



## **29<sup>th</sup> IRENA Council and related meetings**

# **Proposed Process for the Selection and Appointment of the External Auditor**

## Strengthening External Auditor Selection

- Responds to Assembly Decision A/15/DC/4
- Aligns with Financial Regulation 12.8
- Reflects Member feedback from Council 28 and Assembly 15
- Builds on benchmarking across international organisations

## Current Practice (Since 2013)

- Secretariat-led open tender (IRENA + UNGM)
- Technically sound but limited Member oversight

## Need Identified

- Desire for greater transparency and formal Member engagement

## Model 1 – Status Quo

**Process remains Secretariat-led** under existing procurement procedures.

Members not involved in the evaluation or selection, only in the appointment.

- **No formal oversight committee** role.

## Model 2 – Strategic Oversight

Establishes an **Oversight Audit Committee (OAC)** with:

- **Review TOR** before issuance.
- **Review of audit deliverables and results.**

Evaluation and selection remain under the Secretariat.

- **Moderate Member involvement.**

## Model 3 – Full Oversight

- OAC has **end-to-end oversight**:
- Reviews **RFP content, panel composition, and evaluation results.**
- May **participate in interviews** or technical assessments.
- Recommends final selection to the Council or Assembly.
- **Highest level of Member engagement.**

◆ *Implementation of Models 2 or 3 depends on AFC support for the Oversight Audit Committee*

# Summary of Proposed Governance Models

Key Element	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Terms of Reference reviewed by	Secretariat	OAC	OAC
Request for Proposal (incl. evaluation criteria) approved by	Secretariat	Secretariat	OAC
Procurement undertaken by Secretariat	Yes	Yes	Yes
Evaluation panel composed by	Secretariat	Secretariat	Secretariat (approved by OAC)
Member participation in evaluation	No	No	Yes (through OAC representatives)
OAC reviews the completed process and recommends appointment	No	Yes	Yes
Council and Assembly appointment	Yes	Yes	Yes
Auditor performance monitored by	OAC	OAC	OAC
Level of Member oversight	Minimal	Strategic (ToR only)	High (through OAC for all stages)



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