

AFFILIATION AND PARTICIPATION FLOW CHART

This chart shows how support and information flow to our groups through our service bodies and vice versa.

The purpose of affiliation is to help us count groups and service bodies for fair representation and to encourage the flow of support and information to all.

The purpose of participation is to facilitate the support and flow of information within groups and service bodies that have a common need.

If a group affiliates with an intergroup, the group will be affiliated with the intergroup's region. If a group affiliates with a national service body, that group will be affiliated with that national service body's region.

Groups that choose not to affiliate with an intergroup or a national service body may choose to affiliate with the geographic region where the group exists or the Virtual Region.

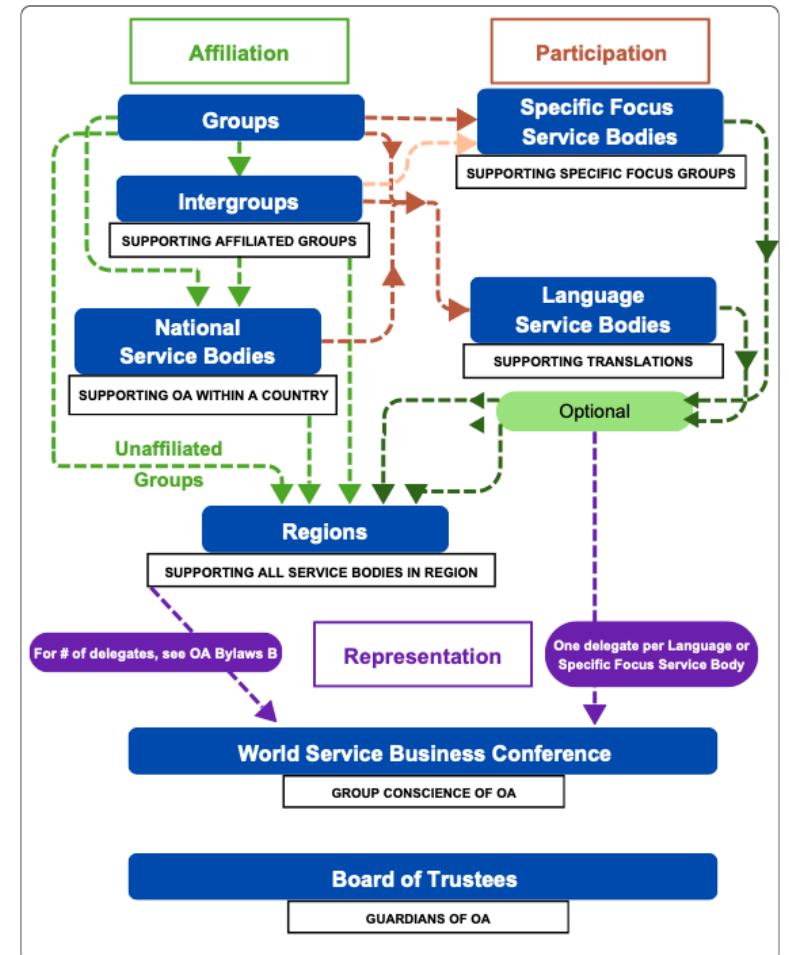
Any group or service body may participate in the activities (including voting) of another intergroup, national service body, language service body, and/or specific-focus service body, and region with their permission.

An intergroup may affiliate with one national service body if it exists, shall be affiliated with one region, and may participate in one or more language service bodies.

A national service body is affiliated with the region where their nation exists and may participate in one or more language service bodies.

A language service body or specific-focus service body may affiliate with one region. When the language or specific-focus service body spans more than one region, it may choose which region to affiliate with. Should a language or specific-focus service body choose not to affiliate with a region, the Board of Trustees chair shall assign a trustee to serve as liaison to that language or specific-focus service body. The groups, service bodies, and groups acting as service bodies that participate in a language or specific-focus service body retain their original affiliation.

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