



ILGA OCEANIA

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM



PROPOSAL NAME: OFFICIAL WORKING LANGUAGES

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Document Changed: ILGA Oceania Constitution & Standing Orders

This form is for submitting a proposal at the ILGA Oceania Annual General Meeting (AGM).

1) DEADLINES

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 1 month prior to the AGM [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(10)], so that they can be sent out 21 days prior to the AGM [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(5)].

AMENDMENT DEADLINE: 15 days prior to the AGM. [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s31(6)]

2) MAJORITY REQUIRED (MEMBER VOTES CAST)

GENERAL PROPOSALS: 50%

CONSTITUTION CHANGES: 75% (Special Resolution) [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s35]

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUTION: 50%+1 [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s3(2)]

STANDING ORDER CHANGES: 50%+1 [ILGA Oceania Standing Orders, s1.2]

LODGEMENT: 28 days after the resolution. [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s42]

No documentary change to the ILGA Oceania constitution, or the ILGA Oceania Standing Orders, may conflict with the aims and objectives of the ILGA Oceania constitution or its ILGA World Standing Orders [ILGA Oceania Constitution, s42], or any relevant legal requirements [Association Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) & Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016 (NSW)].

A) PURPOSE – A short summary of what the proposal intends.

This proposal intends to state in the ILGA Oceania constitution that the working languages for ILGA Oceania are “English” and “French”.

B) BACKGROUND – A background of the issues surrounding the proposal itself.

There is some consensus in ILGA Oceania that English and French are currently the working languages of ILGA Oceania, however, an organisation’s official languages need stating in that organisation’s constitution. The working language of ILGA World, and all the ILGA Regions (except ILGA Asia), is stated explicitly in their constitutions:-

WORKING LANGUAGES					
REGION	ENGLISH	SPANISH	PORTUGUESE	FRENCH	ARABIC
ILGA World	English	Spanish			
ILGA Europe	English			French (documents)	
ILGA Pan Africa	English		Portuguese	French	Arabic
ILGA Asia	None Mentioned				
ILGA Latin America	English	Spanish	Portuguese		
ILGA Oceania	None Mentioned				
ILGA North America*	English			French (documents)	

* The current ILGA North America constitution is soon to be amended for the addition of the English-speaking Caribbean Islands.

To achieve continuity with the rest of ILGA, i.e. ILGA World and its regions, and to give the concept of an official language some weight, the ILGA Oceania constitution needs to state what ILGA Oceania’s official working languages are. This proposal adds a section of languages to the ILGA Oceania constitution and states that English and French are our official working languages.

C) CHANGES – State the change you are desiring to make.

Documentary changes: Green for any additions.

CONSTITUTION

48. *Common Seal*

(1) *The common seal of association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.*

(2) *The common seal shall not be affixed to a document without the approval of the Board and shall be attested by the signatures of any two office bearers.*

49. Working Languages

(1) *The working languages of the association, and all its events, are English and French.*

(2) *In case of dispute relating to the present Constitution between Members, the official published English version shall prevail. In case of disputes with the association and third parties, the official published English version is the only relevant version.*

(3) *ILGA Oceania is inclusive of all people and will strive to provide communication in other languages where possible.*

STANDING ORDERS

16) General

~~16.1~~ *The working language of ILGA Oceania will be English*

~~16.2~~ **16.1** *All Conference participants are expected to take into account the needs of participants with different languages and for translation/interpretation and should speak slowly and as clearly as possible.*

~~16.3~~ **16.2** *The host organisation for each conference shall, to the best of its ability within the resources available, make arrangements for the Conference (including the venue, facilities duration of sessions etc.), which are accessible to disabled members.*

16.3 *All Conference sessions shall be non-smoking.*