

# ISoOR-AB Governance and Decision-Making

ISoOR-AB maintains a structured and transparent governance framework to ensure **impartial, consistent, and credible accreditation decisions**. The framework defines general roles and responsibilities rather than individual members:

- **Board of Directors:** Oversees ISoOR-AB's strategic direction, ensures independence from ISoOR standard-setting activities, and safeguards the integrity of the accreditation program.
- **Accreditation Committee:** Reviews assessment outcomes and makes final accreditation decisions. Decisions are guided by established criteria and documented processes.
- **Technical Expert Panels:** Conduct assessments of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs), review documentation, and prepare evaluation reports for the Accreditation Committee.
- **Independent Appeals Panel:** Reviews any appeals submitted by CABs, ensuring a fair and impartial reconsideration of decisions.
- **Secretariat:** Coordinates operational activities, maintains records, and ensures communication across governance bodies.

## Decision-Making Process (High-Level)

1. CAB submits an application for accreditation.
2. Technical Expert Panels review documentation and conduct assessments (on-site or remote).
3. Assessment reports are evaluated by the Accreditation Committee.
4. The Accreditation Committee issues a decision: grant, renew, suspend, or withdraw accreditation.
5. CABs have the right to appeal decisions, which are reviewed by the Independent Appeals Panel.

This high-level approach ensures that ISoOR-AB decisions are **transparent, impartial, and consistent** while protecting internal deliberations and individual identities.