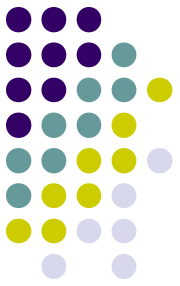# Kantara Initiative Overview

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Vision

Ensure secure, identity-based, on-line interactions while preventing misuse of personal information so that networks will become privacy protecting and more natively trustworthy environments.

Mission

Foster identity community harmonization, interoperability, innovation, and broad adoption through the development of open identity specifications, operational frameworks, education programs, deployment and usage best practices for privacy-respecting, secure access to online services

Goals
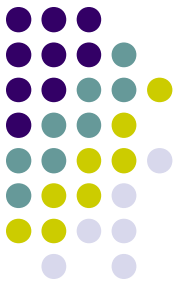
- Accelerate **marketplace adoption** through clear messages, defined processes, and open community collaboration that brings **vendors, deployers, individuals, and organizations together**
- Bring together **technical, business, legal, and policy experience** to achieve **holistic & trusted identity management solutions**
- Establish an **open and democratic governance model** with **no financial barrier to participation**
- Implement an **operational structure** with **nimble processes, procedures, and oversight**, and a **viable financial model**
- **Commit to open standards** and **encourage interoperable implementations** from both the COTS product and open source development communities
- Foster **positive dialogue** across all relevant organizations to **assure coordination, harmonization, and re-use of all applicable open content** (specs, policy, etc.)
- Establish **programs with strong branding** for technical and operational output to promote **interoperability, compliance and/or conformance**
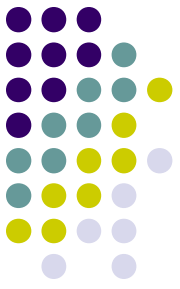
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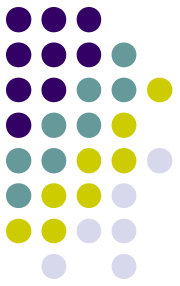
- **Transparency**
- **Inclusion**
- **Empowerment**
- **Collaboration**
- **Openness**
- **Commitment to Proof-of-Concepts**

Bicameral Governance
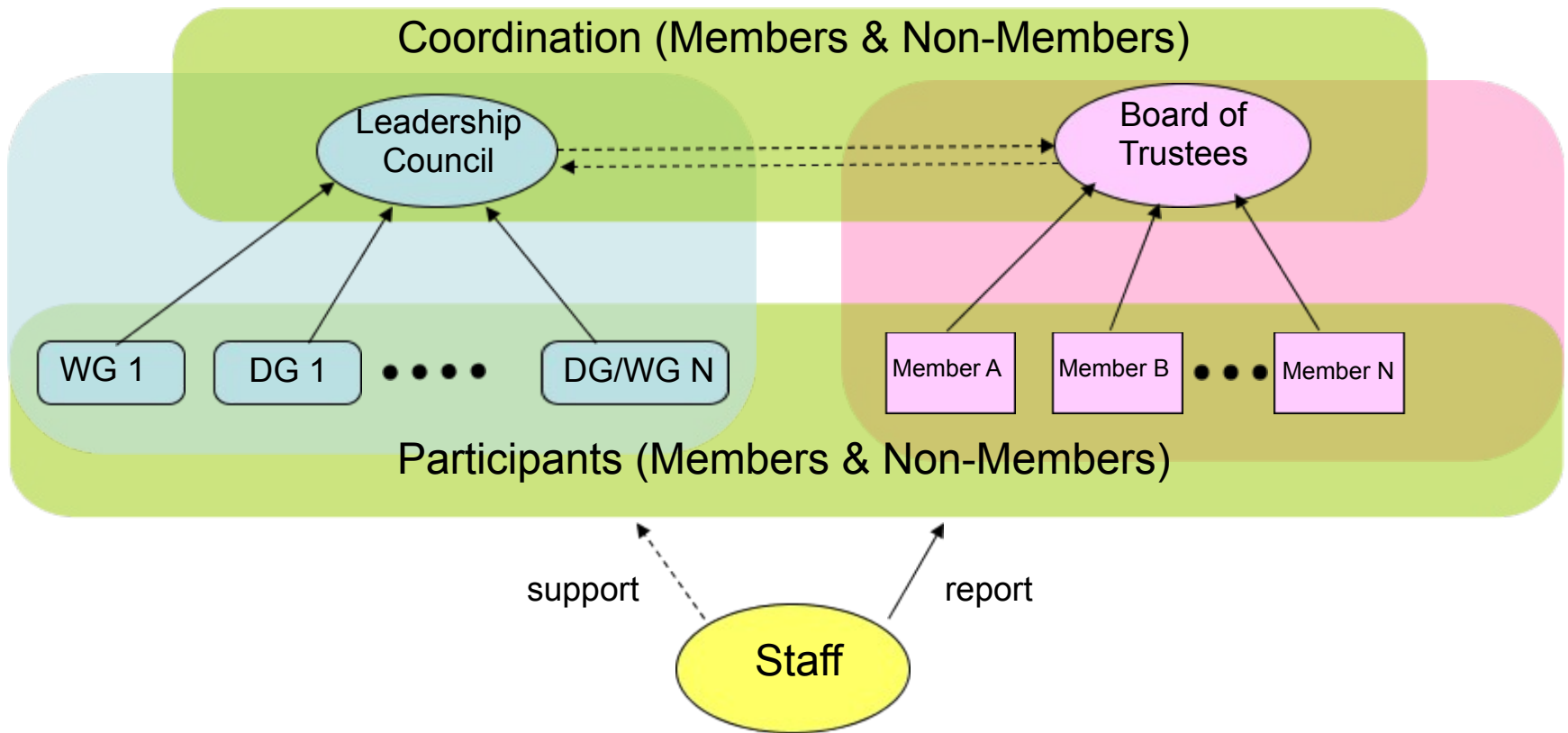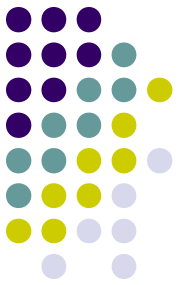
Bicameral Governance

Leadership Council

- Representatives from every Group (WG & DG), plus two representatives from the Board of Trustees

- Develop and maintain Operating Procedures

- Approve new and revised Group charters

- Prepare annual and supplemental budget requests to the Board of Trustees for funding WG & DG activities

- Certify Work Group output for Recommendation ballot (voted on by all Kantara Initiative Members)

- De-charter Groups that have become dormant

- Collaborates with Board of Trustees

Bicameral Governance (cont)
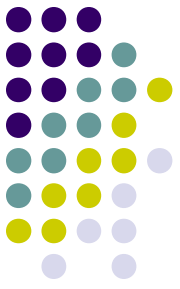
Board of Trustees

- Members sponsoring Kantara Initiative at the Board level, plus two Leadership Council representatives

- Review / approve budget requests
- Set Member Fee Schedule
- Establish and amend fiduciary Policies including:
  - Bylaws
  - Finance Policy
  - Document Policy
  - Intellectual Property Rights Policy

- Provide advice to the Leadership Council on, and oversight of, the Operating Procedures

- Hire and provide oversight of staff

- Manage Marketing and Public Relations
- Collaborates with the Leadership Council
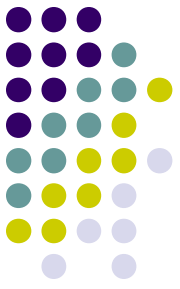
2009 Leadership

Board of Trustees

Representatives from **Intel** and the **New Zealand Government** also have Leadership Council seats on the Board of Trustees

Group Types

Work Group

- Produce work according to their charter (approved by the Leadership Council)
- May create formal output: technical specification (for contribution to SSO), white papers, open source code, etc.
- Any Participant is a full voting member of a Work Group (whether or not they are paying Members)
- Work Group output can be submitted to the Leadership Council for review, and can then be sent to all Members for a vote as a Kantara Initiative Recommendation
- Has a voting representative sit on the Leadership Council

Discussion Group

- Formed by coordination with Kantara Initiative staff; no Leadership Council approval is required
- Purpose is to discuss new ideas, birds-of-a-feather topics, the formation of a new Work Group, etc.
- Cannot produce any formal output

Current Work & Discussion Groups
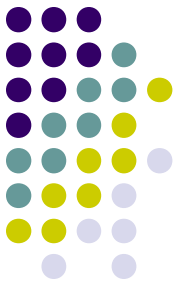
- Clients WG
- Concordia DG
- Consumer Identity WG
- eGovernment WG
- Health Identity Assurance WG
- Identity Community Update DG
- Identity and Access Services
- Identity Assurance
- IdP Selection WG

- ID-WSF Evolution WG
- Information Sharing WG
- Japan DG
- Japan WG
- Map the Gap DG
- Privacy and Public Policy WG
- Telecommunications Identity WG
- Universal Login Experience WG
- User-Managed Access WG

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Membership Types

Participant

- No cost, able to participate in all DG's and have full voting rights in WG's
- Must first sign the IPR agreement that a Group operates under

Member

- Receive a Member discount to attend and participate in interoperability workshops & Kantara Initiative meetings / conferences
- Vote on the adoption of all final Kantara Initiative Recommendations
- Listed as a Member on Kantara Initiative's web site

Trustee

- All member rights plus a seat on the Board of Trustees (with associated responsibilities) as well as:
  - Exercise fiduciary oversight of Kantara Initiative
  - Listed as a Trustee on the Kantara Initiative web site (premium logo placement)
  - Preferential right of first refusal (prior to other Members) to actively participate in Kantara Initiative's marketing and promotional activities at trade shows and other industry events
  - Listed as a Trustee in all Kantara Initiative press releases

(some) **Members** (that would fit)
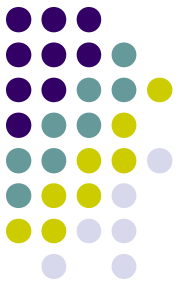
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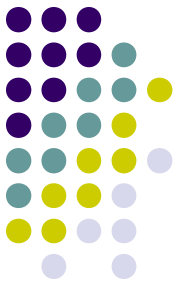
- **Join the Kantara Initiative Community Mail List:**
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