

The World Bank Institute External Advisory Council – Terms of Reference

Purpose: The World Bank Institute (WBI) established an External Advisory Council (EAC) in 1997 to (i) help shape the Institute's work and (ii) to provide checks and balances on its strategies, work program, and performance by soliciting, and acting upon, the different views, perspectives and experiences offered by the Council's members, who represent external stakeholders.

Mandate: To:

- provide guidance, based on an external perspective, on the pertinence of WBI's strategy, directions and performance;
- provide advice on how to raise WBI's profile in the development community.
- facilitate collaboration between WBI/WB and the organizations with which Council members are associated (e.g. WBCSD, Monterrey and other Universities, British Council).

Composition: Members are invited to serve on the basis of the professional, regional and thematic perspectives they bring to the Council. Thus, up to eighteen members represent the geographic regions; developed and developing countries; gender; and experience by sector – academia, government, private sector, and community groups. Members, identified and nominated by World Bank senior management, are invited to serve for an initial term of three years. Membership may be renewed for a second three-year term.

Membership Criteria:

- knowledge or interest in development, and especially in capacity enhancement initiatives;
- awareness of and interest in the points of view of key individuals in their sectors;
- ability and commitment to network and share information with stakeholders in their sector;
- ability to act with integrity and independent of vested interests;
- ability to relate to and respect a diverse range of values and beliefs;
- ability to gain respect and credibility within a diverse range of stakeholders and the wider public;
- ability to work constructively as a member of a team;
- ability to form constructive working relationships;
- ability to communicate effectively;
- ability to review and synthesize considerable amounts of information;
- commitment to prepare for, travel to, attend and participate in meetings, and to provide candid opinions.

Core Responsibilities: Members are expected to attend at least one meeting per year, face-to-face, usually 1 ½ days, usually in Washington DC, and usually in the Spring or Fall. They are expected to:

- prepare for meetings;

- foster and contribute to an open, collaborative climate, independent of vested interests;
- provide candid and constructive input to the deliberations based on their knowledge, contacts and experience;
- demonstrate communication with and input from the sector they represent;
- maintain a good attendance record.

Summaries of EAC meetings will be made public.

Compensation: Members will be entitled to reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses incurred in relation to their attendance at committee.. Members are not remunerated for services rendered.

Administrative Support: Administrative support will be provided by WBI's Knowledge Partnership Division.