

ARTICLE 9 - Composition of the Board

1. The Board shall be made up of not less than eight and not more than sixteen Trustees designated as follows:
 - a. one Trustee appointed by the Government of the Host State;
 - b. not less than six Trustees at large, three of whom shall be from bamboo and rattan producing-countries and three appointed on the basis of their scientific or administrative expertise (hereinafter referred to as the "Trustees at large"); and
 - c. the Director General.
2. The Trustees at large shall be appointed for a three-year term that may be renewed once only. With respect to the composition of the initial Board of Trustees, one third of the Trustees at large shall be appointed for a one year term, one third for a two year term, and one third for a three year term. A Trustee who is appointed for an initial term of less than three years may subsequently be appointed for two full three-year terms.
3. The initial Trustees at large shall be appointed by the Government of the Host State, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Development Research Centre (hereinafter referred to as the 'Sponsors'). Subsequently, when the office of a Trustee at large becomes vacant, that office shall be filled by an individual who is invited by the Board to become a Trustee.
4. The members of the Board serve in their personal capacity.
5. The Trustees at large shall be nationals of States that are members of the United Nations or of its specialized agencies.

ARTICLE 10 - Functions and Powers of the Board

1. The role of the Board shall be to ensure that:
 - a. The Network has objectives, programs and plans that are consistent with its mission and purposes;