IFWY Regional Dialogues

Selection Policy Note

1. Purpose
To establish a clear, transparent, and consistent process for selecting Catalysts for IFWY Regional Dialogues that balances public participation with committee oversight to ensure diverse and inclusive representation across regions, sectors, and gender.

2. Selection Framework
Public Voting Committee Review: The selection process is designed to combine broad community engagement with strategic committee oversight.

3. Public Voting
- Public online voting plays a central role in the selection process.
- Votes must be verified for authenticity; any **technical anomalies** (e.g., vote counts exceeding view counts) require manual review.
- The candidate with the highest valid votes per country and sector is prioritized in the selection.

4. Committee Review
The Organizing Committee assessment ensures:
- **Geographical diversity:** where submissions are heavily concentrated in a few countries, the number of Catalysts is adjusted to ensure geographical diversity
- **Gender balance:** Aim for equitable representation of gender.
- **Thematic and sectoral balance:** Promote representation across all thematic areas to enrich dialogue.
- **Technical validity:** Review and address any voting irregularities.
- **Quality and originality** of ideas, regardless of language or technical polish

5. Application of the Policy
- The candidate with the highest number of votes per country and sector is more likely to be selected as the primary representative.
- The committee may take measures to increase national diversity.
- Exceptions or special considerations must be documented and justified by the committee.
- The final list of 50 Catalysts per region should reflect balanced representation across all diversity criteria.

6. Technical Validation
- Verification is conducted to address potential voting anomalies (e.g., instances where vote counts exceed views).
- Any irregularities may be flagged and addressed to maintain fairness and transparency.

7. Use of AI Tools
- The use of generative AI tools in applications is **not prohibited**.
- Evaluation is focused on the **originality, substance, and relevance** of the content—not the writing method.
- Responsible and transparent use of digital tools is considered part of digital literacy.

8. Final Selection
A total of **300 Catalysts** are selected:
- 50 per region (250 total across five global regions)
- 50 from the Korean Dialogue without Borders

Each region's selection reflects the top-voted applicants **adjusted for inclusivity**, ensuring:
- A mix of countries, sectors, and perspectives

In highly competitive themes, committee discretion may be applied to maintain balance.

9. Communication of Results
- All selected participants will be notified directly.
- Feedback will be provided upon request, within available capacity.
- Any queries about the process can be send to ifwy.official@ifwy.org and will be handled by the Organizing Committee with reference to this policy.

10. Review and Updates
This policy should be reviewed and updated annually to incorporate feedback and improve transparency.