

Charter

Working Group on Geographic Diversity and Representation on the Board

1. Description and Objective

The Working Group on Geographic Diversity and Representation on the Board (GDRWG) was created pursuant to the APTLD Board's resolution and in response to the APTLD members' concerns about a proper geographic diversity representation within the Board.

The objective of GDRWG is to provide recommendations to the APTLD Board to implement geographic diversity within the Board composition to ensure the smooth running of the Board and the APTLD as an organisation at large. .

2. Membership, Chair, Secretary and Support

Members of GDRWG will be four self-nominated or nominated by APTLD members individuals, each representing one of four main geographic regions currently encompassed by APTLD, and General Manager of APTLD appointed thereto ex-officio, thus making up a total of 5 members.

The four main geographic regions identified to this effect are: (1) Australasia and Pacific (.au; .cc; .cx; .fj; .hm; .nc; .nf; .nu; .nr; .nz; .pg; .sb; .tk; .tv; .wf; .ws) (2) Middle East and West Asia (.ae; .af; .ir; .iq; .jo; .kw; .om; .ps; .sa; .qa) (3) North and Northeast Asia (.cn; .jp; .hk; .kr; .mn; .mo; .tw), and (4) Central and Southeast Asia (.in; .id; .kz; .lk; .my; .ph; .sg; .tj; .th; .vn).

The Chair of GDRWG is elected at the nomination of the GDRWG members by simple majority of its members' vote. GM APTLD may not be elected the Chair of GDRWG.

The Secretary of GDRWG is elected at the nomination of the GDRWG members by simple majority of its members' vote

Support to the GDRWG's operations is provided by the APTLD Secretariat

3. Scope

The scope of operation of the GDRWG is defined by the following questions:

- 1) What should be the terminology used by the WG in its procedural and substantive work for consistency and for common understanding by all APTLD members?
- 2) Of all classifications of the Asia-Pacific nations available, which one suits the APTLD's needs best and what is the rationale behind it?
- 3) Given that there is already a Board in place, how best should we implement the following to achieve the geographic diversity within the Board composition?

- . (a) If each geographic region were to be granted one seat within the Board, with the rest being open seats available for all to run for, what happens if a region does not have a candidate to fill its allocated seat?
 - . (b) How long should each region hold its allocated seat for?
 - . (c) How long should an open seat be held for?
 - . (d) What happens if a Board member holding a regional allocated seat resigns midway through his term?
- 4) What are the specific proposed amendments to the APTLD Constitution and/or By-laws to reflect the changes?
- 5) What should be the election proceedings as a result of these changes?
- 6) What should be the timelines for implementation?
- 7) Where a Board member represents a developing nation facing financial constraints, should APTLD, upon that Board member's request, allocate funding necessary for that Board member to participate in person at the Board meetings, and if so, what a respective procedure should be in place?

4. Duration of Membership

The term of the members of GDRWG ends upon successful completion of its Scope of Operation.

5. Review of Charter and Operation of GDRWG

A review of this Charter and operation can take place when considered necessary by the APTLD Board or the GDRWG members to ensure an adequate and successful completion of the Scope of operation.

6. Modus Operandi of GDRWG

To attain the Objective, GDRWG will be using a WG mailing list for most correspondences, and supplemented by teleconferences and face-to-face meetings held in conjunction with an APTLD members meeting, if any.

The GDRWG members will be considering one or several questions from the Scope of Operation list and provide the secretary with substantiated comments thereto. The GDRWG Secretary compiles the list of comments and drafts the general recommendation which is sent to the GDRWG members for final approval.

Where GDRWG members find themselves in disagreement over a given issue, then the GDRWG Chair shall put the issue to a vote. The decision on the issue is considered made where it has been passed by a simple majority.

The should be no "abstain" option but GDRWG members can express their opinion in dissent and require it be included as a separate comment to the respective decision.

7. Reporting

Once all the questions have been commented on and answered to, the GDRWG Secretary drafts the final Recommendations and the GDRWG Chair submits them to the APTLD Board for adoption.