



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

Agenda and important information for the ITD Alliance June 2025 General Assembly

[Email to members, 4 June 2025]

Thank you for being part of the ITD Alliance. The annual General Assembly is an important opportunity for you to participate in building a strong, effective and representative association for both institutional and individual members.

In fact, this year there will be two General Assemblies. The first, which is the focus of this e-mail, deals with proposed updates to the bylaws, involving both changes and clarifications. There is also an opportunity to review and discuss the procedures through which the bylaws are implemented by the Leadership Board. The procedures are being gathered together in a single public document as an aid to corporate memory and to foster clarity and transparency. These updates reflect the growth and evolution of the ITD Alliance and are designed to strengthen its foundations. They also lay necessary groundwork for the Leadership Board elections that will be a key aspect (along with reporting on the year's activities, plus approval of the financial statement and forecast) at the second General Assembly, scheduled for October.

A General Assembly of the ITD Alliance comprises provision of an agenda and agenda papers, two meetings (to cover different time zones) and the opportunity for members to vote on proposals through an electronic process.

As well as providing the agenda and links to the two agenda papers for the June General Assembly, this e-mail also provides key dates and times, plus a quick guide to the topics for discussion and voting. The detailed agenda papers aim to inform both the meeting discussions and the voting. The aim of the meetings is to provide time for questions and general discussion and, especially, an informed discussion of the proposals to be voted on, although you can vote without attending a meeting.

Your voice – and vote – matters and will help shape the ITD Alliance for the future.

Important dates and times

The meetings will be held in June at the following dates and times for **the 2 hour** meeting. The aim is to allow enough time for discussion.

Time zones	General Assembly (Bylaws): Meeting 1 (all on Thursday)	General Assembly (Bylaws): Meeting 2
	THURSDAY, 26 June 2025	THURSDAY, 26 June 2025
UTC/GMT	10 am – 12 noon	11 pm – 1 am
Los Angeles/Phoenix	3 – 5 am	4 – 6 pm
Mexico City/Edmonton	4 – 6 am	5 – 7 pm
New York/Miami/Montreal	6 – 8 am	7 – 9 pm
Montevideo/Buenos Aires	7 – 9 am	8 – 10 pm

	Still THURSDAY, 26 June 2025	FRIDAY, 27 June 2025
Lagos/Lisbon/London	11 am – 1 pm	12 midnight – 2 am
Frankfurt/Johannesburg	12 noon – 2 pm	1 – 3 am
Moscow/Cairo/Nairobi	1 – 3 pm	2 – 4 am
New Delhi	3:30 – 5 pm	4:30 – 6 am
Singapore/Hong Kong	6 – 8 pm	7 - 9 am
Tokyo	7 – 9 pm	8 – 10 am
Sydney	8 – 10 pm	9 – 11 am
Suva (Fiji)	10 pm – 12 midnight	11 am – 1 pm
Auckland	10 pm – 12 midnight	11 am – 1 pm

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Voting Period (online): 30 June – 13 July 2025

The link for voting will be e-mailed to members on 30 June.

Agenda

The agenda for the June 2025 General Assembly is to:

1. consider and vote on six proposed bylaw changes or clarifications (a 2/3 majority of those voting is required for these to be accepted)
2. provide an opportunity to discuss the documentation of procedures associated with the bylaws which has been undertaken by the Leadership Board.

Quick guide to the proposed changes and clarifications to the bylaws (for discussion and voting)

AGENDA PAPER #1: [Proposed Changes or Clarifications to the Bylaws: For Voting](#)

As the ITD Alliance grows in strength, becomes increasingly active, and attracts a wider range of members, it is important to check that the bylaws remain fit for purpose and that the associated procedures are clear. This is one of the key tasks undertaken by the Leadership Board, which has determined that there are areas in the bylaws where changes and clarifications are warranted.

In the first agenda paper, each proposed bylaw change or clarification is described, accompanied by a brief rationale.

The three proposed bylaw changes address:

1. addition of a category of lifetime membership (B1)
2. temporary inclusion on the Leadership Board of an ex-officio member, who is a representative of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences (B2)
3. advancing the goals of diversity and global reach of the ITD Alliance by reserving seven positions on the Leadership Board for members from the Global South (this requires that positions are no longer reserved for institutional members) (B3).

The three proposed bylaw clarifications address:

1. institutional member voting rights which are currently not specified, although the practice has been to restrict voting to one vote per institution. The proposal would allow everyone nominated by an institution as a “person to receive benefits” to be treated as equivalent to an individual member, including full voting rights (B4)

2. clearer wording on the voting process, specifying the required proportion of votes for different circumstances and accommodating online voting, which is currently the norm (B5)
3. stipulation that the President's term is governed by the same conditions as those for other Leadership Board members (B6).

To be accepted, the proposed bylaw changes or clarifications require approval from 2/3 of those voting.

A copy of the current bylaws is available at: <https://itd-alliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/ITD-Alliance-bylaws-2021-signed.pdf>

Quick guide to the documentation of procedures related to the bylaws (for information and discussion)

AGENDA PAPER #2: [Documentation of Procedures Associated with the Bylaws: For Discussion](#)

The second agenda paper describes eleven procedures associated with the bylaws:

1. processes governing reduced fees and fee waivers for individual members
2. rights and responsibilities of individuals receiving fee waivers, particularly clarifying voting rights
3. fee waivers for institutional members
4. number of General Assemblies – splitting consideration of bylaw amendments from Leadership Board elections
5. dates for the financial year for the ITD Alliance and for the related General Assembly
6. procedure for dealing with tied votes in Leadership Board elections
7. institutional endorsement of institutional representatives standing for election to the Leadership Board
8. procedure when an institutional representative on the Leadership Board leaves the institution
9. contingencies related to maximum terms on the Leadership Board
10. start and end dates for Leadership Board members
11. expansion of the Executive Committee, plus term dates.

The Leadership Board looks forward to hearing your views – and strongly encourages you to vote! – on these important governance issues.

Gabriele Bammer
ITD Alliance President
on behalf of the Leadership Board
4 June 2025