

## **Governance Overview**

The governance of the Convention of the Future Armenian involves numerous individuals and organizations, each with specific roles in delivering, overseeing, advising, and funding the event. A comprehensive record of all these actors is presented in the document.

### **1. The governance of the Convention of the Future Armenian**

#### **1.1. Our definition of governance**

The structures and processes involved in delivering the Convention.

#### **1.2. The guiding principles of the Convention**

**Unity:** The Convention will serve as a platform for pan-Armenian dialogue, bringing together the potential of the expert community and diverse groups of society, thus promoting informed and inclusive discussions that involve both experts and the public.

**Inclusiveness:** Registration for participation in the Convention is open to all our compatriots in the motherland and Diaspora. An elaborated mechanism will ensure the proportion of participation based on factors such as gender, age, level of education and community area.

**Transparency:** The organizers and the international experts will ensure the transparency of the Convention's activities and its preparatory works.

**Public legacy:** All the suggestions elaborated within the framework of the Convention are open for state and private sector actors.

**New mindset, new results:**

Together we create a culture where civilians actively participate in collective decision-making through open dialogue and take collective responsibility for the outcomes.

### **2. The different elements of the Governance structures**

#### **2.1. Expert Committees**

##### **The purpose of Expert Committees**

The Expert Committees will assist the work of the first Convention of the Future Armenian by supporting the 'learning' phase of the Convention.

Three of the fifteen goals developed by The FUTURE ARMENIAN Initiative in April 2021 will be discussed at the Convention: “Historic Responsibility”, “Armenia-Diaspora Unity” and “Growing Population”. The number of committees and their respective areas of responsibility were determined based on these three goals.

### **Composition of 3 Expert Committees**

The 3 Expert Committees consist of academics and practitioners across several fields of areas related to the topics of: Armenia – Diaspora Unity, Historic Responsibility and Growing Population.

For more details about the Experts Committees, see the Terms of Reference.

## **2.2. Governing Board**

### **Purpose of the Board**

The Future Armenian Board has been created to lead The FUTURE ARMENIAN Initiative. It strives to enrich and facilitate the public discourse about the future of Armenia and Armenians.

The Board makes strategic decisions on the Convention of the Future Armenian including:

- Convention topics to be discussed:  
The board may consider setting up a process for topic selection (i.e. Armenia – Diaspora Unity, Historic Responsibility and Growing Population topics were chosen by Signatories of The FUTURE ARMENIAN initiative from 15 goals).
- Funding sources and budget allocation.

### **Composition of the Board**

The FUTURE ARMENIAN Initiative is not affiliated with any political group or organization. The FUTURE ARMENIAN Initiative is represented by The FUTURE ARMENIAN Development Foundation (Armenia). It is funded by Noubar Afeyan, Artur Alaverdyan, Richard Azarnia, and Ruben Vardanyan.

## **2.3. The Process Delivery Team**

### **The purpose and composition of the Process Delivery Team**

#### **- Core Team**

The core team is composed of:

- Members of The FUTURE ARMENIAN Development Foundation team
- Members of the facilitation team: International Center for Human Development (ICHD) team

The role of the core team is to:

- Ensure that the process of the Convention of the Future Armenian is in line with Citizens Assembly methodology.

- Ensure the implementation phases are in line with procedures and Terms of Reference described and referred in the Concept Note document.
- Facilitate the work of Expert Committees.
- Facilitate the final outcome/scenarios for each topic.
- Pilot the Convention /final scenarios/ with Expert Committee members.
- Facilitate learning phase including but not limited to developing factsheets, running portal, supporting media products (including interviews with experts), etc.

- **Advisers: OSCA**

OSCA (Iswe - Good Help Ltd) supports the design and delivery of the Convention of the Future Armenian, by providing advice and production support. This support is provided through:

- Strategic advice
- Document development
- Process design support
- Event oversight
- Support in report development.