



REGULATIONS FOR THE ICOM-LAC REGIONAL ALLIANCE

Name, definition and location

The name of the organization is the Regional Alliance for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Council of Museums (ICOM-LAC).

The ICOM LAC Regional Alliance is a component of the International Council of Museums ICOM, constituted by the Presidents of the National Committees of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, which are formally accredited to ICOM and by the Board of Directors elected by the collective each year.

(3) three years.

Its location changes according to the country of residence of the President-elect at the ICOM-LAC General Assembly.

Article 2. Mission and Objectives

The mission of the ICOM LAC Alliance is to be an effective forum for the cooperation of museums and their workers in the Latin American and Caribbean region that is dedicated to preserving and conserving heritage and making its importance and value as a social asset present to the community.

The objectives of the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance are as follows:

- (I) To provide a forum for the exchange of information, knowledge, experience and cooperation among the National Committees of the Region;
 - (II) Provide a framework for cooperation between museums, museum training centers and museum professionals;
 - (III) Contribute to the implementation of ICOM's strategic plan in the region;
 - (IV) Promote ICOM membership among museum professionals and workers and museum and heritage institutions in the region;
 - (V) Propose and advise ICOM on the implementation and development of its programs with special reference to the needs and context of the region;
 - (VI) To disseminate in the most effective way all regional activities in the field of museums and heritage protection;
 - (VII) To serve the interests of the National Committees in the region;
 - (VIII) Ensure cooperation with other regional alliances;
 - (IX) Strengthen cooperation with intergovernmental organizations based in the region
- The ICOM-LAC Alliance will carry out activities relevant to the fulfillment of its objectives.

Article 3. Relations with ICOM

The activities of ICOM LAC are subject to the Statutes and Internal Regulations of ICOM, and to the Regulations established for the Regional Alliance.

Article 4. Membership

All the Presidents of the National Committees of the countries that make up the Latin American and Caribbean region with voting rights, who have expressed their desire to belong to ICOM LAC, are members. In addition, former Presidents of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean who request in writing to be part of the Alliance may be considered as Advisory members without voting rights.

There are also *ex officio* members: the President of ICOM and the President of the Consultative Committee. In addition, any member of the Region holding a seat on the Executive Committee or an executive position on the bureau of an International Committee may apply in writing to become an *ex officio* member of ICOM LAC.

Article 5. Rights of Members

All members of the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance, duly admitted, may participate in all the activities organized by this Alliance.

Article 6. Duties of members

The duties of the members are as follows:

- Maintain frequent contact with the Alliance's Board of Directors and attend to their requirements.
- Collaborate to ensure that Alliance decisions are implemented in their countries.
- Respect the ICOM Code of Ethics and the rules established in these Regulations.

Article 7. On the Administration of the Regional Alliance

7.1. Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Regional Alliance is composed of one (1) President, and three (3) Sub-Regional Coordinators who represent the following Sub-Regions together with the President:

- Mesoamerica
- Caribbean
- Andean America and
- Southern Cone and Brazil

The Chairperson and the Sub-Regional Coordinators are elected by the members of the Regional Alliance at the Assembly.

7.2. Functions of the Board of Directors

-The President is responsible for the administrative and financial management of ICOM LAC. He/she must manage a balanced budget that does not incur expenses that have not been financed and approved. The members of ICOM LAC and ICOM International shall not be responsible for the same.

The Sub-Regional Coordinators must collaborate with the President in communicating and transmitting the interests and programs of ICOM LAC to the members of their sub-region and ensure that they are carried out. At each ICOM LAC meeting, a Secretary is appointed from among the Regional Coordinators and is responsible for keeping the minutes of the meeting.

7.3 Election of the Board of Directors

The Regional Alliance holds every three (3) years elections of its Board of Directors by direct vote, during the General Assembly.

All National Committee Chairpersons are entitled to vote and may represent a maximum of two (2) regular members who grant formal proxy for such election.

The election of the Board of Directors must have a minimum quorum of half plus one (50% plus 1) of its members who are in good standing with ICOM, who are present or represented by proxy with formal power of attorney.

The election process is attended by a member designated by the ICOM General Secretariat.

7.4 Candidates for the Board of Directors

The nomination of candidates must be submitted by the National Committee of their country of origin and endorsed by another National Committee of the Alliance.

Any President of a National Committee of the countries belonging to the Region, or any member proposed by the President of the same country of origin, who has been an active member for at least three (3) years, may be a candidate for the positions on the Board of Directors.

Board Chair applicants must submit a Work Plan that is consistent with the above commitments and appears achievable.

Nominations for President and Regional Coordinators must reach the ICOM LAC Chair three (3) months prior to the ICOM General Conference and must have the support of their National Committee and another National Committee of the Region.

If there are no candidates for the Board of Directors, the President of ICOM LAC shall request the National Presidents of the Sub-Regions to submit nominations. If there are still no candidates, the General Assembly, meeting on the occasion of the ICOM General Conference, shall proceed at that meeting to solicit names and hold elections to fill the Board of Directors in such a way as to ensure a balanced representation among the (4) four regions.

7.5. General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly of the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance is of a decision-making nature and meets at the following meetings

triennially if possible at the date and place scheduled for the ICOM General Conference or General Assembly.

Regular members of the Alliance or their formally accredited representatives may participate in the General Assembly with vote.

The quorum of the Assembly shall be 50%+ one of the members at first call and of the number of members present at second call.

The Assembly is directed by the President of the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance or in his absence by one of its Regional Coordinators designated by the President.

Each National Committee Chairperson is entitled to (1) one vote and may represent a maximum of (1) one member of the National Committee.

(2) two regular members with the respective formal proxy. Decisions made by the General Assembly are made with at least (50% plus one) half plus one of the voting members in attendance or represented.

ICOM members from the Latin American and Caribbean Region present at the General Conference may participate as observers without vote.

The main topics of the General Assembly include but are not limited to the following:

- (I) Election of the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors
- (II) Management report of the President and the outgoing Board of Directors.
- (III) Presentation of the future three-year action plan by the elected President.
- (IV) Review of the method of financing and fundraising for the operational plan for the following three-year period.

7.6 Ordinary Assembly

The ICOM-LAC Alliance may hold annual Ordinary Working Assemblies for deliberation and decision making, in places determined by the President and the Board of Directors, which informs the President three (3) months in advance and sends formal invitations to the Presidents of the National Committees of the member countries at least two (2) months in advance.

The Ordinary Assemblies may be open to all interested active members of the National Committees and to other institutions that wish to participate in their regional work.

The agenda of the Ordinary Assemblies shall include the following items, among others:

- (I) Execution of the decisions taken by the General Assembly.
- (II) Annual report of the President and the Board of Directors.
- (III) Brief report on the activities of each committee.
- (IV) Communications strategy, regional projects and exchange.
- (V) Fundraising for the implementation of activities.

7.7 Extraordinary Meetings

Extraordinary meetings are held to review and make decisions on unforeseen matters and require at least the presence of (50% + 1) half plus one of the members of the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance present or represented.

In case of urgency, these extraordinary meetings may be held via video conference and the decisions taken there will have the same validity as a face-to-face meeting.

7.8. Quorum of the Assemblies

ICOM LAC Assemblies must have a quorum of half plus one (50% + 1) of the members present or represented. If the quorum is not reached, the President grants a recess of twenty (20) minutes so that a quorum is present. If after this time there is not a quorum of half plus one (50% plus one) of the members, the Assembly begins with the members present and the resolutions adopted by the Assembly are binding on all members as long as it is stated in the notice of meeting.

Article 8. Finances

The ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance may submit projects for ICOM grants.

It may accept grants and donations from governments, foundations and individuals to carry out activities related to its mission and ICOM's three-year plans.

It may establish mutual funds with other Regional Alliances to contribute to the implementation of joint activities that respond to ICOM's three-year plans.

Article 9. Modifications to the Regulations

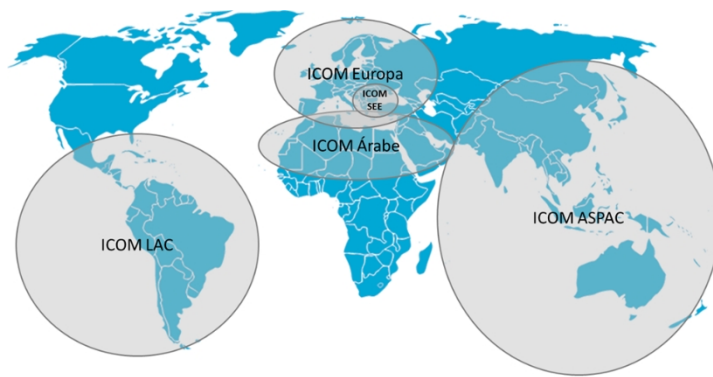
Modifications to the present Regulations may be proposed by the National Committees members of the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance. The members of the Regional Alliance must be notified of the text and purpose of the modifications together with a justification and no less than three (3) months prior to the triennial General Assembly in order for them to be considered.

In the event of an urgent need to modify the Bylaws, this may be done after discussion at an Ordinary Assembly and formal acceptance at another Ordinary Assembly, which shall be endorsed at the beginning of the Triennial General Assembly with the support of half plus one (50% + one) of the members present or represented.

Article 10. Dissolution of the Alliance

The ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance may be dissolved by decision of the ICOM Executive Council in accordance with the ICOM Statutes.

In the event that the ICOM-LAC Regional Alliance is dissolved, its assets (if any) shall be transferred to ICOM and shall remain at the disposal of ICOM.



ICOM's Regional Alliances: current geographical distribution

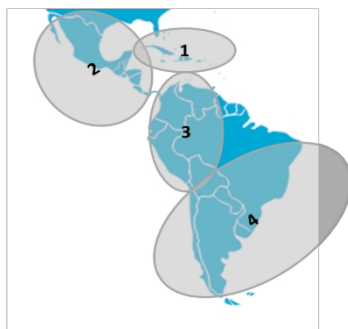
Current composition of ICOM LAC

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1. ICOM Argentina
2. ICOM Barbados
3. ICOM Bolivia
4. ICOM Brazil
5. ICOM Chile
6. ICOM Colombia
7. ICOM Costa Rica
8. ICOM Cuba
9. ICOM Dominican Republic
10. ICOM Ecuador
11. ICOM El Salvador
12. ICOM Guatemala
13. ICOM Haiti
14. ICOM Mexico
15. ICOM Panama
16. ICOM Paraguay
17. ICOM Peru
18. ICOM Uruguay
19. ICOM Venezuela

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Proposition ICOM LAC of sub-groups



ICOM LAC: Geographic Distribution of Regional Sub-Groups

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1. Caribbean: 4

ICOM Barbados
ICOM Cuba
ICOM Dominican Republic ICOM
Haiti

2. Mesoamerica: 5

ICOM Costa Rica
ICOM Guatemala
ICOM Mexico ICOM
Panama ICOM El
Salvador ICOM

3. Andean America: 5

ICOM Bolivia
ICOM Colombia
ICOM Ecuador
ICOM Peru ICOM
Venezuela

4. Southern Cone and Brazil: 5

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ICOM Brazil
ICOM Chile ICOM
Chile ICOM
Paraguay ICOM
Uruguay□