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Operating Guidelines for ITD Alliance Regional Networks
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Purposes of Regional Networks

Regional Networks are important for:

- Recognising and valuing local and regional approaches to complex problems, as essential to and enriching the Global Alliance.
- Enabling culturally relevant activities in preferred local and regional languages at convenient times of day.
- Growing the ITD Alliance community and strengthening intra- and inter-regional collaborations.

Establishing a Regional Network

The ITD Alliance has established two Regional Networks (Oceania and Asia) and is in discussions about establishing two more (Africa, as well as Latin America and the Caribbean). Networks from other regions, sub-regions or countries are also welcome.

There are 4 key requirements to establishing a regional network:

1. at least one champion who is a member of the Leadership Board and who will provide a point of liaison between the Regional Network and the Leadership Board.
2. an organising committee (with 2-3 co-chairs) drawn from members of the ITD Alliance who either live in the region, are from the region, or have strong connections with the region.
3. a secretariat to arrange organising committee meetings and manage events.
4. a mailing list of members (who need not be ITD Alliance members), who are informed about activities.
   Establishing and maintaining a mailing list must be in accordance with the ITD Alliance Data Privacy Policy & Data Sharing Agreement, and ideally will be in liaison with the ITD Alliance Executive Secretary.

In addition, Regional Networks are encouraged to collaborate with other relevant networks in the region and to connect with existing regional initiatives (rather than duplicating them).

Regarding the secretariat: Although the ITD Alliance aims to support each Regional Network secretariat when funding permits (eg through the Executive Secretary), this is not currently possible. It may be helpful to know how the secretariat operates for the current Regional Networks:

- The Oceania Regional Network uses a combination of volunteer work by members of the organising committee and a small donation from NITRO-Oceania (Network of Leaders of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Research Organisations), which covers the organisation of 4 webinars per year.
- The Asia Regional Network secretariat is generously provided by Hong Kong Baptist University.

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Expectations and Responsibilities of Regional Networks

Expectations of the Regional Network Organising Committee include:

- those on the organising committee are members of the ITD Alliance
- at least two events or activities to be held per year
- attendance at, or involvement in, events and activities is generally open to anyone who is interested (including non-members)
- advertising events and activities in the ITD Alliance News Bulletin
- work with the ITD Alliance Executive Secretary to develop and maintain an up-to-date webpage on the ITD Alliance website
- where possible, webinars and other activities are video-recorded and the recordings stored on the ITD Alliance YouTube channel and made available through the Regional Network webpage
- agendas, minutes and other documents are lodged in a timely manner with the ITD Alliance Executive Secretary for archiving.

Responsibilities of the Regional Network Organising Committee include:

- operating in line with the mission and aims of the ITD Alliance
- keeping the Leadership Board and General Assembly informed about developments, achievements and challenges, as well as events and activities.

Regional Networks are encouraged to make use of network-building opportunities at relevant regional conferences and at the ITD Alliance conference. ITD Alliance Regional Networks are also encouraged to engage with each other, as well as with ITD Alliance Working Groups and the many resources on the ITD Alliance website.

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