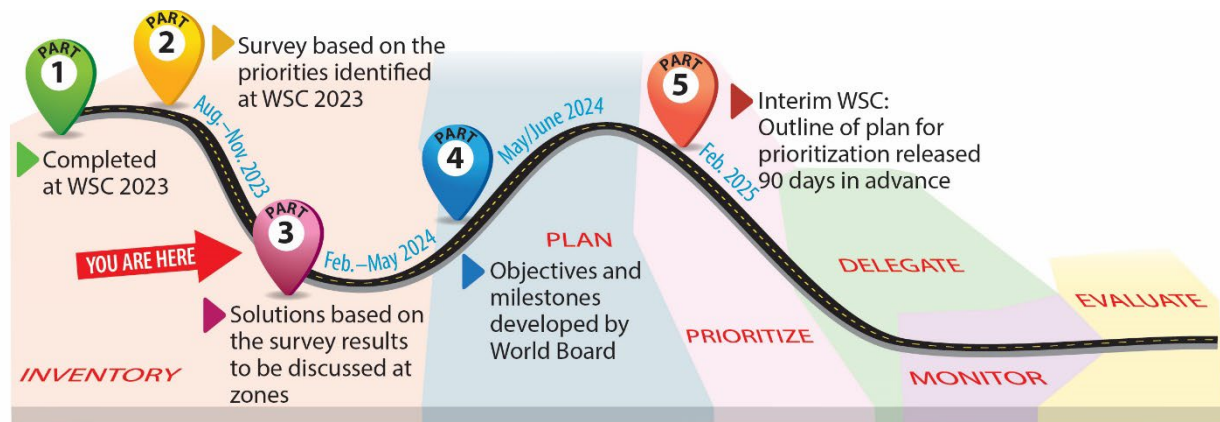


New Planning Process Part 3: Zonal Discussions

January 2024



Thank you to everyone who participated in the environmental scan survey. Here is a preview of what is coming next.

Part 2: Environmental Scan Survey

We are summarizing the results to use during zonal workshops. We plan to give each zone as much information as we have about their zone as well as the summary of results from all conference participants. The environmental scan is the fuel for the engine that will build the strategic plan.

Part 3: Zonal Discussions of Solutions

We intend to facilitate two sessions of two-hours each with zones to analyze the survey results and discuss possible solutions to the identified challenges. We anticipate these sessions will be scheduled like the interim WSC days: a two-hour session, an hour break, and then another two-hour session. All of the zonal sessions will contribute to the same strategic plan, and so we need consistent data and a consistent process. That's why a board member and a staff person will facilitate these sessions whenever possible. Zonal delegates may also assist for those zones that are meeting in-person. We are building a new process which will be evaluated before the next cycle.

There are fifteen zonal forums, and we have February through early May to accomplish Part 3 of the process. Clearly, scheduling meetings is challenging. We've come up with a plan to mitigate the challenges:

For most zonal forums, this planning day will take place online, but others have in-person meetings already scheduled during the February-early May period, so we will be asking for the time during those in-person meetings. For the remainder of zones, we are planning to meet collectively where practical.

Hybrid meetings are more difficult to manage than either in-person or virtual so we have purposefully not blended the two.

Translations will be limited and based on the needs of the members (participants) of the ZFs. We will not provide translations in the US planning sessions

In-Person Planning Workshops

The following zones have scheduled meetings within the Part 3 time frame. We will be asking each if they can devote at least two sessions to the planning process. If not, we will have to schedule virtual sessions another time:

- The EDM is meeting 28 Feb to 3 March 2024.
- The APF is meeting 4-7 March 2024.
- The BZF is meeting 2-5 May 2024.

Virtual Sessions

We are scheduling six virtual planning meetings (again, each with two sessions of two-hours each). The virtual sessions will be conducted as similarly as possible.

Three of the virtual sessions are for a single zone:

- African Zonal Forum 4 or 5 May proposed
- Latin American Zonal Forum 24 February, 11am–1pm & 2–4pm Pacific
- Russian Zonal Forum 13 or 20 April proposed

We have scheduled three combined workshops for the US zones and Canada.

- NEZF, Autonomy, SEZF – 10 February, 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific
- WSZF, CANA and RMZF – 9 March, 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific
- PSZF, MZF, SZF – 6 April, 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific

In the cases where zones are meeting together, we will use breakout rooms for each zone to have discussions.

Because each zone will have their specific results, we hope that US and Canadian conference participants will try to join the webinar for their zone. We think there is a clear advantage to meeting with your zone but for given everyone's busy schedules, this may not be possible for everyone.

To help us plan and to make sure we have the necessary board and staff present, we will be asking the US and Canadian delegates to register for the workshop they intend to attend and participate in.

Please fill out this form to register: https://naws.formstack.com/forms/us_canadian_zonal_webinars

Some participants may want to attend more than one session, and that's fine. Please register as a Participant for one workshop and an Observer for the other workshop you intend to attend. Observers will be put into overflow rooms for their additional workshops, and the overflow rooms will be facilitated by delegates. Again, registration is for US and Canadian delegates. All others are expected to attend with their zone.

These planning sessions are for the same population as conference participant web meetings: regional and zonal delegates and alternates, the World Board, and zonal contacts. Like CP web meetings, there are no outside observers.

This is an outline of what we believe we can effectively complete. The dates and workshops shown in blue need to be finalized with those zones.

Jan

20 CP Web meeting

Feb

10 Feb NEZF, Autonomy, SEZF – 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific

24 Feb LAZF– 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific

28 Feb-3 March EDM

March

4-7 Mar APF

9 Mar WSZF, CANA and RMZF – 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific

16 Mar CP web meeting

23 Mar H&I Open web meeting

April

6 PSZF, MZF, SZF – 9–11am & 12–2pm Pacific

[13 or 20 RZF](#)

May

2-5 May BZF

[First weekend in May African ZF](#)

18 May CP web meeting

Part 4: WB Develops Objectives and Milestones

The results of all of these zonal sessions will be reviewed, combined, and synthesized by the World Board to develop objectives and milestones for the strategic plan. This will require a lot of conversations at CP meetings to build material for the Interim WSC. It will take all of us participating if we are to be successful.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions: wb@na.org. We are all figuring out this new process together as we go! Thank you for your service.