

CICA
Think Tank Forum



CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF)

- an information and analytical advisory body of CICA, established for the provision of information and analytical support for activities within the CICA framework and to develop interaction among think tanks and research institutions of the CICA Member States.

HISTORY

The CICA TTF was established in 2014 on the initiative of the People's Republic of China. Its coordinator has been the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies.

By the decision of the CICA Member States in October 2021, the TTF was transformed into an advisory body, which is designed to provide information and analytical support to CICA, as well as to ensure development of interaction among think tanks of the CICA Member States.

Today, the TTF membership includes research institutes and think tanks from 19 CICA Member States.



Organized by
Shanghai Institutes for
International Studies (SIIS)



Meetings of the TTF

1st

20-22 March

2014



2nd

31 October –
01 November

2014



3rd

11-12 May

2015



4th

17-18 October

2015



5th

22-23 April

2016



6th

10-12
November

2017



7th

18-20 December

2019



8th

21 December

2020



9th

28-29 December

2021



10th

30 November -1 December

2022



11th

28-29 August

2023



Evolution of TTF



**June 15,
2019**

In his speech at the 5th CICA Summit, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev put forward the initiative to strengthen the capacity of the CICA TTF by transforming it into a permanent dialogue platform

**November 5,
2020**

sent to the Member States a non-paper prepared by the Chairmanship on the transformation of the CICA Think Tank Forum into a permanent platform

**December 11,
2020**

The CICA SOC decided to hold meetings of the Think Tank Forum on a regular basis
(Item 7 of the SOC Decisions dated 11 Dec 2020)

**October 07,
2021**

The Regulations of the CICA Think Tank Forum was adopted by the SOC decision dated 7 October 2021

Regulations of TTF

The TTF operates on the basis of the principles of voluntary participation, consensus, common aspiration for peace and progress of the CICA

Member States and in accordance with the principles set forth in:

- **Declaration on the Principles Guiding Relations between the CICA Member States of 1999,**
- **Almaty Act of 2002,**
- **Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures.**

The CICA Secretariat, when required, provides the TTF with organizational, technical and administrative support

Goals and objectives of TTF

Provision of **information** and **analytical support** to the activities of CICA, including through the preparation of analytical, research and forecast reports, publications and other materials on matters of common interest to CICA

Development of cooperation among think tanks, research and educational institutions of the Member States on CICA related issues, including through joint research activities and exchange of experience and research materials

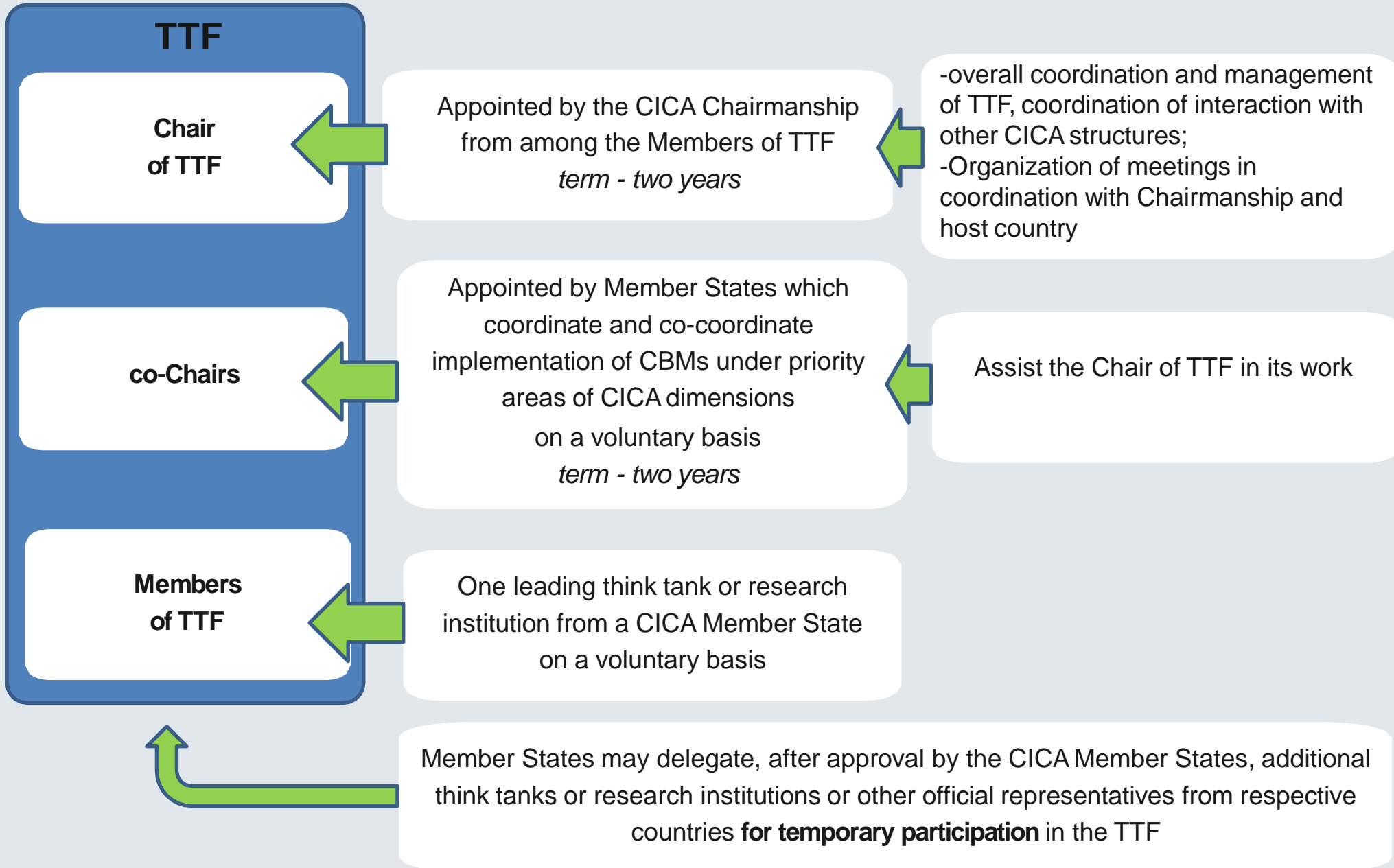
Organization of forums, conferences, workshops, round tables and other events on CICA related matters

Promotion of establishment and development of contacts, information exchange and cooperation between scholars and experts of the Member States in all dimensions **within the framework of CICA**

Publication of materials on research and analytical activities and materials of events held under the auspices of the Forum

Other objectives as may be identified **by the CICA Member States**

Composition of TTF



Organization of TTF activities

Meetings of the TTF shall be held **on a regular basis**, at least once a year, and convened by the Chair and co-Chairs of the TTF in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship

The TTF may hold extraordinary meetings at the initiative of any Member of the TTF and with the consent of the Chair and co-Chairs of the TTF and the CICA Chairmanship

The CICA **governing bodies** may request the TTF to conduct information and analytical studies additional to the action plan

The format, venue and date of a meeting shall be determined by the Chair and co-Chairs of the TTF in consultation with the CICA Chairmanship and the host country

The Chair of the TTF, in agreement with co-Chairs of the TTF, the Chairmanship and the host country, and **with the consent of the Members of the TTF** may invite representatives of other international organizations and forums to the events of the TTF

Materials produced by the TTF, including the results of analytical, scientific or research activities, shall be sent to the Secretariat for dissemination among the Member States

The **agenda of the meetings** shall be proposed by the Chair of the TTF and **sent to the Member States** for suggestions no later than 30 days before the meeting

The activities of the TTF shall be based on an **annual action plan**, which is developed and agreed upon by the TTF Members under the coordination of the Chair of the TTF and **approved by the SOC**

Publication of the TTF's materials under the auspices of CICA shall be subject to the **approval by the SOC**. The materials of the TTF published under the auspices of CICA shall be posted on the website of the Secretariat

Funding

1

The costs of the organization of TTF meetings shall be borne by the host country

2

Travel expenses of participants of TTF shall be covered by the participating organizations, accommodation and local transportation expenses shall be covered by the host organization

3

CICA Member States may provide TTF with voluntary contributions

Languages

1

The working languages of TTF shall be English and Russian

Eng

Rus

2

The official documents of TTF shall be in English

Eng