Institutional Memberships	22.100,00
TOTAL INCOME	**31.980,86**
EXPENSES	
Secretariat Personnel	**-35.192,22**
Tobias Buser (20% FTE)	-25.000,00
Caryn Anderson (20% FTE)	-8.333,32
Caryn Anderson Additional	-1.858,90
Operating Expenses	**-1.419,39**
Banking	
PayPal Fees	-286,10
PostFinance Monthly Fee	-60,00
PostFinance Wire In Fees	-145,99
PostFinance Wire Out Fees	-8,00
Technology	
Web and Email Hosting	-919,30
TOTAL EXPENSES	**-36.611,61**
NET INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	**-4.630,75**
ENDING CASH BALANCE	
PostFinance AG (bank)	5.562,34
PayPal	0,00
TOTAL ENDING CASH BALANCE	**5.562,34**
FINANCIAL POSITION	
Encumbrance/Payable at FY Close	-4.166,50
FINANCIAL POSITION ADJUSTED	**1.395,84**

Notes:
- FY24: 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024. Amounts are in CHF (Swiss Francs).
- Tobias Buser was paid every 6 months, in December and June.
- Caryn Anderson is paid monthly (4 months in FY24).
- Additional hours of work by Caryn Anderson were authorised as a temporary measure. Additional hours worked in May and June hours were paid in FY24.
- Wire In Fees are charged by our bank to receive funds in currencies other than CHF or EUR.
- Wire Out Fees are charged by our bank to send payments to Caryn Anderson (2,00 CHF per transfer).
- Web and Email hosting in FY24 included payments to previous host and to new hosts for new annual contracts.
- Encumbrance reflects additional hours worked by Caryn Anderson in July and August, invoices deferred to FY25.

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FY25 Budget Forecast

	FY25 BUDGET	FY24 STATEMENT
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE		
PostFinance AG (bank)	5.562,34	9.646,11
PayPal	0,00	546,98
TOTAL BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	**5.562,34**	**10.193,09**
INCOME		
Individual Memberships	10.680,00	9.880,86
Institutional Memberships	23.100,00	22.100,00
TOTAL INCOME	**33.780,00**	**31.980,86**
EXPENSES		
Secretariat Personnel	**-34.166,50**	**-35.192,22**
Tobias Buser (20% FTE)	0,00	-25.000,00
Caryn Anderson (20% FTE)	-25.000,00	-8.333,32
Caryn Anderson Additional	-5.000,00	-1.858,90
Caryn Anderson payable from FY24	-4.166,50	
Operating Expenses	**-1.403,16**	**-1.419,39**
Banking		
PayPal Fees	-384,48	-286,10
PostFinance Monthly Fee	-60,00	-60,00
PostFinance Wire In Fees	-138,60	-145,99
PostFinance Wire Out Fees	-24,00	-8,00
Technology		
Web and Email Hosting	-501,00	-919,30
Mail Chimp Monthly	-295,08	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**-35.569,66**	**-36.611,61**
NET INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	**-1.789,66**	**-4.630,75**
ENDING CASH BALANCE		
PostFinance AG (bank)	3.772,68	5.562,34
PayPal	0,00	0,00
TOTAL ENDING CASH BALANCE	**3.772,68**	**5.562,34**
FINANCIAL POSITION		
Encumbrance/Payable at FY Close	0,00	-4.166,50
FINANCIAL POSITION ADJUSTED	**3.772,68**	**1.395,84**

Notes:
- FY25: 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025. Amounts are in CHF (Swiss Francs).
- Individual and Institutional Memberships amounts are based on 100% of current members renewing. No estimate of new members is included. It is projected that non-renewing member losses and new member gains will be roughly equal.
- Additional hours of work by Caryn Anderson were authorised as a temporary measure. From September to November these hours are estimated at 5.000,00.
- Caryn Anderson payable additional hours for July and August 2024 will be due in FY25.
- PayPal Fees are based on average rate of 4% for 90% of Individual membership fees (who pay by PayPal).
- Wire In Fees are charged by our bank to receive funds in currencies other than CHF or EUR.
- Wire Out Fees are charged by our bank to send payments to Caryn Anderson (2,00 CHF per transfer).
- Mail Chimp bulk email service is free up to 500 subscribers. In September 2024, we exceeded 500 subscribers, requiring a monthly subscription moving forward for up to 1500 subscribers.

Attachment 3: Reports by Interim Executive Secretary and Former Executive Secretary

Report by Interim Executive Secretary
Caryn Anderson, May – August 2024

I was appointed as Interim Executive Secretary in May and was pleased to have a two-month hand-over period with outgoing Executive Secretary, Tobias Buser, to learn about the systems he had set in place to manage members, process payments, deliver communications, and develop a website to present the public face of the ITD Alliance. I was able to view these through my extensive skills and experience in nonprofit administration and website management and to update and improve operational systems to support the ITD Alliance as it enters a new phase in its development. The improvements were made possible by a temporary authorisation for additional hours as reported by the Treasurer.

This report provides information about work undertaken, key membership statistics and suggestions for future improvements and priorities, as the ITD Alliance's financial situation permits.

Finances

Accounting procedures were updated to provide more accurate details of payments received and invoicing/receivables. For example, as noted in the Treasurer's Report, previously only net payments were recorded as income, but now the full membership fees are recorded as income, with bank or PayPal fees listed separately as expenses. This allows us to accurately assess our costs in order to evaluate alternative payment solutions. It also allows us to make more accurate income projections.

The more sophisticated accounting procedures, in combination with more comprehensive member records, have enabled detailed monthly reporting on cash flow to the Leadership Board, including projections of income, expenses, and encumbrances to support effective planning and decision-making. See the Financial Report for detail.

Technology

When I joined in May, there were already problems with the website and email hosting provider. Email delivery was unreliable, customer support was restricted to email communication (with average response times of 2 days and often incorrect or incomplete responses), and no user portal was provided for billing, email management, website file management or development environments, or domain management.

The decision was made to move to new vendors for email and website hosting and domain management. The move was difficult and time-consuming due to extensive delays and errors by the previous host, but was completed in early August. The new vendors are providing excellent 24-hour live customer support, comprehensive administrative access with a dedicated website development environment, and faster more reliable website and email delivery for roughly the same cost as the previous provider.

Membership

Improvements were made to the member records management system to provide more accurate records of member activity (e.g., payments, communication), additional detail, and statistical reporting to assist with strategic decision-making and communication.

Below is a summary of ITD Alliance's current membership by region, including new and renewing members whose fee payments are pending.

Member Type / *Status*	Total	Asia	Europe	Global	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East & North Africa	North America	Oceania	Sub-Saharan Africa
Institutional Members, 30 September 2024									
Paid or reciprocal relationship	28	1	16	2	3	0	1	5	0
New Pending	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renewal Pending	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INSTITUTIONS	33	1	20	3	3	0	1	5	0
Individual Members, 30 September 2024									
Individual	155	7	93	0	7	2	24	8	14
Paid or fee waiver	119	5	71	0	5	1	19	6	12
New Pending	30	2	18	0	1	0	9	0	0
Renewal Pending	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Individuals nominated by Institutions ✳	192	3	115	3	4	0	9	58	0
Included with institutional membership	12	2	5	0	2	1	1	1	0
New Pending	6	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0
Renewal Pending	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	347	10	208	3	11	2	33	66	14

✳ Institutional Members receive a select number of complimentary individual memberships based on their size.

Future improvements:
Even with improvements, membership processes still involve multiple applications. When finances permit, a professional membership or contact management program is required.

Communication

Response times to email communication were improved, and member onboarding communication templates were updated to provide more resources for members.

I stepped in during the President's absence in August-September to help produce the newsletter.

Future priorities:
Taking responsibility for the production of the newsletter (currently undertaken by the President) is a future priority.

Website

Many individual pages of the website were revised to present clearer or updated information.

Future improvements:
The website needs a significant update of all of its content and its information architecture (organisation and file structure). Until finances are available for this major update, minor updates will continue to be made as time and priority allow.

Decision-Making Support

The Leadership Board of the ITD Alliance has been meeting more frequently than in previous years and making more decisions more efficiently based on its new procedures, as outlined in the President's Report. Much of the work has involved policy decisions associated with the Alliance's growth and development. I have worked extensively with the President and other members of the Executive Committee to gather relevant data (from improved member and financial systems outlined above, and other sources) and to assist with crafting written advance agenda materials that enable Leadership Board members to be most efficient during their live online meetings.

The increased volume of activity and decisions from the Leadership Board have also resulted in an increase in decision-related actions required, including communication with members or collaborators and updates to management systems, communication materials, and website pages.

Future priorities:
Organising ITD Alliance records of policies, decisions, planning documents, event materials, partnership agreements, key correspondence, member and finance data, and historic public communication into a systematic, centralised and navigable archive is a future priority.

Meeting Organisation

I have been actively involved in developing new, more transparent procedures for the General Assembly meetings, as well as preparing materials and managing logistics and communication.

I stepped in during the President's absence in August-September to support meetings of the Leadership Board.

Future priorities:
Taking responsibility for the Leadership Board meeting agendas and minutes (currently undertaken by the President) is a future priority.

Support for Key ITD Alliance Activities

Funding from NITRO-Oceania has allowed me to actively support the development of the first ITD Alliance regional network (in Oceania), which is still in early stages. Funding from the TD Training Collaboratory has enabled my involvement in hosting the Collaboratory's TD Training Design Guide on the ITD Alliance website.

Future priorities:

Almost all ITD Alliance activities, especially the working groups, would be strengthened by administrative support, funded by partners and also the ITD Alliance itself.

Conclusion

I have valued the opportunity to apply my administrative and information management skills to preparing the ITD Alliance for a new phase of growth. Our momentum is motivating, and I look forward to helping us continue to achieve more of our vision. I also look forward to continuing to get to know more members personally in the months ahead.

Report by Former Executive Secretary
Tobias Buser, September 2023-June 2024

Fiscal year 2023-2024 began with preparations for the General Assembly, including the Leadership Board elections and the first presidential election. This was accompanied by the facilitation of Leadership Board meetings and the transition to a presidential model in the ITD Alliance governance system. Tobias Buser was very happy to count on the support of Catarina Isidoro, who was sponsored by MED - Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development for the period June-November 2023.

After the General Assembly with the election of the inaugural President Gabriele Bammer, we developed the working modes within the presidential model in close collaboration between the Leadership Board, the President and the Executive Secretary.

On the administrative side, the membership and accounting files had to be reconfigured as they had been developed in the early days of the ITD Alliance before the steady growth of the membership base. Membership fees from our institutional members have been coming in very reliably - a big thank you to those institutions as well as to individual members who regularly renew their membership. However, it has been a challenge to maintain a steady flow of individual membership renewals.

2023-2024 was also a year of important collaborations at various levels (not funded by the ITD Alliance and leveraged through, but not always officially in, the role of Executive Secretary):
- For the ITD 24 conference (see ITD 24 conference report), where Tobias Buser is still co-organising on behalf of the ITD Alliance.
- With the Transdisciplinary (TD) Training Collaboratory - a global consortium of leading TD scholars/thought leaders and practitioners together with trainers (funded by the US National Science Foundation), where Tobias Buser has been involved in td-train-the-trainer workshops, project meetings and writing a design guide for trainers that will be hosted on the ITD Alliance website.
- For workshops on funding formats for transdisciplinary research programmes and on td case study templates with the Belmont Forum and Future Earth at the SRI Congress in Helsinki.
- With the Earth-Humanity Coalition to explore synergies for contributing to the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024-2033.

Finally, I am very pleased that we have had a very productive handover period to interim Executive Secretary Caryn Anderson.

Attachment 4: Leadership Board Activities Report and Member Reports

Leadership Board Activities Report

Meeting Attendance

Member	Dec23	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Gabriele Bammer	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Steve Fiore	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended
Helena Guimarães	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absentee vote		Attended	Attended part		Attended
Ria Lambino	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended part	Attended	Absentee vote	Attended	Attended	Attended
Alexandra Lux	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absentee vote	Attended	Attended	Absentee vote	Attended	Attended	
Basirat Oyalowo	Attended			Attended	Absentee vote	Attended	Attended part	Attended	Attended	Attended
Theres Paulsen	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absentee vote	Attended	Attended	Attended
Maria Perevochtchikova	Attended		Attended		Attended		Absentee vote	Absentee vote	Absentee vote	Absentee vote
Mariana Pereyra Perez	Attended	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended part	Attended	Attended
Jason Prior	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absentee vote	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Ulli Vilsmaier	Attended	Attended		Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended part		

⬛ (Attended)	Attended
▨ (dark gray)	Attended part of meeting (and usually absentee vote on items missed)
▢ (light gray)	Absentee vote

Appointments

Tobias Buser reappointed as Executive Secretary, December 2023
Tobias Buser resigned as Executive Secretary in February 2024, effective end June 2024
Caryn Anderson appointed as Interim Executive Secretary, May 2024 to end May 2025
Ulli Vilsmaier appointed as second signatory on ITD Alliance bank account (replacing Tobias Buser)

New Institutional Members approved

Avans University of Applied Sciences – Research group Transdisciplinary Collaboration in Education, The Netherlands
AwhiWorld, New Zealand
Centre for Integrated Research on Culture and Society (CIRCUS), Uppsala University, Sweden
Centre for People, Place, & Planet, Edith Cowan University, Australia
Centre for Unusual Collaborations, The Netherlands
Innovation- and Transformation-Platform for Sustainable Development Innovations- and Transformations- Plattform für Nachhaltige Entwicklung (itp:ne), Germany
Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning, University of Warwick (delayed payment to 2025), UK
Institute for the Future at KU Leuven, Belgium
NITRO-Oceania (Network of Leaders of of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Research Organisations in the Oceania Region; non-fee-paying network), Australia

Responsive Research Association (Responsive Research Collective) (reduced payment from December 2024), Switzerland

Decisions *(in approximate order in which made)*

A reduced 2-year individual membership fee in association with the ITD24 conference
Join Earth-Humanity Coalition on non-fee paying basis
Accept the invitation from the TD Training Collaboratory to undertake joint regional workshops to assess global training needs in transdisciplinary research (Gabriele Bammer and Ria Lambino worked with Margaret Krebs to choose ITD Alliance co-lead after advertising position to ITD Alliance members)
Approve temporary increase in hours worked by Interim Executive Secretary with delayed payment
Move to alternate providers (WP Engine & DreamHost and away from Fairkom) for webhosting, domains and e-mail
Host TD Training Design Guide developed by TD Training Collaboratory on ITD Alliance website
Investigate feasibility of forming an Education and Training working group
Support formation of an Oceania Regional Network (funding for administrative support provided by NITRO-Oceania)
Prioritise the 4 unfilled positions on the Leadership Board (that would bring it to its full complement of 15) for people from Asia, Africa, or the Middle East
Processes for conducting the 2024 General Assembly

Operating procedures developed

Operating Guidelines for the Leadership Board
Guidelines for Responding to Requests from Other Institutions for Cooperation in Events

In progress

Review and discussion of strategic assessment of institutional membership of ITD Alliance (led by Ulli Vilsmaier and Steve Fiore)

Individual Member reports

Gabriele Bammer
See President's Report (Attachment 1)

Steve Fiore
Development Activities
- Continued work with Ulli Vilsmaier to develop plan to increase membership of the Alliance; has involved review and coding of existing member interests and goals and identification of themes that can be used advertise to and recruit prospective members for the Alliance; developed our own initial notional tactics and strategies for recruitment and marketing plan for the Alliance; briefed board on activities as they're being developed.
Outreach
- Promoted ITD Alliance at the 4th Latin American Conference on Interdisciplinary Research and Higher Education (IEI2024) in Uruguay. Created English/Spanish handouts/card describing the Alliance and how to join.

- Gave workshop at the 4th Latin American Conference on Interdisciplinary Research and Higher Education (IEI2024) in which I promoted the efforts of the Alliance
- Gave keynote address at the 4th Latin American Conference on Interdisciplinary Research and Higher Education (IEI2024) in which I promoted the efforts of the Alliance

Working Groups
- Toolkits and Methods Working Group - Participated in Rigor meeting to discuss and evaluate their matrix approach for analyzing tools and methods

Helena Guimarães

In addition to my contributions to Leadership Board discussions and occasionally facilitating meetings, I am an active member of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Board and have contributed to decision making and agenda setting on a wide range of issues, usually in short time frames. I also explored the possibility of a summer school on transdisciplinarity, but this is currently on hold. I introduced the ITD Alliance at a training about participatory approaches and shared the newsletter.

Ria Lambino

I have actively engaged in the leadership board meetings, contributing ideas and insights pertaining to strategic direction, operational sustainability and outreach. I've also worked to ensure that regional perspectives, particularly from Asia and the Global South, are not only heard but integrated into the global agenda of the Alliance. I am currently engaged in organizing regional workshops for Asia on "Assessing Training Needs for Transdisciplinary Research" as part of the partnership of the ITD Alliance with the TD Training Collaboratory Project as well as organizing regional and global networking sessions at the ITD 2024 conference.

Alexandra Lux

As member of the ITD Alliance Leadership Board, I am fully committed to supporting the mission and strategic goals of the Alliance. My main focus during the last year was on identifying and exploring synergies and opportunities that arise when the ITD Alliance and regional networks. Starting a dialogue among ITD Alliance and the newly founded German-speaking Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF - Gesellschaft fuer transdsiziplinaere und partizipative Forschung). By initiating a dialogue, we were able to explore the potentials for mutual support, closer cooperation, and a valuable exchange between the working groups of both associations. In my day-to-day work and personal communications in networks and research consortia, I emphasised the relevance and value of transdisciplinary collaboration and the advantages of engaging with the ITD Alliance. This was done in personal, bilateral communications or pointing to the Alliance's newsletter and further resources.

Basirat Oyalowo

In the last year, I have:
- Attended Leadership Board meetings and contributed to strategic decision-making on key items
- Introduced the ITD Alliance to research leads and groups at the Oxford Brookes University through inclusion in seminar presentations and one-on-one meetings to promote institutional membership
- Initiated early talks to create an African hub for the Alliance through workshops to be hosted by the Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, the regional host of the African Research Network for Urbanisation and Habitable Cities

- Supported recruitment of a diversified Leadership board members through informational conversations with potential applicants and individual members
- Supported visibility of the Alliance through targeted sharing of newsletters, conference alerts, and opportunities
- Planned participation in the Utrecht Conference through presentation at a workshop focusing on 'Between Complicity and Resistance ' to develop some general lessons for transdisciplinarity

Theres Paulsen

See Treasurer's Report in Financial Report ([Attachment 2](#))

I contributed actively to the Leadership Board, which involved facilitating two meetings, and to the Executive Committee, which involved multiple online and e-mail discussions and decisions. I was also active in helping organise the ITD24 conference, including organising financing for, planning and setting up a "memorial wall" for Julie Thompson Klein. I investigated conditions for tax exemption for the ITD Alliance in the Canton of Bern (tax exemption is not necessary at this stage), liaised with the INSciTS (International Network for the Science of Team Science) Executive about closer relations, publicised the newsletter, and set up Zoom links to facilitate better communication.

Maria Perevochtchikova

I became a Leadership Board Member in November 2023, and since then, my contributions have been:
- I have participated in 40% of the leadership board meetings online, with votes sent via email in case of absence in other sessions, providing my point of view from the Latin American perspective.
- I am part of the Executive Committee of the National Strategic Program (PRONACE in Spanish) on Socio-ecological Systems and Sustainability, where we promote the inter and transdisciplinary principals and way of carrying out scientific research. Also, we contribute to the publications and events from the ITD perspective; specifically, our participation in the 1st National Congress of PRONACE, held in August 2024, stands out.
- Additionally, at my work institution El Colegio de México, and being part of the ITD Alliance, we promote ideas and forms of studying socio-environmental problems in urban and peri-urban contexts from a transversal, intersectoral and interactor perspective; with the continuous organisation of seminars, workshops and student training at the graduate level.
- I also contribute to discussion activities within the LA PECS network, which is aligned with the goals of the global ITD Alliance, from a regional Latin American perspective.
- Also, I have contributed two notes to the newsletter.

Mariana Pereyra Perez

I became a Leadership Board Member in November 2023, and since then, my contributions have been:
- Participated in 90% of the leadership board meetings, contributing with my experience and giving the Latin American perspective.
- Showcased the ITD Alliance at the 4th Latin American Conference on Interdisciplinary Research and Higher Education (IEI2024) on July 23 to 26, organised by the Interdisciplinary Space of the University of the Republic (Udelar) in Uruguay.

- I am a regional workshop leader for Latin America in the collaborative project between the TD Training Collaboratory and the ITD Alliance on "Assessing Training Needs for Transdisciplinary Research"
- Strengthening the Latin American network, Enlace, in inter and transdisciplinary research and education and finding ways to collaborate with the ITD Alliance.
- Contributed two articles to the newsletter.

Jason Prior

Over the past year, I have played an active role in strengthening the direction, visibility, and regional perspective of the ITD Alliance through the following efforts:
- Consistent attendance at Leadership Board meetings.
- Participation in decisions regarding the sustainability of the ITD Alliance, e.g. strategic and financial.
- Expanding and strengthening the Alliance's membership base through outreach activities.

In addition, I have contributed to increasing the visibility and regional presence of the ITD Alliance by organizing a satellite ITD24 conference at the University of Technology Sydney and participating in the development of the Oceania Regional Network. Specific initiatives include:
- Organizing a regional keynote session scheduled for early morning (Utrecht time) on Wednesday, 6 November 2024, which will be live-streamed from Sydney and Canberra to the main conference.
- Coordinating a student-led regional event.
- Organising the first seminar for the Oceania Regional Network.

Ulli Vilsmaier

- Extensive work on behalf of the ITD Alliance in developing regional workshops on training needs, in collaboration with the TD Training Collaboratory.
- Multiple discussions with potential institutional members
- Several meetings and discussions with Steve Fiore to reflect, discuss, explore and develop a strategy (in progress) to advance institutional membership of the ITD Alliance. This also involved an analysis of motivations and expectations of institutional membership.
- Finalised and distributed report of the Responsive Research Collective ITA #8 Seminar introducing ITD Alliance, i2S/i2Insights, td-net and AIS. (ITA is Inter- and Transdisciplinarity in Action/Inter y Transdisciplina en Acción (ITA): https://responsiveresearch.org/training/#inter-and-transdisciplinarity-in-action-workshop).
- Activities for 2024 proposed to the Egyptian Knowledge Bank for their training program in Egypt: one of them in cooperation with ITD Alliance, as undertaken in previous years
- Revision of proposal to the Leadership board for collaboration regulation between the ITD Alliance and other organisations
- Gathering of text from the work of the sub-group on diversity and inclusion that worked during the founding year.

Attachment 5: Working Group Reports

Report of Working Group on Toolkits and Methods

In 2023-2024, the Toolkits & Methods Working Group (WG) achieved significant progress in enhancing global awareness and support for ITD toolkits and methods. Membership increased by over 60%, and our four new publications this year have been viewed over 2,500 times worldwide. Our ongoing "Inventory Project" not only released an overview of our ITD Toolkits Inventory—a unique global resource in multiple formats—but also generated new insights from it. Our 2024 peer-reviewed article and encyclopedia entry introduced "toolkitting" as a crucial ITD practice, highlighting the specialised expertise required to address toolkit fragmentation in the field. Our international reach is expanding through our website, invited webinars, and the i2Insights blog and repository, fostering a global coalition for smarter toolkitting. We are now collaborating with the International Network for the Science of Team Science (INSciTS) and the Association for Clinical & Translational Science (ACTS) to expand our Toolkit Inventory, and we are crowd-sourcing quality toolkits in various languages via our Community Picks feature. Additionally, under renewed leadership, our "Quality & Rigour Project" is becoming a model of participatory, engaged scientific practice. The team has created a dynamic, evolving document outlining criteria for high-quality and rigorous ITD tools and methods, which will be open for community input at the ITD24 conference. More specific updates are available in the ITD Alliance's newsletters. We welcome new members, project ideas, and inquiries. Contact us for more information.

Report of Working Group on Integration Experts and Expertise

Since the last General Assembly in 2023, the Working Group on Integration Experts and Expertise has organised two workshops: one workshop in the Netherlands to exchange and network among researchers, funders and directors of research institutes interested in further exploring, developing, and promoting academic careers for integration experts, while strengthening related expertise and a second virtual workshop to explore integration experts' creative and supportive contributions to ITD research. We also organised four virtual informal exchanges among lecturers on innovative learning and teaching formats focused on integration within higher education. Based on our exchanges, we have submitted as part of the ITD Alliance Working Group four workshops to the ITD 2024 Conference, one training session on integrative teaching and learning and one poster exhibition on innovative teaching and learning formats across different regions. We have also published a book chapter on 'Integrative Teaching and Learning' and an encyclopedia entry on 'Integration Experts and Expertise'. Researchers, lecturers, funders and directors interested in joining the Working Group are invited to participate in the Networking Event at the ITD 2024 Conference in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Report of Working Group on Early Career Researchers (ECR WG)

Since the last General Assembly meeting in 2023, the ECR WG has completed the "Handbook for ITD ECRs" and it is now online! We encourage you to consider sharing it as a resource with your students if you are in a supervisory role. Or share it with your peers if you are an ECR yourself. As a living document, this Handbook will be regularly updated. The next update will come following the input received as a part of the ECR networking event at the ITD24 Conference. We have held 4 virtual coffees since the last General Assembly meeting in 2023 and will continue to organise them in the future. A special thanks to Prof. Ulli Vilsmaier for joining us in a special session for one of these virtual

coffees. Materials from the Handbook will be used as one basis for developing a new transdisciplinary lab for research and learning at Technical University Delft and for further TD development of a transdisciplinary minor and for PhD students as a part of the Graduate School in the future.

Attachment 6: ITD24 Conference Report

Tobias Buser

The International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2024 "*Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Beyond Buzzwords - Educational Pathways for Sustainable Research Collaborations"* will welcome more than 450 participants in Utrecht, the Netherlands, and online from 4-8 November 2024. ITD 24 will be a major meeting for all those involved in collaborative modes of research and education, and the first face-to-face meeting to bring together a significant part of the ITD Alliance membership and other experts from around the world to discuss, advance and institutionalise collaborative modes of research and education. Conference website: https://itd-alliance.org/itd24/

The conference is organised by the ITD Alliance together with the Network for Transdisciplinary Research (td-net) of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences and the Utrecht Programme for Interdisciplinary Education (University of Utrecht), who are generously hosting the conference.

Preparations began as early as the end of 2022, with initial reflections on the main objectives, themes and logistical issues. After COVID 19 there was a lot of uncertainty about the number of participants for a mainly face-to-face conference.
The call for papers was developed by the conference core team with feedback from the Conference Board. The call struck a balance between the specificity of the conference theme and the openness to developments in all aspects of inter- and transdisciplinary research and education.

The response to the call was overwhelming, with 380 submissions, about twice as many as we expected - a clear sign of the growing importance of inter- and transdisciplinarity. The selection process was both a pleasure and a challenge given the high quality of the submissions, as we received more high quality abstracts than we could fit into the programme. In several rounds, we decided on the basis of the review scores, the programme and the diversity of the contributions. The programme is now available and we are in the final preparations for the event. We are also delighted that Leadership Board member Jason Prior has organised an Australian satellite event, including two face-to-face workshops in Sydney and a plenary session that will also be available online.

We would especially like to thank the Co-Organisers who made the conference possible, especially the wonderful Utrecht team led by Prof. Dr. Iris van der Tuin, and the experience in ITD conferences brought by the td-net team led by Theres Paulsen. We would also like to thank the members of the Conference Board – more than 50 experts in collaborative and engaged forms of research and education who played an important role in shaping the call for papers and in reviewing the abstracts. And a big thank you to the entire ITD community, whose contributions bring an enormous wealth of expertise, dedication and know-how to make possible an incredibly rich and diverse programme.

Attachment 7: Proposal to increase regional diversity on ITD Alliance Leadership Board

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.

The ITD Alliance Leadership Board currently comprises:
- 4 members from Europe (1 due for re-election at 2024 general assembly)
- 2 members from Oceania (1 due for re-election at 2024 general assembly)
- 2 members from Latin America
- 1 member from North America
- 1 member from sub-Saharan Africa
- 1 member from Asia (due for re-election at 2024 general assembly)

Of these 11 members, 9 are women and 2 are men, and 8 are representatives of institutional members and 3 are individual members.

It is well established that quotas are an effective tool for achieving diversity, thus the Leadership Board is putting 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:
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 (see above). The Leadership Board therefore proposes that the 4 additional available positions are reserved for members from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.

There are, however, some complexities resulting from the bylaws. In particular, the ITD Alliance currently has only one institutional member from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa, and that institutional member currently has a representative on the Leadership Board. That means that the four new members will be individual members.

As a consequence, it will not be possible to maintain the stipulation in the bylaws that at least two-thirds of Leadership Board members should represent institutional members. A suspension of the bylaws will therefore be required (see motion 6 in Attachment 8).

If the proposal to increase diversity on the Leadership Board (see motion 5 in Attachment 8) is not supported, then the stipulation in the bylaws that at least two-thirds of Leadership Board members should represent institutional members will restrict the number of people who can be elected.

This is described in Attachment 10 under "HOW votes will be counted."

Attachment 8: Overview of Motions, with Explanatory Notes

Motions:

1. That the General Assembly accepts the report of the President.
Support / Do Not Support / Abstain

2. That the General Assembly accepts the financial report.
Support / Do Not Support / Abstain

3. That the General Assembly accepts the reports of the Interim Executive Secretary and the Former Executive Secretary.
Support / Do Not Support / Abstain

4. That the General Assembly accepts the report of Leadership Board activities and the member reports.
Support / Do Not Support / Abstain

Motions 1-4 Explanatory note: Voting on these four motions is effectively an expression of confidence by the ITD Alliance members in the work of the Leadership Board, including the President, and of the Interim Executive Secretary.

5. That the General Assembly accepts the proposal to reserve four currently unfilled positions for members from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.
Support / Do Not Support / Abstain

6. If motion 5 is supported, that the General Assembly accepts the proposal that the ITD Alliance bylaw requiring at least two-thirds of Leadership Board members to be representatives of institutional members is suspended until the 2025 General Assembly.
Support / Do Not Support / Abstain

Motions 5 and 6 Explanatory note: Motion 5 gives effect to the proposal to increase regional diversity on the ITD Alliance Leadership Board (Attachment 7). If motion 5 is supported, the 4 currently unfilled positions will go to individual members, so that the Leadership Board will have 8 members representing institutional members (53%) and 7 individual members (47%). This is not in line with the bylaws which stipulate that at least 2/3 of Leadership Board members should be members representing institutional members, hence motion 6 calls for a suspension of the bylaws, until the 2025 General Assembly, if motion 5 is supported.

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Attachment 9: Statements by candidates for election to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board

Nominations have been received from the ITD Alliance members listed below. They are listed in the order in which they will appear on the voting form, namely:
- Candidates representing institutional members are listed first in alphabetical order by first name
- Candidates who are individual members are then listed, in alphabetical order by first name, and grouped as follows:
  - candidates from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa
  - candidates from other regions.

On the voting form, next to each candidate's name, please select one option to indicate whether you:
- "Support" their election
- "Do not support" their election
- "Abstain" from voting on the candidate.

To be elected, candidates will need at least half of the votes to be "support."

Candidates representing an Institutional Member (* Standing for re-election)

Christian Wagner-Ahlfs, Center for Ocean and Society (CeOS), Kiel University, Germany (Europe)

Maria Helena Guimarães*, MED - Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development from Évora University, Portugal (Europe)

Jason Prior*, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia (Oceania)

Ria Lambino*, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan (Asia)

Individual Member Candidates from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa

Diaa Ahmedien, Helwan University, Egypt (Middle East and North Africa)

Rashad Hegazy, Kafr El Sheikh University, Egypt, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH GIZ-Egypt (Middle East and North Africa)

Seema Purushothaman, Azim Premji University, India (Asia)

Umar Ibrahim, Federal University Dutse, Nigeria (Sub-Saharan Africa)

Individual Member Candidates from other regions

Gaetano Lotrecchiano, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, USA (North America)

Payal Maharaj, University of Queensland, Australia (Oceania)

Dr. Christian Wagner-Ahlfs

Center for Ocean and Society (CeOS), Kiel University, Germany

Standing as: a representative of an institutional member

Region: Europe

Position: Coordinator for transdisciplinary research, Kiel Marine Science, Kiel University; Team Management Stakeholder Dialogue, CeOS, Kiel University

Institution represented: Center for Ocean and Society, Kiel University

Link to Website: https://oceanandsociety.org/en/team/dr-christian-wagner-ahlfs

Languages spoken: German (native language), English (full professional proficiency), Spanish (limited working proficiency), French, (elementary proficiency)

Professional associations: Gesellschaft für transdisziplinäre und partizipative Forschung; Netzwerk Reallabore der Nachhaltigkeit

Focus or key activities in collaborative modes of research
As a coordinator for transdisciplinary research, I work on marine topics and
- conceptualize and realize transdisciplinary (TD) projects (e.g. in living labs),
- advice scientists on the planning of TD projects, organize and facilitate events for knowledge,
- transfer between research and business, administration, politics and civil society
- teach methods of TD research,
- do conceptual work on TD methods (e.g. marine living labs, digital tools for stakeholder engagement)

Goal(s) if elected for the Leadership Board of the ITD Alliance:
I would like to contribute my experience and enthusiasm to the Leadership Board. In my professional career, I have been involved in global networks for many years, both as a scientist and stakeholder. I have learnt the value of exchanging ideas with experts from different cultures and ways of thinking. My interest is strengthening the international exchange on TD methods and experience. Therefore, I would like to support the strategy development of the ITD Alliance. For example, I see it as a challenge to find ways to reach scientists who are not experienced in TD and support broadening their understanding of the value of TD, in order to facilitate cooperation.

Maria Helena Guimarães

Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development (MED), Évora University

Standing as: a representative of an institutional member (for re-election)

Region: Europe

Your position and institutional affiliation:
Senior Researcher at the Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development (MED), Évora University

Languages spoken:
Portuguese (native), Spanish, English and French

Professional associations you belong to: Nothing to state here

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:

I'm an aspirant integration expert working on environmental research, from natural resource management to policy design, using transdisciplinarity as my core approach. At LABSCAPE lab I lead the thematic line "Trans-disciplinarity and Co-construction" (https://www.med.uevora.pt/med-units/52-labscape/) . In MED, I coordinate the "Landscape Dynamics and Management" research group (https://www.med.uevora.pt/research-groups/21-landscape-dynamics-and-management/) , and the thematic line "Strengthen territorial cohesion to reduce disparities" at Chance Associate Lab (https://www.changeinstitute.pt/en/changes-thematic-lines/thematic-line-5). I primarily teach master's and PhD courses on transdisciplinary approaches in nature conservation and resource management. Since 2016, I coordinate a transdisciplinary platform on the sustainability of the Montado silvopastoral system: https://tertuliasdomontado.blogspot.com/

What you would like to achieve, if re-elected to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board:

Dear ITD Alliance Members,

I am honoured to run for another 2-year term as a member of the ITD Alliance Leadership Board. Over the past term, I have been committed to advancing the core mission of the ITD Alliance and working collaboratively to drive meaningful progress. If re-elected, I will continue to fully support both the Leadership Board and the Executive Committee with unwavering dedication.

I am committed to providing timely and constructive feedback on all key decisions, ensuring transparency and enabling the Alliance to move forward with agility and purpose.

In the coming term, I aim to take a more active role in expanding the ITD Alliance's efforts in training and education, where there is significant potential to create new opportunities and deepen the impact of our work.

Furthermore, I will focus on strengthening the representation of the Mediterranean region within the Alliance. By promoting new memberships and initiating region-specific initiatives, I believe we can enhance the inclusivity and global reach of ITD, while also addressing challenges unique to this region.

With your support, I look forward to continuing to contribute to the Alliance's growth and to fostering greater collaboration, innovation, and regional engagement.

Thank you for your trust and consideration.
Helena

Jason Prior

Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia

Standing as: a representative of an institutional member (for re-election)

Region: Oceania

Jason Prior is Professor of Planning, Health, and Environment at the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia. He also leads the Graduate Research Program at ISF, which focuses on ITD research and recently marked its 27th anniversary. Link to profile.

Jason has served on the ITD Alliance Leadership Board for the past two years and is seeking renomination as the institutional member representative of ISF, UTS. His spoken languages include English, and he is currently learning French.

In addition to his role at ISF, Jason leads the cross-university Healthy Populations and Environments Platform within the National Health Translation Centre 'Maridulu Budyari Gumal: Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research and Enterprise (SPHERE).' He is also an active member of several professional Architectural and Planning Associations.

Jason has expertise in both ITD research and learning. With a background in architecture, planning, and geography, Jason has led over 52 national and international ITD research projects, with a focus on environment, planning and human and planetary health. His collaborative work spans partnerships with research organisations, government bodies, industry, NGOs, communities, and the professions. Through his role as lead of ISF's long-standing ITD Graduate Research Program, Jason supports 64 PhD students and 24 supervisors and is responsible for ensuring the Program's quality, outcomes, and alignment with ISF's broader aim of fostering sustainable futures. Furthermore, Jason's research contributions include numerous publications on the institutionalisation of ITD research and learning, including a forthcoming presentation for the ITD24 conference on institutional structures that influence the success and failure of ITD research.

If re-elected to the Leadership Board of the ITD Alliance, I will remain committed to enhancing the sustainability and visibility of the ITD Alliance, and its regional perspectives. I will continue to support the ITD Alliance's sustainability by seeking funding to meet operational needs and expanding its membership base through outreach activities. I also intend to increase the visibility of regional voices within the ITD Alliance by supporting initiatives that strengthen the development of regional voices, such as the Oceania Regional Group. Thank you for considering my renomination. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the ITD Alliance.

Ria Lambino

Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN),
Japan

Standing as: a representative of an institutional
member (for re-election)

Region: Asia

Position: Specialist, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature
Deputy Director, Future Earth Global Secretariat Hub Japan
https://researchmap.jp/ria.lambino
https://www.linkedin.com/in/ria-lambino-a0759224/

Professional associations: Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinary (ITD Alliance)
Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production Knowledge Action Network
Sustainable Initiative for the Marginal Seas of South and East Asia (Steering Committee)

Languages Spoken: Filipino, Ilonggo, English, Japanese (conversational)

For over two decades, my career has been dedicated to addressing some of the most pressing conservation, development, and sustainability challenges. My work spans a broad spectrum of critical issues, including resource management, biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, water governance, and environmental policy, in the Philippines, Japan and other parts of Asia. I have been privileged to contribute both as a hands-on practitioner and as a researcher, working closely with communities, institutions, and governments to create impactful, science-based solutions.

A key aspect has been my involvement in transdisciplinary research, where I've had the opportunity to collaborate across disciplines and sectors to address complex, real-world problems as a researcher at the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN). I've helped set up a community of practice around transdisciplinary research through Future Earth's Science-Based Pathways for Sustainability Initiative, a platform dedicated to fostering innovation and collaboration, bringing together diverse perspectives to co-create sustainable solutions.

I have spearheaded the development and implementation of TERRA School, a capacity-building program on Transdisciplinarity for Early careeR Researchers across Asia and beyond. Through this initiative, we aim to equip young scholars with the tools and knowledge they need to engage meaningfully in sustainability science, fostering a new wave of leaders capable of addressing the global challenges. In recent years, I'm paying more attention to creating enabling environments for engaged science— spaces and platforms where researchers can collaborate with communities and stakeholders in ways that are impactful and foster mutual learning.

As a member of the ITD Leadership Board since 2022, I've worked to ensure that regional perspectives, particularly from Asia and the Global South, are not only heard but integrated into the global agenda of the alliance. I am currently engaged in organizing regional workshops as part of the partnership of the ITD Alliance with the TD Training

Collaboratory Project and networking sessions at the ITD 2024 conference. I am committed to creating a more inclusive and globally representative alliance that honors diverse research traditions and practices.

Looking ahead, I am eager to deepen the connections between the ITD Alliance and the various global networks I am a part of, including RIHN, Future Earth and other networks such as the International Science Council, Transformations Community etc. I believe these synergies can drive even greater transdisciplinary collaboration, and I am committed to supporting the ITD Alliance's Leadership Board in providing strategic direction, developing impactful initiatives, and mobilizing the resources needed to achieve our collective vision of a more sustainable, inclusive future.

Dr. Diaa Ahmedien

Helwan University, Egypt

Standing as: an individual member

Region: Middle East and North Africa

Education: Ph.D. New-media arts & Technology, University of Bern, and Bern University of Applied Sciences, Bern, Switzerland.

URL profile: https://www.diaaahmedien.com/

Position: Senior lecturer, sciences of new-media arts and creative technology, Faculty of Art Education, Helwan University. Cairo, Egypt.

Languges spoken: Arabic and English

Associations:
- The Interantional socities for Art, Science, and Technology LEONARDO
- The Swiss Artistic Research Network
- ACM SIGGRAPH
- Europeana

I am a new-media artist, educator, researcher, and creator. I am a specialist in designing and teaching sophisticated interactive artwork systems that incorporate concepts from a variety of fields, including human-computer interactions, digital humanities, visual communications, and medical humanities. Here, deep interdisciplinary creative practices are conducted using scientific methods and technological tools. Over the course of fourteen years of collaboration with numerous specialists from a wide range of specializations worldwide, I have developed my thoughts and research skills in interdisciplinary research projects. Through the course of my practices, I developed a type of responsible interdisciplinary practice in new media arts and creative technology that addresses pressing, timely issues of society's needs. I also made these practices better by putting them into complex interactive systems that can manage real, updatable data and information, integrate lay people into the process, and carefully think about the epistemic frameworks to make sure that accurate positions are taken and that misleading metaphors are avoided.

Related links:

https://i2insights.org/2021/01/19/art-science-integration/

https://realkm.com/2023/11/21/a-successful-model-of-integration-in-an-art-science-project-arts-culture-in-km-part-6/

https://issues.org/creative-response/humanizing-epidemiology-non-medical-investigations-into-epi-pandemic-phenomena/

https://www.creativeapplications.net/member-submissions/a-drop-of-light-structured-light-laboratory-sll/

https://www.diaaahmedien.com/researches

One of the biggest challenges in creative and innovative interdiciplinary practices is that each field of practice has its own definition and policies for practicing creativity and innovation. I would like to advocate for a plan that invites members from all creative industries. I also plan to organize regular webinars and invite distinguished speakers to deliver lectures on creative and innovative interdisciplinary topics. Furthermore, I intend to form an interdisciplinary research group of a wide spectrum of specializations to reveal a unified map of creativity and innovation in interdisciplinary studies and outline common policies.

Rashad Hegazy

Kafr El Sheikh University, Egypt; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH GIZ-Egypt

Standing as: an individual member

Region: Middle East and North Africa

Position and Institutional Affiliation

- Professor of Power Engineering and Agricultural Machinery
  Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Kafrelsheikh University, Kafrelsheikh, Egypt.

- Irrigated Agriculture Specialist
  Nile Delta Water Management Promgramme (NDWMP)- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. Egypt.

Languages spoken: Arabic and English

Professional associations belong to:
- Agricultural professions corporation – Misr (Egypt) Society of Agricultural Engineering (MSAE). No 822.
- Interdisciplinary Research Excellence Network member. Ministry of Higher Education. Egypt.
- Member of the International Association of Engineers (IAENG). No. 64803.

A statement about my 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.

Agriculture and food systems cover all activities from production to disposal, making them a crucial economic sector globally. Agro-processing efforts focus on improving agricultural value chains, food quality, and infrastructure while incorporating smallholder farmers with support from various organizations.

In MENA region and Egypt, where the agri-food sector represents about a quarter of the economy, rapid urbanization and policy shifts underscore the need for innovative agricultural strategies. Enhanced public investment is vital for maximizing the agri-food system's potential for socioeconomic development and achieving key goals. Effectively addressing current agriculture and food security challenges requires interdisciplinary approaches that improve the relevance and effectiveness of the interaction between different ITD research disciplines. Multiple disciplinarity exposes researchers to their own terminologies, it encourages learning through difference and breaking or affirming paradigms.

So, we have to move to the mode of research that integrates knowledge, information, data, techniques, tools, theories, perspectives and concepts from different disciplines, teams

and bodies to advance our fundamental understanding or to solve problems or run projects in our region and Egypt.

- https://orcid.org/0000-0003-1266-400X
- https://scholar.google.com.eg/citations?user=RLkGO_sAAAAJ&hl=en
- Interdisciplinary tools to advance agro-food processing research and projects implementation in Egypt – ScienceOpen
- Rashad Aziz Hegazy - Web of Science Core Collection

If elected to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board, my primary goals for the MENA region and Egypt would be to:

- Enhance Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Foster greater integration of diverse research disciplines to address complex agricultural and food system challenges. This includes promoting cross-sector partnerships and collaborative projects that leverage varied expertise and perspectives.
- Support Agro-Processing Innovations: Drive initiatives that improve agricultural value chains, food quality, and infrastructure. Emphasize support for smallholder farmers and facilitate partnerships with organizations that can provide necessary resources and expertise.
- Advance Socioeconomic Development: Advocate for increased public investment in the agri-food sector to harness its potential for economic growth and development. Develop strategies that align with national and international development goals, addressing rapid urbanization and policy changes.
- Promote Knowledge Integration: Encourage the adoption of interdisciplinary approaches that combine knowledge, tools, and theories from various fields. This will enhance problem-solving capabilities and foster innovative solutions for pressing agriculture and food security issues in Egypt and the broader MENA region.
- Strengthen Regional Networks: Build and strengthen networks within the MENA region to share best practices, resources, and research findings, enhancing collective efforts to tackle regional challenges effectively.
- Translating existing materials into Arabic to ensure they reach a broader, regionally and locally engaged audience.

Seema Purushothaman

Azim Premji University, India

Standing as: an individual member

Region: Asia

Affiliations:

Professor, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, India

Senior Adjunct Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bengaluru, India

Languages spoken:

English, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada

Professional associations:

Indian Society for Ecological Economics

International Society for Ecological Economics

Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies

Global network of Centres on Natural Resources and Development

My work and its relevance to inter- and trans disciplinarity and/or collaborative modes of research

Research
Trained in the interdisciplinary field of Ecological Economics, my work has been mostly about small holder family farms in India and the Global South. These solution-oriented engagements are located across forest peripheries to the peri-urban areas. A few examples:

Adaptive Skilling through Action Research (in collaboration with a grass roots NGO)

Sustainability modelling for small holder agriculture in Karnataka state (project was part of a consortium of institutions from eight countries)

Impact of urbanisation on ecology and livelihoods of peri-urban farmers (part of a consortium of 10 institutions, including two from Germany)

Teaching

Like in the case of my research, my teaching engagements too cross the borders of disciplines, scales and stakeholder communities. Teaching efforts go beyond using interdisciplinary approaches to evolving suitable pedagogies. Courses designed as team effort are offered in association with internal or external resource persons for lectures and field practicums. Courses that I teach for the graduate (in Development, Policy & Governance or Education) programs -

Interdisciplinary approaches to Sustainability

Planning and practice for sustainability

Education for a sustainable society

Economics of Sustainability

Ecology and Development in India

Practice

My research work has been mostly field- based. This meant some element of development practice organically emerging in the process. Apart from that, there have been dedicated work engaging with people on the ground. Examples:

Training indigenous youth for vesting their community rights on forest resources

Organising informed dialogues: Farmer (-undertaking sustainable practices) to Farmer (-undertaking resource intensive practices) as well as Farmer to urban consumer

Orientation programs for the front-line actors on Forest Rights Act

Training for people's representatives on the interconnectedness between livelihoods and ecology

Statement of Purpose

There exists some acknowledgement among most countries and societies about the co-existence of complex and multiple crises. They seem to independently also cognise the interconnectedness of these crises as also the interlinkages between countries, resources and societies. These two recognitions necessitate collaborative approaches to address the common crises that we face as a species and as a conscious society. But what is not so visible are some effective steps in that direction. My work accomplished so far towards partially addressing this lacuna has revealed the challenges and potential of such efforts. Through ITD alliance, I would like to use these insights along with newly shared learning from the Alliance to support and promote such engagements across disciplines, sectors, countries, communities and governance scales.

Dr. Umar Ibrahim

Federal University Dutse, Nigeria

Standing as: an individual member

Region: sub-Saharan Africa

I am Dr. Umar Ibrahim, an experienced public health expert and academic with a strong focus on inter- and trans-disciplinary collaboration. My work spans over two decades, integrating global health governance, community health, and planetary health in addressing critical public health challenges across Africa, Asia, and the Pacific, with several peer-reviewed publications and other scholarly activities evolving around transdisciplinary teaching, research, and community services. As a lecturer, researcher, and mentor, I have developed extensive expertise in transdisciplinary research, systems thinking, and sustainable health development, with particular emphasis on climate change, and health.

My involvement in organizations such as the Nigerian Association of Evaluators (NAE) Sub-Saharan African Planetary Health Alliance Hub (PHA); the African Forum for Primary Healthcare (AfroPHC); The African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREhealth); and Africa Health Research Organization (AHRO), among others, has equipped me with the skills to navigate complex global health governance issues while working across sectors. I am passionate about promoting equity, social justice, and sustainability through collaborative leadership, and I am committed to fostering meaningful partnerships among diverse disciplines to advance the ITD Alliance's mission.

As a former mentee of Prof. Jason Prior, an esteemed ITD Alliance member, I have developed a keen understanding of the Alliance's goals, as such, I am eager to contribute my expertise in leadership, advocacy, community services, and research toward advancing inter- and trans-disciplinarity globally. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to join the Leadership Board on self-nomination and help drive impactful change.

Position and institutional affiliations
- **Associate Professor:** Public & Environmental Health Department, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, Federal University Dutse, Ibrahim Aliyu By-pass, Jigawa State.
- **National President,** Nigerian Association of Evaluators (NAE) – The Monitoring and Evaluation Champions
- **Member:** Global Alliance for Inter- and Trans-disciplinarity (ITD Alliance); Switzerland.
- **EX - Focal Person: Planetary Health Alliance,** Sub-Saharan African Hub
- **Member and Team Lead Climate Change and Health Working Group** - African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREHealth)
- **West African Team Lead,** African Health and Research Organization (AHRO): Bath Street, Glasgow, Scotland,

- **Executive Board Member, and Coordinator Climate Change and Health Technical Working Group (TWG),** African Forum for Primary Healthcare (AfroPHC). (May 2022 to Date
- **Member:** Public Health Working Group - Integrating Climate Change into Public Health Initiatives. The Global Consortium On Climate and Health Education (GCCHE).
- **Member:** Planetary Health – One Health – Environmental Health Working Group; Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Washington, DC, 20036.
- **Grand Fellow,** African Institute of International Development Professionals
- **Fellowship**: Proposal and Grant Writing: Institute for Development Research
- **Full Member,** Data Science & Monitoring and Evaluators Association
- **Member,** Nigerian Association of Nursing and Midwives (NANNM)

Languages spoken: English and Hausa Languages

Professional Associations
- Nigerian Association of Evaluators (NAE)
- African Institute of International Development Professionals (AIIDF)
- Institute for Development Research (IDR)
- Data Science & Monitoring and Evaluators Association (DM&E)
- Nigerian Association of Nursing and Midwives (NANNM

Statement of Research and Practice
My research, teaching, and practice focus on the intersection of public health, global health governance, and planetary health. I specialize in integrating transdisciplinary approaches to address complex health challenges such as climate change and health. My work is guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDGs 3 (Good Health and Well-being), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Through my leadership and mentorship roles at various academic, public, and private institutions across Africa, Pacific and Asia, I have cultivated a deep understanding of systems thinking, collaborative research, and sustainable development.

I have consistently promoted the value of transdisciplinary collaborations in my work, with particular focus on integrating perspectives from the social, environmental, and health sciences to advance solutions to pressing global challenges. My commitment to equity, justice, and inclusive practices has been a cornerstone of my professional and academic contributions, aligning closely with the inter- and trans-disciplinary goals of the ITD Alliance. My contributions have resulted in peer-reviewed publications, policy recommendations, and presentations at international forums. For a detailed view of my research portfolio, please visit my ORCID profile at: https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4954-0713.

What I Would Like to Achieve If Elected
If elected to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board, I aim to foster greater collaboration across disciplines to tackle complex global challenges such as climate change, health equity, and sustainable development. I will work to strengthen partnerships between academia, policymakers, and practitioners, promoting the integration of diverse perspectives in research and practice. By encouraging capacity-building initiatives and advocating for innovative approaches to transdisciplinary research, I aspire to enhance the global impact of the ITD Alliance. Ultimately, I seek to advance the Alliance's mission of creating meaningful, inclusive, and transformative solutions to pressing societal issues.

Gaetano R. Lotrecchiano, EdD, PhD

George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Standing as: an individual member

Region: North America

Eligibility: Founding Member (since 2021); renewed membership September 2024.

Position and institutional affiliation
Gaetano R. Lotrecchiano, EdD, PhD, Associate Professor of Clinical Research and Leadership and Pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, DC.

Languages spoken: English.

Professional associations
International Network for the Science of Team Science
IDT Alliance
Association for Interdisciplinary Studies
Association for Clinical and Translational Science

Statement

Motivation and Team Science Readiness. In 2016, I developed the Motivation Assessment for Team Readiness Integration and Collaboration (MATRIC*x*), the first model and mobile application to evaluate individuals' motivations to join collaborative science teams. This research is tied to my interests in collaboration readiness represented in the Encyclopedia of Inter and Transdisciplinarity (2024), an overview of use and application (2020), its use as a tool to conduct research (2022), and a paper in Nature Humanities Social Science Communication (2023) that explains the role of a motivation inventory to establish a Reflective-Reflexive Design Method (R2DM) that focuses on the development of intra-personal attributes within the context of scientific teams.

Team and Translational Science Competency Building and Learning Science. Understanding the barriers and the context of the translational science learning ecosystem has encouraged me to develop frameworks that describe the uniqueness of these types of teams, the learning environment in which translational science exists, and what those are for those charged with mentoring new scientists who may lack knowledge about the learning sciences. In a critical article where I led a group of national leaders in team science, we defined what translational teams are and the unique competencies required on the individual and team levels and provided five domains of competence that can be observable and utilized in evaluating translational teams. This work from 2021 received great attention about the need for shared competency in translational teams. The Association of Clinical and Translational Science uses this competency model as the basis

for a micro-credentialing program. In addition, it has spurred my research group to tackle the process of providing guidelines for evaluation using multiple lenses. I described and discussed the observational evaluation framework 2022 in Helsinki at the Finnish Society of Science and Technology.

Cross-Disciplinarity and Complex Systems. With its many degrees and dimensions, cross-disciplinarity is an area of team science rife with an intersection with complexity science. In a crowning work that laid out the assumptions and framework for the concept of Transdisciplinary Knowledge Producing Teams (TDKPTs) in 2018 ultimately culminated into a book of peer-reviewed edited articles entitled Communication in Transdisciplinary Teams (GR Lotreccchiano and S Misra, eds). This body of work addressed multiple topics, such as information flow through open science mechanisms and communication in global regulatory affairs, among other issues. It also led to an agenda of work that garnered invited publications in the International Integrative Science Blog at the Australian National University (2018) and the textbook Embracing Complexity in Health by Sturmberg editor (2019). Presently, this strain of scholarship has provided an invitation to contribute to a new textbook entitled Systems Transdisciplinary (Vlad Mokiy, editor) through the Kabardino-Balkarsky State University, Russia, to be published in 2024.

What would you achieve if elected to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board?
If granted a position on the board, I would strive to advance exposure to the IDT-Alliance throughout my network in the United States and abroad. I feel that the effort of the Alliance is well known in the US, and the opportunities it offers to those interested in cross-disciplinarity are understated. As a Board Member of INSciTS and the 2005 Conference Chair, this upcoming year will allow me to build bridges within the Alliance and with those unaware of its mission. Of course, I plan to wholeheartedly adhere to the mission and vision of the Alliance and participate in those ongoing strategic efforts.

Payal N. Maharaj

University of Queensland

Standing as: an individual member

Region: Oceania

My name is Payal N. Maharaj and I hold double master's degree, the first in Climate Studies from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji (2015) and the second in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Hawai'i, USA (2018). I joined the University of Queensland after being awarded the Australian Research Council-Research Training Programme full scholarship. Based at the School of Social Sciences, as a final year PhD candidate, I am working on the research titled "Unravelling the history of gynaecology in Fiji and how it has shaped women's health today". My research interests are within Women's Health using medical anthropological techniques (with emphasis on gynaecology & obstetrics), policy development and transdisciplinarity. I have worked for more than five years on transdisciplinarity and aspects of these are highlighted below.

Your position and institutional affiliation
I am a final year PhD Candidate at the School of Social Sciences, at the University of Queensland, Australia.

Languages spoken
English, Fiji-Hindi, Urdu, basic Fijian and French

Professional associations you belong to:
- Pacific ECOPs 2022-current, , EWCA-Fiji Chapter
- One Ocean Hub ECR member
- East West Center Alumni Fiji Chapter, Board Member, 2023-current
- Pacific Regional Federation of Resilience Professionals Member, 2020-current, Fiji
- The Australian Sociological Association, Member, 2024
- Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network Member, 2020-current, Fiji

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.

Under the guidance of Professor Jeremy Hills, as a Policy Officer for the One Ocean Hub, I made the enlisted contributions including serving as one of the technical policy experts in the [Blue Pacific Ocean Report 2021](#) and the [National Ocean Policy of Fiji 2020-2030](#). With respect to transdisciplinarity work, we co-developed the 4Ps framework which can effectively be applied to projects to understand the elements of transdisciplinarity which usually categories itself in Mode 2 research. Personally, I have contributed towards transdisciplinarity with conference presentations, workshops and blog posts for the One Ocean Hub. This process has deepen my understanding of the subject matter and its numerous applications. I strongly believe it's a learning process and one has to keep unlearning, re-learning and exploring aspects of transdisciplinarity.

Publications:
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- Niner, H. J., Barut, N. C.,Baum, T., Diz, D., Laínez del Pozo, D., Laing, S., Lancaster, A. M. S. N., McQuaid, K. A., Mendo, T., Morgera, E., **Maharaj, P. N**., Okafor-Yarwood, I., Ortega-Cisneros, K., Warikandwa, T. V. and Rees, S. (2022). Issues of context, capacity and scale: Essential conditions and missing links for a sustainable blue economy. Environmental Science & Policy, 130, 25-35. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2022.01.001
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What you would like to achieve, if elected to the ITD Alliance Leadership Board.

If provided an opportunity, I am motivated to be part of the ITD Alliance Leadership Board to bring further awareness and advocacy on transdisciplinarity. I am happy to be part of the workshops where academic and professional discourse on transdisciplinarity occurs and further applications can be co-created, co-developed and knowledge is made meaningful practice. Particularly, in the Pacific region, transdisciplinarity knowledge can be made momentous with local and indigenous knowledge and relationality. I strongly believe there has to be a healthy balance between mode 1 and mode 2 research and perhaps, Transdisciplinary can be revisited to bring sustainability and accountability. Apart from this, I love working with diverse groups of people/organisations.
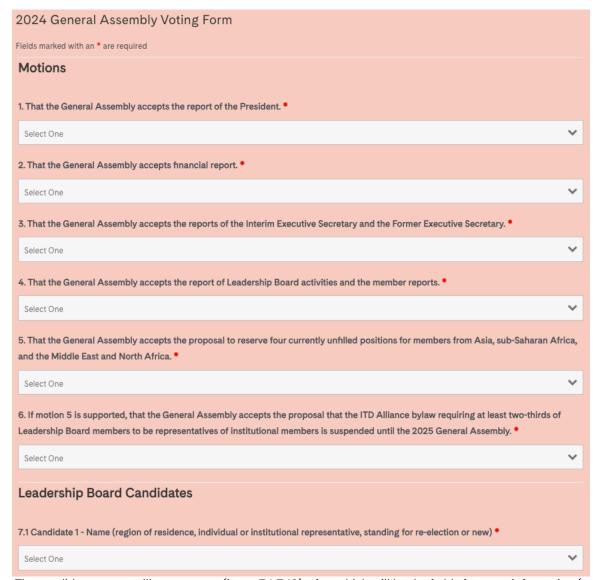
Attachment 10: Voting Process

ITD Alliance members are invited to vote on six motions, as well as to elect Leadership Board members to serve from November 2024 to October 2026.

WHERE to vote: Voting will be conducted through a voting form on the ITD Alliance website. A link to the form will be sent by email and will also be linked from the General Assembly 2024 web page (https://itd-alliance.org/general-assembly-2024/).

Below is what the online form will look like.

2024 General Assembly Voting Form

Fields marked with an * are required

Motions

1. That the General Assembly accepts the report of the President. *

Select One ⌄

2. That the General Assembly accepts financial report. *

Select One ⌄

3. That the General Assembly accepts the reports of the Interim Executive Secretary and the Former Executive Secretary. *

Select One ⌄

4. That the General Assembly accepts the report of Leadership Board activities and the member reports. *

Select One ⌄

5. That the General Assembly accepts the proposal to reserve four currently unfilled positions for members from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa. *

Select One ⌄

6. If motion 5 is supported, that the General Assembly accepts the proposal that the ITD Alliance bylaw requiring at least two-thirds of Leadership Board members to be representatives of institutional members is suspended until the 2025 General Assembly. *

Select One ⌄

Leadership Board Candidates

7.1 Candidate 1 - Name (region of residence, individual or institutional representative, standing for re-election or new) *

Select One ⌄

The candidate names will appear next (items 7.1-7.10), after which will be the fields for voter information (name and email). Voter name and email will only be used for checking eligibility to vote.

WHEN to vote: The voting form will be available from 17 October through 28 October (12 days; through midnight of last time zone).

WHO can vote: Members whose individual or institutional membership fees are current on 15 October 2024 and members who have received a few waiver.
  ● Individual members will have one vote each.

- Institutional members have had the opportunity to register the names of individuals in their institution who receive individual member benefits, including the right to vote. These individuals will have one vote each.

HOW to vote: Members must enter their name and email address in the voting form to ensure only eligible members vote and vote only once.

In order to submit their votes, members must select one option (Support, Do Not Support, Abstain) for each of the motions and each of the Leadership Board candidates.

HOW votes will be counted:

Motions:
For motions 1-4, a simple majority will determine the outcome.

For motions 5 and 6, a two-thirds majority will determine the outcome. Explanation: A two-thirds majority is required, as these motions effectively require a change to the bylaws. The bylaws state that the bylaws can only be changed by a two-thirds majority vote.

Selection of the Leadership Board members:
Proviso covering all options below: To be eligible for selection, nominees will need at least half of their votes to be "support."

Round 1 of the Selection Process:
There are three positions where the sitting members' terms have expired. These positions are reserved for representatives of institutional members. The three members whose terms have expired are eligible for re-election and all have nominated for re-election. A fourth representative of an institutional member has also nominated for election.

Regardless of the outcome of the votes on motions 5 and 6, three Leadership Board positions are available for nominees representing institutional members and will be allocated to the top-ranking candidates in that category (with the proviso above).

Round 2 of the Selection Process:
Four positions on the Leadership Board are currently unfilled. How they are filled depends on the outcome of the votes on motions 5 and 6, which will lead to different selection processes among the following nominees:
- four individual member candidates from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa
- two other individual member candidates
- the representative of an institutional member who is not elected in Round 1.

If motions 5 and 6 are both supported:
- Up to four individual member candidates from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa will be elected (with the proviso above).

If motion 5 is not supported (meaning that motion 6 is void):
- Excluding the elected candidates from Round 1, the other candidate representing an institutional member will be elected (with the proviso above).
- That will leave one remaining position available for election and this will be filled by the highest ranking remaining individual member candidate (regardless of region, with the proviso above).

Explanation: This provides for a 2/3 majority of Leadership Board members who represent institutional members. Not counting those standing for election, there are 5 institutional representatives and 3 individual members on the Leadership Board. With the election of 4 additional institutional representatives (making 9 in total), the total membership of the Leadership Board could be expanded to 13 members and still allow institutional representatives to be in a 2/3 majority. That would allow one additional individual member to be elected to the Leadership Board, bringing the total number of individual members to 4.

If motion 5 is supported and motion 6 is not supported:
- The top ranking (one) individual member candidate from Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, or the Middle East and North Africa will be elected (with the proviso above).

Explanation: To maintain the stipulation in the bylaws requiring a 2/3 majority for institutional member representatives, and taking into account that the Leadership Board (including members not up for re-election) will have 8 members representing institutions and 3 individual members, only one additional individual member can be elected.

Tied votes:

A tied vote is when two or more candidates get the same number of "support" votes and also the same number of "do not support" votes. Where two or more tied votes would mean that there are more candidates than positions available to be filled, the final decision on who is elected will be made by a subset of members of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Board (those who are not nominees for election). The decision will take into consideration the spread of countries, gender, and other diversity-related considerations.

Explanation: The alternative is to hold a new voting process where ITD Alliance members would vote to resolve the tied vote. This is time consuming, would delay the outcome of the election of new Leadership Board members and would not necessarily result in a clear outcome (ie another tied vote could be produced).