



Fisheries  
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# FiTI Board Circular

Board Circular No. 12

**ID: BC-12\_2023**

**Requested by:** FiTI Chair  
**Submitted by:** FiTI International Secretariat  
**Submitted on:** 03.05.2023  
**Decided on:** 11.05.2023

## Preamble

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

## Purpose of this Circular

The purpose of this Circular is to approve that the FiTI Chair is able to designate Board Members to the FiTI International Board's Election Committee.

## Decision required

According to the decision made in the 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting (BM-13\_2021\_D-01)<sup>1</sup>, an *'Election Committee, comprising of the FiTI Chair and up to four members of the current International Board, will conduct a formal review of nominations that will culminate with the FiTI Chair sending a list of vetted short-listed candidates to the Board for approval'*. Furthermore, the Election Committee is tasked with, inter alia, interviewing short-listed candidates, and submit a final list of candidates to the FiTI International Board for approval.

As the previous members of the Election Committee retired from the FiTI International Board at the end of December 2022 (Ylva Mattsson, Alfred Schumm), a new Election Committee needs to be established. The Election Committee should ideally reflect the Board's overall multi-stakeholder composition.

**Decision required\_#1: Does the FiTI International Board approve that the FiTI Chair designates up to three members of the Board to form the Election Committee for the 2022/2023 election process and that the FiTI Chair facilitates this Committee in order to identify and recommend candidates for the FiTI International Board?**

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<sup>1</sup> This decision approved the 'Procedure for the 2022 membership election to the FiTI association' (see here: <https://www.fiti.global/call-for-2022-membership-election-to-the-fiti-association>).

## Due date for this Board Circular

Eligible Board Members must reply to this Board Circular no later than **Wednesday, 10 May 2023**, 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 interests, the pro-rated voting powers for this 12<sup>th</sup> Board Circular of the FiTI International Board are as follows:

Stakeholder group	Number of voting members	Voting power per member
<b>Government sector</b>	4	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Business sector</b>	5	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Social sector</b>	3	<b>2.0</b>

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 3 May 2023 to all Board Members via email. The following results were recorded:

Name:	Stakeholder Group:	Sent on:	Responded on:	Approval?	Voting power:
Andres Arens	Government sector	04.05.2023			
Roy Clarisse	Government sector	04.05.2023			
Joachim Johanneson	Government sector	04.05.2023	05.05.2023	Yes	1.5
Annika Mackensen	Government sector	04.05.2023	04.05.2023	Yes	1.5
Keith Andre	Business sector	04.05.2023	04.05.2023	Yes	1.2
Hugh Govan	Business sector	04.05.2023	04.05.2023	Yes	1.2
Tony Lazazzara	Business sector	04.05.2023	04.05.2023	Yes	1.2
Dawda Foday Saine	Business sector	04.05.2023			
Alfredo Sfeir	Business sector	04.05.2023	06.05.2023	Yes	1.2
Maisie Pigeon	Social sector	04.05.2023	04.05.2023	Yes	2.0
Ahmed Senhoury	Social sector	04.05.2023	05.05.2023	Yes	2.0
Annie Tourette	Social sector	04.05.2023	09.05.2023	Yes	2.0

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

**13.8**

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

**2**

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

**4**

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

**3**

Based on these responses, the following decisions have been determined:

#### Decision [BC-12\_2023\_D-01]:

The International Board approves that the FiTI Chair can designate up to three members of the Board to form the Election Committee for the 2022/2023 election process and that the FiTI Chair can facilitate this Committee in order to identify and recommend candidates for the FiTI International Board.

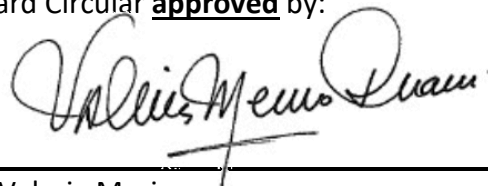
Board Circular **provided** by:



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