



Bylaws of the International Federation of Global ICT (IFGICT)

Article I: Name and Purpose

- Section 1.1: Name: The name of this organization shall be the International Federation of Global & Green ICT, hereinafter referred to as "IFGICT" or the "Federation."
- Section 1.2: Purpose: IFGICT is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3)¹ of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The specific purposes of IFGICT include, but are not limited to:
 - Advancing the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) globally.
 - Promoting professional development and ethical conduct within the ICT sector.
 - Facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration among ICT professionals, researchers, and organizations.
 - Developing and administering professional certifications in various ICT domains.
 - Publishing educational resources and research findings related to ICT.
 - Organizing conferences, seminars, and other events to foster innovation and networking.
 - Establishing partnerships with international organizations to achieve common goals in ICT development.

Article II: Board of Directors

- Section 2.1: Role and Responsibilities: The Board of Directors (the "Board") shall be the governing body of IFGICT and shall have the ultimate responsibility for the management and control of its affairs, funds, and property. The Board shall oversee the strategic direction, policy-making, and financial sustainability of the Federation.
- Section 2.2: Volunteering Roles: All members of the Board of Directors shall serve in a voluntary capacity and shall not receive any compensation for their services, except for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as approved by the Board.
- Section 2.3: Composition and Size: The Board shall consist of no fewer than five (5) and no more than fifteen (15) Directors. The initial Board shall be named in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board shall strive for diversity in its composition, reflecting the global nature of IFGICT.
- Section 2.4: Nomination Process for Board Members:
 - (a) Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee shall be established by the Board at least sixty (60) days prior to any election of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, including at least one current Board member and other members appointed by the Board.



- (b) Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall issue a call for nominations to the general membership of IFGICT at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election. Nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing.
- (c) Eligibility Criteria: Nominees for the Board of Directors shall:
 - Be individuals of high ethical standing and with a demonstrated commitment to the mission of IFGICT.
 - Possess relevant experience and expertise in ICT or related fields, or in non-profit governance, finance, or law.
 - Be members in good standing of IFGICT.
- (d) Due Diligence: The Nominating Committee shall review all nominations, verify the eligibility of nominees, and conduct due diligence as deemed necessary.
- (e) Slate of Candidates: The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election to the Board, ensuring that the number of candidates is at least equal to the number of vacancies to be filled.
- (f) Presentation of Slate: The slate of candidates shall be presented to the general membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.
- Section 2.5: Election of Board Members:
 - (a) Voting Process: Elections shall be conducted via electronic ballot or other secure method as determined by the Board.
 - (b) Eligibility to Vote: All members in good standing of IFGICT shall be eligible to vote in the election of Directors.
 - (c) Term of Office: Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may be eligible for re-election for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.
 - (d) Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. A Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of their predecessor.
- Section 2.6: Meetings of the Board:
 - (a) Regular Meetings: The Board shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly, at such times and places as determined by the Board.
 - (b) Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President² or by a majority of the Directors upon written notice of at least seven (7) days.
 - (c) Quorum: A majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the³ Board.
 - (d) Voting: Each Director shall have one vote. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be⁴ required for any action to be taken by the Board.

Article IX: Process of President and Vice Presidents Nomination and Election

- Section 9.1: President:
 - (a) Eligibility: Candidates for President shall be individuals with a proven track record of leadership, significant experience in the ICT sector or non-profit management, and a strong



commitment to the mission of IFGICT. They shall have served on the Board of Directors for at least one (1) full term.

- (b) Nomination: The Nominating Committee (as defined in Article II) shall solicit nominations for President from the Board of Directors at least ninety (90) days prior to the election. The Nominating Committee shall also be responsible for vetting the nominees.
- (c) Election: The President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors during a regular or special meeting called for this purpose, to be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current President's term.
- (d) Term of Office: The President shall serve for a term of five (5) years and shall be eligible for re-election for one (1) additional term.
- Section 9.2: Vice Presidents:
 - (a) Eligibility: Candidates for Vice President (VP of Industry, VP of Research, VP of IFGICT) shall be individuals with significant experience and expertise relevant to their respective portfolios and a strong commitment to the mission of IFGICT. They shall be members in good standing of IFGICT.
 - (b) Nomination: The President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, shall nominate candidates for the three (3) Vice President positions. Nominations shall be made at least sixty (60) days prior to the election.
 - (c) Election: The Vice Presidents shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors during a regular or special meeting.
 - (d) Term of Office: The Vice Presidents shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may be eligible for reappointment. Their roles and responsibilities shall be defined by the Board of Directors in consultation with the President.

Article III: Board of Advisors

- Section 3.1: Role and Purpose: The Board of Advisors (the "Advisory Board") shall serve as a non-fiduciary body providing expert advice and guidance to the Board of Directors on matters related to the strategic direction, programs, and activities of IFGICT.
- Section 3.2: Composition and Selection: The Advisory Board may consist of individuals with distinguished expertise and experience in ICT, academia, industry, government, or other relevant fields. Members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors based on their qualifications and their willingness to support the mission of IFGICT.
- Section 3.3: Terms and Meetings: Members of the Advisory Board shall serve for terms as determined by the Board of Directors. The Advisory Board shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Board of Directors, or as requested by the Board of Directors for specific consultations.
- Section 3.4: Responsibilities: The responsibilities of the Advisory Board may include:
 - Providing advice on emerging trends and challenges in the ICT sector.
 - Assisting in the development of new programs and initiatives.
 - Facilitating connections and partnerships with other organizations.
 - Enhancing the credibility and visibility of IFGICT.



Article IV: Country Officers

- Section 4.1: Role and Responsibilities: Country Officers shall serve as the official representatives and local contact points for IFGICT in their respective countries or regions. Their responsibilities may include:
 - Promoting IFGICT's mission and activities within their designated area.
 - Recruiting new members and fostering engagement.
 - Organizing local events and initiatives in alignment with IFGICT's goals.
 - Serving as a liaison between IFGICT and local stakeholders, including individuals, organizations, and government entities.
 - Providing feedback and insights from their region to the Board of Directors.
- Section 4.2: Nomination and Selection Process:
 - (a) Call for Nominations/Applications: The Board of Directors shall issue a call for nominations or applications for Country Officer positions as needed. This may be open to all members in good standing residing in the respective country or region.
 - (b) Eligibility Criteria: Nominees/applicants for Country Officer shall:
 - Be members in good standing of IFGICT.
 - Demonstrate strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills.
 - Have a clear understanding of the ICT landscape in their region.
 - Be committed to advancing the mission of IFGICT.
 - (c) Review and Interview: A designated committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall review all nominations/applications and may conduct interviews with qualified candidates.
 - (d) Appointment: Country Officers shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 - (e) Term of Office: Country Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may be eligible for reappointment.

Article V: IFGICT Fellowship Committee and Selection Criteria

- Section 5.1: Establishment of the Fellowship Committee: The Board of Directors shall establish an IFGICT Fellowship Committee (the "Fellowship Committee") responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting individuals for IFGICT Fellowship, the highest recognition bestowed by the Federation.
- Section 5.2: Composition of the Fellowship Committee: The Fellowship Committee shall consist of at least five (5) members, who shall be individuals of high standing in the ICT community and may include current or former Board members, Advisory Board members, and IFGICT Fellows. Members of the Fellowship Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5.3: Selection Criteria for IFGICT Fellowship: The criteria for selection as an IFGICT Fellow shall include:



- Significant Contributions to ICT: Nominees shall have made substantial and impactful contributions to the advancement of ICT through innovation, research, development, education, or leadership.
- Professional Standing and Recognition: Nominees shall have achieved significant recognition and respect within the ICT community.
- Commitment to IFGICT's Mission: Nominees shall have demonstrated a commitment to the goals and objectives of IFGICT.
- Ethical Conduct: Nominees shall have a strong record of ethical conduct and professional integrity.
- Section 5.4: Nomination Process for Fellowship:
 - (a) Call for Nominations: The Fellowship Committee shall issue a call for nominations for IFGICT Fellowship to the general membership and the broader ICT community.
 - (b) Nomination Requirements: Nominations shall include detailed information about the nominee's contributions, professional standing, and commitment to IFGICT.
 - (c) Review and Evaluation: The Fellowship Committee shall carefully review all nominations based on the established selection criteria.
 - (d) Selection: The Fellowship Committee shall recommend a slate of candidates to the Board of Directors. Fellows shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VI: Approval of New Committees

- Section 6.1: Proposal for New Committees: Any member or group of members wishing to form a new committee under IFGICT shall submit a written proposal to the Board of Directors. The proposal shall include:
 - (a) The proposed name and purpose of the committee.
 - (b) The goals and objectives the committee aims to achieve.
 - (c) A proposed structure and initial membership of the committee.
 - (d) A plan for the committee's activities and reporting.
 - (e) An explanation of how the committee's work will align with IFGICT's overall mission and strategy.
- Section 6.2: Review and Approval Process:
 - (a) Initial Review: The Board of Directors shall review the proposal to ensure it is complete and aligns with IFGICT's mission and existing structure.
 - (b) Consultation: The Board may consult with relevant existing committees or individuals to gather feedback on the proposal.
 - (c) Board Decision: The formation of a new committee shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board may approve the proposal as submitted, approve it with modifications, or reject it.
 - (d) Charter and Guidelines: Upon approval, the Board may establish a charter or guidelines outlining the committee's scope, responsibilities, reporting requirements, and term (if applicable).



Article VII: Process for New Professional Certification Entry

- Section 7.1: Proposal for New Certification: Any member, committee, or the Board of Directors may propose the development of a new professional certification under IFGICT. A written proposal shall be submitted to the Board and shall include:
 - (a) The proposed title and scope of the certification.
 - (b) The rationale for the certification and its relevance to the ICT industry.
 - (c) A preliminary outline of the knowledge, skills, and competencies to be assessed.
 - (d) A proposed target audience for the certification.
 - (e) An initial assessment of the resources required for development and administration.
 - (f) Potential benefits of the certification to individuals and the ICT profession.
- Section 7.2: Review and Approval Process:
 - (a) Initial Review: The Board of Directors shall conduct an initial review of the proposal to assess its feasibility and alignment with IFGICT's strategic goals.
 - (b) Expert Consultation: The Board may consult with relevant experts, including members of the Fellowship Committee, Board of Advisors, and industry professionals, to evaluate the need for and potential impact of the proposed certification.
 - (c) Development Phase: If the Board approves the proposal in principle, a dedicated task force or committee with relevant expertise shall be formed to develop the certification curriculum, examination process, and quality assurance mechanisms.
 - (d) Pilot Testing: The new certification may undergo pilot testing with a representative group to gather feedback and refine the assessment process.
 - (e) Board Approval: The final certification framework, including curriculum, examination, and administration procedures, shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval. A majority vote of the Board shall be required for the official launch of a new professional certification.

Article VIII: Process to Publish E-books at IFGICT

- Section 8.1: Submission of E-book Proposals: Members or non-members wishing to publish an e-book under the IFGICT imprint shall submit a detailed proposal to a designated publishing committee or the Board of Directors. The proposal shall include:
 - (a) A synopsis of the e-book, including its scope, target audience, and key contributions.
 - (b) A detailed table of contents or outline.
 - (c) Sample chapters (if available).
 - (d) Information about the author(s)' qualifications and relevant expertise.
 - (e) A proposed timeline for completion.
- Section 8.2: Review and Approval Process:
 - (a) Initial Review: The publishing committee or the Board shall conduct an initial review of the proposal for relevance to IFGICT's mission, quality, and potential impact.
 - (b) Peer Review: The proposal and/or manuscript may be subject to peer review by experts in the relevant field to assess its technical accuracy, originality, and overall quality.



- (c) Editorial Review: If the proposal passes peer review, it will undergo editorial review for clarity, style, and consistency.
- (d) Publishing Agreement: Upon successful review, the author(s) and IFGICT shall enter into a publishing agreement outlining the terms and conditions of publication, including copyright, distribution, and any potential royalties.
- (e) Production and Distribution: IFGICT shall oversee the production (formatting, design) and distribution of the e-book through appropriate channels.
- (f) Board Approval: The final decision to publish an e-book shall rest with the Board of Directors or a designated publishing committee authorized by the Board.

Article X: Management of STech Summit Conference

- Section 10.1: STech Committee: The Board of Directors shall establish a STech Summit Committee (the "STech Committee") responsible for the planning, organization, and execution of the STech Summit conference.
- Section 10.2: Composition of the STech Committee: The STech Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Board of Directors, including individuals with expertise in conference management, program development, logistics, marketing, and finance. The Committee may include Board members, IFGICT staff (if any), and other volunteers.
- Section 10.3: Roles and Responsibilities: The STech Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (a) Developing the theme, program, and schedule of the STech Summit.
 - (b) Securing speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors.
 - (c) Managing the budget and financial aspects of the conference.
 - (d) Overseeing logistics, including venue selection, registration, and technical arrangements.
 - (e) Developing and implementing marketing and communication strategies.
 - (f) Ensuring the smooth and successful execution of the conference.
 - (g) Reporting regularly to the Board of Directors on the progress and outcomes of the STech Summit.
- Section 10.4: Involvement of Organization Members: IFGICT organizational members may be invited to participate in the STech Summit through various means, such as sponsoring sessions, exhibiting their products and services, suggesting speakers, and contributing to the program development, as determined by the STech Committee and approved by the Board.

Article XI: Partnership with UN, IEEE, ITU, and Similar Organizations

- Section 11.1: Principles of Partnership: IFGICT may enter into partnerships and collaborations with the United Nations (UN), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the International Telecommunication Union



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