



Fisheries
Transparency
Initiative

FiTI Board Circular

Board Circular No. 15

ID: BC-15_2024

Requested by: FiTI Chair

Submitted by: FiTI International Secretariat

Submitted on: 14.05.2024

Decided on: 25.05.2024

Preamble

In accordance with article 15 of the constitution of the association of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (as of May 13th, 2021), *‘the FiTI International Board shall make urgent decisions between Board Meetings, based on Board Circulars.’*

Purpose of this Circular

In accordance with article 11 (10) of the constitution of the FiTI association regarding the admission, resignation and removal of members, *“other aspects regarding the admission, retention, resignation and removal of members, including the determination of qualification requirements for new members, shall be governed by a global membership policy, and the FiTI International Board shall be responsible for enacting this policy.”*

The purpose of this Circular is to approve the attached ‘Membership Policy of the FiTI association’ (draft date: 14 May 2024).¹

Decision required: Approving ‘Membership Policy of the FiTI association’

During the FiTI International Board’s 23rd meeting (February 2024) the Chair recalled the need to establish and approve a membership policy for the FiTI association, as several current members of the FiTI International Board are undergoing changes in their working situation or stakeholder affiliation which might impact their eligibility to serve on the Board.

During the above-mentioned meeting, several situations were identified that should be addressed in such a policy, including, but not limited, a situation where an elected Board Member does no longer work for an organisation that is affiliated with the Members’ initial stakeholder group (e.g. representative nominated by a civil society organisation is employed by a for-profit company), or an elected Board Member remains within the same stakeholder group, but the Member’s capacity to access knowledge, information, and networks needed to adequately represent his original stakeholder group is changing, e.g. moving from the Ministry of Fisheries to the Ministry of Finance.

The attached draft policy has been developed by the FiTI International Secretariat, under the guidance of the FiTI Chair.

¹ The FiTI International Board decided that the ‘Membership Policy of the FiTI association’ can be approved through a Board Circular during its 23rd meeting.

The FiTI Chair requests now a decision from the FiTI International Board to approve the attached draft membership policy.

Decision required_#1: Does the FiTI International Board approve the attached ‘Membership Policy of the FiTI association’ (draft date: 14 May 2024)?

Additional recommended wording changes to the draft policy (e.g. clarification of provisions, correction of spelling errors etc.) that do not impact the overall approval of the policy should be communicated directly to the FiTI International Secretariat, copying the FiTI Chair.

Due date for this Board Circular

Eligible Board Members must reply to this Board Circular no later than **Friday, 24 May 2024**, in writing (via email) and cannot assign a proxy.

Decision-making procedures for this Board Circular

In accordance with the constitution of the FiTI, Article 15 (5), *“Decisions requested through Board Circulars are adopted by qualified majority requiring the support of three quarters of the total number of members and must include the support of at least two members from each stakeholder group.”*

The provisions of Article 14 (13-16) apply to the decision-making procedures through Board Circulars. As the current total number of members is not equally distributed among the stakeholder groups stated in Article 8 of the constitution, not every member has one vote. Instead, the voting power is determined on a pro-rated system, ensuring that all stakeholder groups have equal voting power.

As there is no apparent conflict of interest, the pro-rated voting powers for this 15th Board Circular of the FiTI International Board are as follows:

Stakeholder group	Number of voting members	Voting power per member
Government sector	4	1.5
Business sector	5	1.2
Social sector	6	1.0

This Board Circular is adopted if at least 13.5 votes support this decision, including two members from each stakeholder group.

Results protocol: Approval / Denial of Circular

This Board Circular was sent on 14 May 2024 to all Board Members via email. The following results were recorded:

Name:	Stakeholder Group:	Sent on:	Responded on:	Decision: Membership policy - Approval?	Votes for approval:
Andres Arens	Government sector	14.05.2024			
Roy Clarisse	Government sector	14.05.2024	17.05.2024	Yes	1.5
Joacim Johanneson	Government sector	14.05.2024	15.05.2024	Yes	1.5
Annika Mackensen	Government sector	14.05.2024	24.05.2024	Yes	1.5
Keith Andre	Business sector	14.05.2024	18.05.2024	No	
Hugh Govan	Business sector	14.05.2024	17.05.2024	No	
Tony Lazazzara	Business sector	14.05.2024	15.05.2024	Yes	1.2
Dawda Foday Saine	Business sector	14.05.2024	16.05.2024	No	
Alfredo Sfeir	Business sector	14.05.2024			
Maisie Pigeon	Social sector	14.05.2024	22.05.2024	Yes	1.0
Ahmed Senhoury	Social sector	14.05.2024	18.05.2024	Yes	1.0
Annie Tourette	Social sector	14.05.2024			
Ketakandriana Rafitoson	Social sector	14.05.2024	15.05.2024	Yes	1.0
Umair Shahid	Social sector	14.05.2024			
Zacari Edwards	Social sector	14.05.2024			

Approval of Circular - Rule I: At least 13.5 votes in favour of supporting the decision:

8.7

Approval of Circular - Rule II: At least 2x 'Yes' from stakeholder group 'Government':

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At least 2x 'Yes' from stakeholder group 'Business':

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At least 2x 'Yes' from stakeholder group 'Social':

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Based on these responses, the following decision has been determined:

Decision [BC-15_2024_D-01]:

The International Board does not approve the proposed 'Membership Policy of the FiTI association' (draft date: 14 May 2024).

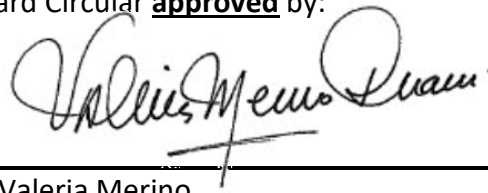
Board Circular **provided** by:



Mr Sven Biermann

Secretary of the Board Circular; Executive Director
of the FiTI International Secretariat

Board Circular **approved** by:



Dr Valeria Merino

Chair of the FiTI International Board