

CMC-Global (ICMCI) Board Meeting PUBLIC SUMMARY

Public Summary of the Board Meeting number 1 /2025 -2026

Date of the meeting: Tuesday 20 January 2026

Introduction

The board meeting agenda comprised of (11) items.

Following is a summary of updates and decisions:

Chairman's introductory remarks:

Nick welcomed Board members and emphasized the need to align governance instruments with evolving activities, particularly communications, publications, and third-party engagement. Key updates included:

Zoho Rollout: Discussions with the provider are ongoing, with implementation starting from the IQA assessment process once approved by the IQA Chair and Secretariat.

SEMCA Collaboration: A draft MoU has been shared with SEMCA to include ICMCI consultants in projects in Shandong province; feedback is awaited before engaging IMCs.

CSP – Leverage Consulting: Discussions on CSP status are ongoing; policy outcomes will be shared once agreed with Nick and Gergana.

Vienna Face-to-Face Meeting: The strategy meeting will focus on scenario planning and future strategy, followed by a 1–1.5-hour ICMCI business meeting; pre-reads will be shared.

UNIDO Pilot Project: A meeting with UNIDO is scheduled in Vienna on 11 February, with follow-up required to secure pilot candidates' evidence portfolios for GI certification.

Secretary Update

Updates were provided on policy reviews, publication guidelines, Observer Policy alignment, IMC Turkey 2026 conference planning, and Services Inc. operations, with multiple actions assigned.

Treasurer Update

The Board approved a new Finance Committee member, reviewed strong YTD financial performance, assessed IMC financial risks, and agreed actions on AR follow-up and an Asia-focused fundraising initiative.

National Consulting Index (NCI) – Robert Bodenstein & Tamara Abdel-Jaber:

The Board supported moving to a biennial NCI publication model, with interim deep-dive analyses to reduce costs, enhance analytical quality, and better leverage NCI insights for the annual White Paper, while planning for future task force resourcing and potential outsourcing of advanced data analysis.

Professional Development & Standards Committee (PDSC) – Celal Seckin:

PDSC reported solid progress across all workstreams, including the CMC® Competence Framework review with AI integration and usability improvements, advancement of the Premium Membership assessment process, and continued development of the Mid-Level Certification pathway in close collaboration with IQA and MGDC.

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Institute Quality Assurance (IQA) – Nick Warn:

IQA operations are strengthening, with improved assessor capacity, active assessments, updated documentation aligned with new membership levels, a growing Community of Practice, and ongoing monitoring of country-specific issues.

Membership Growth and Development Committee (MGDC) – Norma Shorey:

MGDC is aligning policies and processes with the newly approved Charter, advancing risk-aware documentation, planning Experience Exchange activities informed by the 2025 Membership Survey, and focusing on hub development, particularly revitalizing the Americas Hub and learning from Asia-Pacific best practices.

Marketing & Advocacy – Alexandra Hristov:

The Marketing Task Force is progressing with preparing an implementation plan of agreed tactics, structured around three core campaigns (CMC, Training, and Network), with tailored key messages developed for internal and external stakeholders.

Asia Pacific Hub Event – May 2026

Lydia updated the board on the event's agenda. The Board supported the proposed agenda, theme, and logistics for the Asia Pacific Hub event, noting attendance arrangements and next planning steps.

Risk Management Update

The Third-Party Evaluation Policy was formally approved, and updates were provided on CSP discussions and the Future Leaders initiative

Governance and Nomination Committee / White Paper

The Board noted progress on the white paper, strong response to the call for contributions, and upcoming governance meetings.

Day-to-Day Business Updates

The Board approved Global Compact fees to be paid for 2026, and extended free access to the CMC-Global Directory, noted operational updates, and agreed related actions.

Date of next meeting: 13 February 2026 in Vienna