

**ACT Alliance Nominations and Elections Process  
Summary of procedure**

*Towards General Assembly 2018*

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- The **Membership and Nominations Committee** starts the elections process in July 2017.
- Nominations for candidates for Governing Board (GB) or Membership and Nominations Committee (MNC) are done by **eligible ACT members\***.
- The nominees will need to go through an **endorsement** process by their **relevant ACT forums**, the national forum, in countries where such a forum exists; or respectively by the sub-regional or regional forum, in countries where a national forum does not exist.
- In countries where no national, sub-regional or regional forum exist, the nominee should have the endorsement of at least 3 ACT member organisations from the relevant region\*\*.
- The GB **regional representatives** must come from member organisations which have their headquarters in a country in that region.

## **Regional Representation in the GB according to ACT**

### **Alliance By-Laws:**

- 3 from Africa
- 3 from Asia
- 3 from Western Europe
- 3 from Meso America, South America and the Caribbean
- 2 from North America (USA and Canada)
- 1 from Eastern and Central Europe
- 1 from the Pacific nations, Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand
- 1 from the Middle East

- **1 global member** –in addition to LWF- will be nominated by the global member’s forum composed of all global organisations members of the Alliance.
- **MNC composition** according to ACT By-Laws: up to 5 members based on:
  - A balance between the ‘Global South and the Global North’.
  - Nominees having an excellent understanding of membership criteria.
  - Nominees having long term experience and deep knowledge of the ecumenical movement.
  - Nominees having an excellent understanding of the ACT Alliance.

- The MNC does the final check of nominations received and sends the list of qualified candidates to all ACT Alliance member organisations, asking them if they have any **formal objections** to any of the candidates on the list.
- The MNC decides on the **final list of all the candidates** meeting the requirements and sends it to all ACT Alliance member organisations.
- In case of **withdrawals** of candidates, the member organisations attending the Assembly can put forward **alternative candidates**, from their regional meetings taking place on the first day of the assembly.
- After these meetings the MNC closes the pool of candidates and presents the final slates to the Assembly.
- The Assembly votes to elect the members of the GB, the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer and members of the MNC on the basis of the slates presented by the MNC.