



FEDERATION OF
INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL SERVANTS
ASSOCIATIONS
(FICSA)

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FICSA History and Mission

History of FICSA

68 years of
protecting
**international
civil servants**

- Founded in Paris in 1952
- Premise: decision-making through democratic and inclusive processes; strength through numbers; strength through diplomacy and preparation
- Today: \approx over 40,000 staff represented & protected through FICSA

Members

Categories/Status of membership

- Full Members (29)
- Associate Members (17)
- Consultative Members (16)
- Observers and FUNSAs (23)

- Consult the [website](#)

FICSA's Objectives

Mission: FICSA fosters the development of the international civil service in accordance with the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter and the constitutions of the specialized agencies.

The Federation:

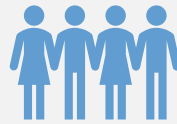
- **Defends** staff rights
 - Ensures that **equitable conditions of service** for all staff are maintained at a level that will permit the recruitment and retention of the most qualified people
 - **Contributes** to building a positive image of the international civil service
 - Provides an important **forum** for safeguarding and improving conditions of service
 - Functions as a **democratic** body
 - Promotes **protection** of working conditions
 - Is evolving....and does so much more
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- See also ['Accomplished Goals'](#) on the FICSA website



Roles and responsibilities of
the Regional Representative

Regional Representatives

They are elected to represent the different geographical regions (Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia) on behalf of the Federation.



Close collaboration with the FICSA
Executive Committee

What we can do in the field

- Provide info about FICSA to regional/country staff
- Promote and support the formation of FUNSAs in Country Offices
- Build good working relationships with associations/unions in regions
- Explain substantive issues of interest to staff in regions
- Foster regular contact with FUNSAs on topics of importance
- Refer regional problems to the FICSA Secretariat/ExCom for advice & guidance
- Possibly assist in the preparation of technical documentation related to regional activities
- Strengthen & promote the role of FUNSAs as interlocutor with each Resident Coordinator to inform & coordinate on common concerns

United Nations International Civil Servants Roles and Responsibilities

International Civil Servants are public sector employees who work for international organizations



International Civil Servants have an obligation to adhere to the staff rules and code of conduct and must report cases of misconduct. Respect, respect respect...



Rights include but not limited to :

(refer also to FICSA Communication 14/19)

Fair, equal, respectful treatment

Appeal to an internal appeals board and an Administrative Tribunal

Timely and objective assessment of performance

Certificate of service upon satisfactory completion of contract

Compensation upon termination due to reduction in staff



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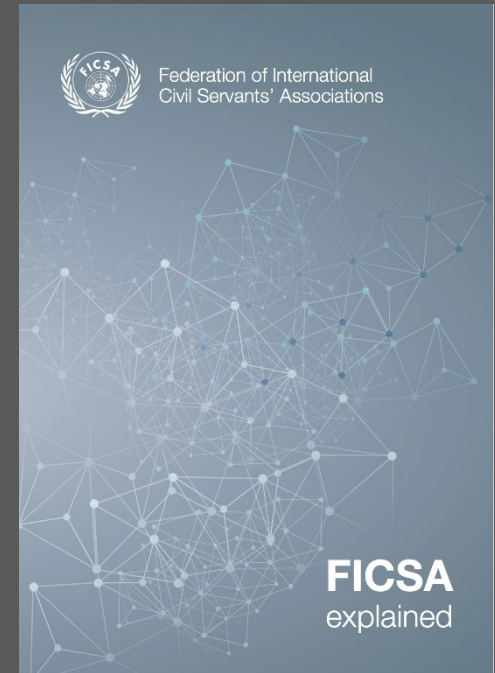
Decision-making
process,
Committees
Capacity building
– FICSA training

FICSA Council

- Meets 1x/year
- discusses previous Council decisions, actions taken, updates on issues, and proposes new decisions for the upcoming year
- Forum for members to engage in consultative decision via
 - Standing Committees (7),
 - Ad Hoc Committees (2) and
 - Permanent Technical Committees (2),
 - Regional Representatives,
 - and the Executive Committee

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- See [74th Council FICSA dedicated website](#)

Please see *FICSA Explained* for a more detailed explanation of the Council and related matters (FICSA Communication 29/19 refers)



Bodies elected

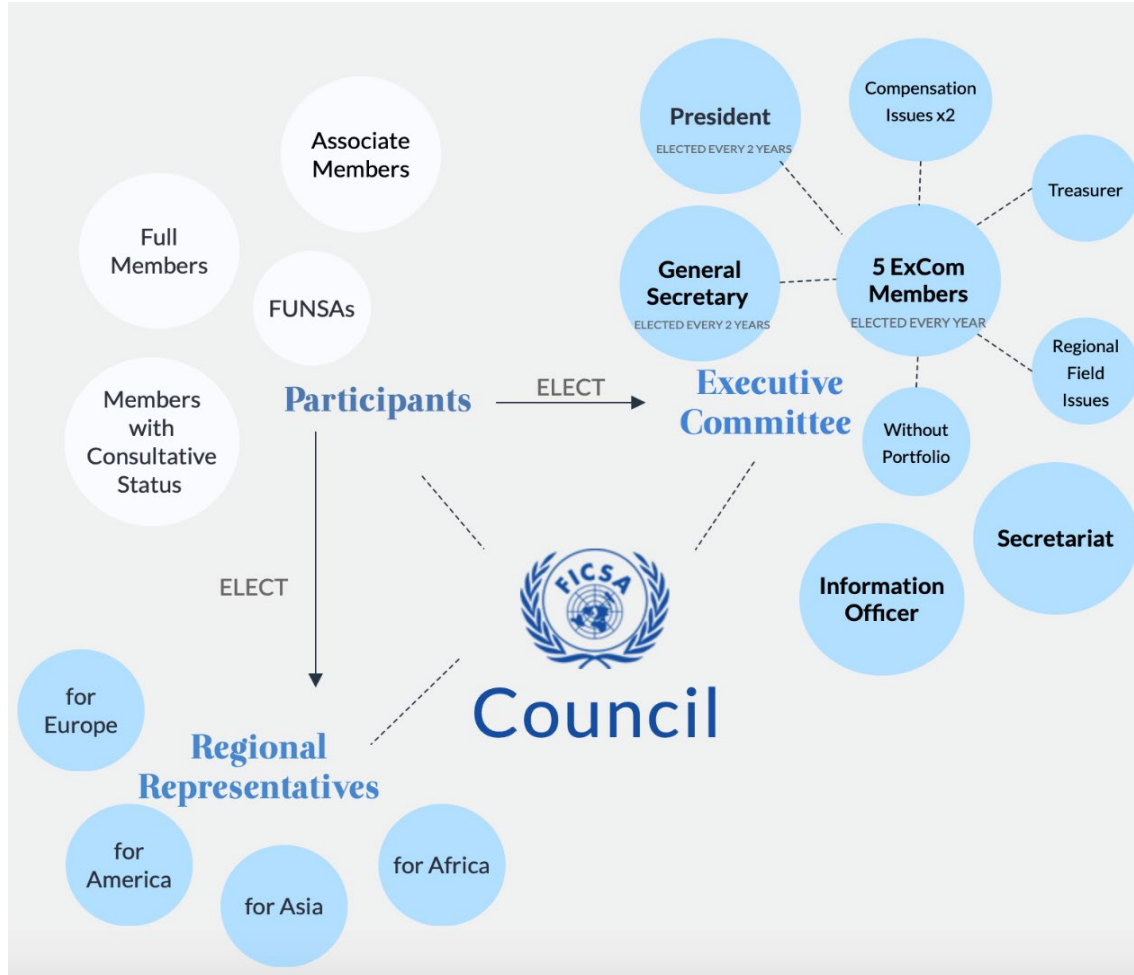
By members

- President and General Secretary – full time release
- Executive Committee members (2 compensation officers, 1 for field issues, 1 treasurer, 1 member without portfolio)
- Regional Representatives for Africa, LAC, EURO, SEARO/WPRO

By Committees

- Chairs, Vice-Chairs, Core group members

Intra-mural Consultations at the FICSA Council





Consultation in high-level
bodies

Extra-mural Consultations

- High Level Committee on Management (HLCM)
- Human Resources Network (HR Network)
- International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)
- The Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)
- UN Joint Staff Pension Board (UNJSPF)
- IASMN (Inter-Agency Security Management Network)
- *Information distributed via [Circulars](#)*



How members can contribute

How Members can contribute



- Elect representatives at the FICSA Council
- Become an expert
- Offer expert advice in one or more areas related to FICSA's mandate
- Put your name forward as
 - a members on the Executive Committee
 - Chairs or Co-chair for an Ad Hoc or Standing Committees
 - a Regional Representative
 - a rapporteur
 - a trainer
 - a writer
 - a designer.....



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about the work we do to protect international civil servants