

## **ACT Alliance Nominations and Elections Process for the Governing Board and the Membership and Nominations Committee (MNC)**

### **Plus 1 (+1) principle**

In the nominations and elections process approved by the Governing Board in 2016, a “Plus 1 Principle” was elaborated which strongly encourages members and forums to ensure that for each regional group of seats available, at least + 1 candidates are put forward. This is particularly relevant for regions which have functioning regional forums who coordinate the nomination of candidates at a regional level. The reason for the +1 principle is to enable the MNC to have some choice when preparing the slate for elections so that gender balance etc can be taken into consideration.

According to the ACT Alliance Statutes and By-Laws, the Regional Representation in the Governing Board is distributed as follows:

#### Regional Representation:

- 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

For application of the +1 principle, this means in practice that the ACT regional Forum in Europe (covering Western and Eastern and Central Europe), ACT regional Forum in North America and ACT subregional Forum in the Pacific nations, Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand (PANZ), should endeavour to come up with more (at least +1) candidates than the total number of GB seats available for their respective sub-region or region.

For the ACT regional Forum in Europe the +1 rule applies to both sub regions: this means that the Europe Forum would need to endorse at least 4 candidates for Western Europe (3+1) and 2 candidates for Eastern and Central Europe (1+1). Of course more candidates than this can also be put forward, but at least 4 and 2 respectively. For North America, at least 3 candidates should be endorsed (2+1) and for PANZ at least 2 candidates should be endorsed (1+1).

The aim of the +1 principle is to enable the MNC to have some choice when preparing the slate for elections, so that they can ensure a good balance based on gender, church/specialised ministry, geography, continuity and professional competencies.

In case of withdrawals, there is a regional meeting on Day 1 of the General Assembly for the regions to come up with alternative candidate. The +1 principle also allows the MNC to hold a ‘back up list’ of forum endorsed candidates that could be drawn on in case of withdrawals.