



INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

COUNCIL BOARD (CB)

SUBJECT
Confirmed decisions taken by correspondence in 2021 to date and at the 2021-06-17/21 Council Board virtual meeting.

CB DECISION 2021/001

IEC Masterplan implementation

The Council Board supported the recommendations from the CB TF on Masterplan implementation and agreed to request that each leading entity submit a one-off 1-page feedback to the Central Office by mid-February 2021 that summarizes what has been completed, what should be completed, and what will not be completed regarding its implementation deliverables in the Masterplan Implementation Plan.

CB thanked the CB TF on Masterplan implementation for their review and disbanded the TF.

CB DECISION 2021/02

IEC Strategic Plan Task Force

Council Board agreed to:

- Establish a Strategic Plan Task Force (SPTF)
- Appoint Jo Cops as Chair of the SPTF, and
- Ask the General Secretary to coordinate the membership as follows:
 - appointed CB members (3),
 - NC members (3, with at least 1 Group A and 1 non-Group A member),
 - a CAB member (1),
 - a MSB member (1),
 - a SMB member (1),
 - the IEC General Secretary & CEO.

Council Board requested the SPTF to:

- Propose a process to develop the Strategic Plan taking into account the recommendations from the CB TF on Masterplan implementation,
- Propose IEC future strategic objectives, considering the topics highlighted in CB document **CB/1172/R** including SMB work on Digital Transformation and SDGs,
- Directly engage leading entities from the beginning of planning towards the final development of the new Strategic Plan, resulting in the creation of an Operational Plan for the leading entities,

- Apply the bottom-up process recommended by the CB TF on Masterplan Implementation regarding the creation of an Operational Plan, and
- Develop a common methodology, in collaboration with the Finance Committee, during the top-down process to link the strategic and operational plans with the financial plan, in order to gain an improved financial outlook and to enable budgeting and forecasting of the implications of strategic and operational decisions.

CB DECISION 2021/003

Future Strategic Plan and Operational Plan review

Council Board supported the recommendations from the CB TF on Masterplan implementation regarding the review of the future Strategic Plan and Operational Plan and decided to:

- Request annual recurring updates on the Operational Plans from each leading entity, through the use of Key Performance Indicators,
- Undertake a total review of the Strategic Plan each year, to serve as a candid evaluation, thus ensuring that the Plan is living up to the expectations and intent of the organization, and
- Hold a focused Council Board meeting every year on the topic of Strategy, which would include the reviews of the Strategic Plan and Operational Plans.

CB DECISION 2021/004

New Revenue Generation

Council Board commended NRG for the excellent work completed in a short timeframe and decided to extend the mandate of the Advisory Group for a further two years to finalize the implementation of the four projects and explore the potential of additional projects, and to report its conclusions and recommendations to CB by end-2022.

CB supported the request for the allocation of resources to be made in 2021 for the projects, as detailed in document **CB/1171/R**, in addition to developing product marketing support, with recurring monitoring in place.

CB requested that NRG present to the Finance Committee its anticipated needs for the 2022 budget, subject to CB support for any additional projects.

CB DECISION 2021/005 (by correspondence)

SPTF

The Council Board approves the proposal to increase the size of SPTF by one additional member in order to allow for both of the nominated Group A NC representatives to become SPTF members.

CB DECISION 2021/006 (by correspondence)

AudCom membership

The Council Board approves the appointment of Ms Peipei ZHANG (China) as a Member of the Audit Committee (AudCom) until the end of her predecessor's term of office, 31 December 2022.

CB DECISION 2021/007

Lord Kelvin Award

Council Board selected Mr Tony Capel (Canada) as the 2021 Lord Kelvin Award laureate.

CB DECISION 2021/008

SMART standardization and conformity assessment

Noting that SMB would be discussing SMART standardization at its meeting in July, Council Board decided to establish a Task Force on SMART standardization and conformity assessment.

Council Board set the main elements of the mandate of the TF as follows:

- Coordinate IEC activities in this area, report progress to CB on a regular basis, and make recommendations to Council Board for decisions to be taken as needed,
- Establish a holistic roadmap for IEC SMART, taking into account the technical activities conducted by SMB (including SG 12) and CAB, as well as advice from MSB,
- Assess the impact and opportunities of SMART on the IEC and its members when it comes to business models and use cases, commercial policy, legal implications, and other relevant organizational aspects,
- Liaise with IEC members to gather their inputs and feedback on SMART standardization and conformity assessment,
- Liaise with the ISO SMART-SG to ensure IEC/ISO coordination and alignment on SMART activities wherever they make sense, and

Council Board requested the General Secretary to make a proposal together with the final wording of the mandate, in consultation with the President, for the composition of the Task Force, which should be chaired by a CB member, for CB approval by correspondence.

CB DECISION 2021/009

CB TF Diversity Recommendation

Council Board decided that it would not be appropriate to implement the recommendations proposed by the CB Task Force (TF) on Diversity at this point in time and suggested that it be submitted to the Diversity Advisory Committee (subject to approval of the proposed IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure).

Council Board thanked the CB TF Diversity for its important work and requested that that TF presents its final report to Council Board at the October 2021 meeting.

CB DECISION 2021/010

Council Draft Agenda

Council Board approved the Council Draft Agenda for meeting due to take place on 7 October 2021, starting at 14.00 GST (Dubai, UAE).

CB DECISION 2021/011

Convocation and hosting of the Council Meeting under the Swiss Federal COVID-19 Ordinance 3

Given the continued travel and sanitary restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with the Ordinance 3 on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (the “COVID-19 Ordinance 3”) of the Swiss Federal Council, the Council Board decided that the statutory Council Meeting of 7 October 2021 will be conducted without the physical presence of the IEC Members. Based on Art. 27 Para. 2 lit. a of the COVID-19 Ordinance 3 as well as the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Full Member National Committees may exercise their voting **rights solely in electronic form, without attending** the Council Meeting in person.

The Council Board further instructed the Central Office to ensure such virtual participation through the necessary platforms and safeguards to ensure compliance with the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure and Swiss law.

CB DECISION 2021/012

Council voting verification, 2021 General Meeting

Council Board mandated Central Office to provide for an independent verification process of Council decisions taken at the 2021 statutory Council Meeting, in consultation with the IEC President.

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