

8.2.2 Review of the working methods of IOC Governing Bodies

Improving efficiency and effectiveness in IOC governance

The Assembly requested “the IOC Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Officers and IFAG, to review the working methods of the IOC Governing Bodies, in order to ensure greater effectiveness, efficiency and inclusiveness in the governance of the Commission, and to present to the IOC Executive Council at its 59th session concrete recommendations that could be implemented at the 34th session of the IOC Assembly;

***Highlights** the critical importance of continuing and strengthening a clear and comprehensive consultation process with IOC Member States on governance, programming and budgetary matters of the Commission;*

***Welcomes**, in this context, the IOC Executive Secretary’s proposal to better align the schedules of IOC subsidiary bodies meetings with those of primary IOC Governing Bodies and the entire UNESCO programming and budgeting cycle;”*

The Secretariat has developed **proposals for discussion with IFAG and Officers** in relation to:

- Planning and execution of governing body meetings
- Processes and operation of regional and technical subsidiary bodies
- Resolutions, decision and reports
- Sub-groups (working groups, expert groups, committees etc.)
- Increased inclusivity / participation in governance by Member States

Proposals aligned with objectives and initial findings of UN80 process.

Improving efficiency and effectiveness in IOC governance: summary of proposals (*refer to discussion paper for details)

Governing body meetings

- Strategic agendas linked to RF
- Limit length of EC & Assembly & optimize time
- Streamline RSB & TSB reporting
- Shorter reports & oral presentations

RSBs & TSBs

- Updated cycle of meetings to inform programme & budgeting inc. link to Results Framework
- Guidelines on role of RSBs and TSBs
- Explore use of hybrid & online meetings in case of resource shortages

Resolutions, decisions, reports

- Quantitative assessment of financial & staff costs of all decisions
- Clearer rationale for each decision & enhanced editing
- Shorter reports that refer to RF

Sub-groups

- Clear & rigorous criteria (including \$) for creation of new groups
- Systematic analysis of existing groups to reduce number

Increased inclusivity

- MS information sessions before GB meetings & enhanced information on GB roles & processes
- Shorter reports & shorter meetings with timely preparation
- Streamline TSB governance where possible
- Up to date information on MS focal points



Improving efficiency and effectiveness in IOC governance: next steps

- IOC Officers to consult within their electoral groups on proposed measures
- Drafting of concrete proposals for presentation to IFAG based on feedback received, including in relation to sub-groups ----->
- Working document for 59th Session of Executive Council

Proposed Process for Assessing & Streamlining Sub-Groups

- Complete inventory and categorization of all sub-groups (working groups, expert groups, Committees, task teams, donor mandated groups etc.)
- Apply criteria to all sub-groups e.g. impact & outputs relative to IOC mandate & priorities, cost (staff & \$), duration, status cf. Governing Bodies' decisions for creation or termination, donor obligations
- Consult with relevant partners on proposals to remove, merge or adapt sub-groups
- Include proposals in documentation to 59th Session of Executive Council