

ICOM DEFINE

Mandate 2023-2025

ARTICLE 1. CONTEXT

The International Council of Museums (ICOM), as the main organ setting minimum standards of professional practice and performance for museums, is responsible for and guarantor of the museum definition.

On the 10th of December 2020 ICOM Define presented its methodology for elaborating a new ICOM museum definition, aiming to respond to the need for a democratic and open process of consultation with the National Committees, International Committees, Regional Alliances and Affiliated Organisations.

On August 24th, the new museum definition received a 92.4% approval rating during the ICOM Extraordinary General Assembly at the 26th ICOM General Conference held in Prague. The definition was the culmination of an 18-month participatory process that involved thousands of museum professionals from all over the world.

ARTICLE 2. MISSION

ICOM Define now continues its mission of serving ICOM in the implementation of the definition, seeking to establish it as a baseline for our organization. Our upcoming steps include the following:

- Supporting Committees in the communication, implementation and translation of the museum definition
- Integrating the museum definition into ICOM's Strategic Plan, Communications Strategy and Training Programs
- Working closely with UNESCO and other institutions to communicate and assess the impact of the museum definition;
- Observing museum practice and analyzing specific case studies.

As we begin a new mandate for ICOM Define, it is important that its members have knowledge of the previous work conducted to arrive at the museum definition and be active in its implementation process.

ARTICLE 3. COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP

2.1. Eligibility and restrictions

The Working Group shall be composed of at least eight (8) members and a maximum of ten (10) members (without counting *ex officio* members).

The members of the Working Group shall:

- Be individual members of ICOM in good standing.
- Have knowledge of the previous work conducted to arrive at the museum definition,
- Be active in its implementation process.

The following restrictions apply:

- No ICOM member shall be appointed to more than two (2) ICOM Standing Committees or Working Groups at the same time.
- No ICOM member shall be appointed as Chair of more than one (1) ICOM Standing Committees or Working Groups at the same time.
- ICOM Executive Board Members, the Chair of the Advisory Council and the Spokesperson for the National Committees and International Committees shall not be appointed as Chair of ICOM Standing Committees or Working Groups.

2.2. Ex-officio Members

In addition to the members appointed by the ICOM President, the Working Group also includes:

- the President of ICOM,
- one (1) Executive Board representative.

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION

ICOM does not compensate Working Group Members or reimburse expenses incurred such as travel, hotel and other costs, unless otherwise instructed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 5. TERM OF MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP

ICOM Define will continue its mission in June 2023 and run until the next General Conference in 2025. The ICOM Define can be reconducted upon decision by the ICOM Executive Board for a new mandate until the completion of its tasks.