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Overview of roles of the governing bodies

	Officers	Executive committee	Central committee	Programme committee	Finance committee	Policy reference committee	Nominations committee	Public issues committee
Policy	Monitor the life and work of the WCC and accompany the GS in his role as chief executive officer and give support and advice. In exceptional circumstances take decisions (pending confirmation by the Exec. Or CC)	Prepares for decisions of the CC	Takes decisions on policies and structural issues	Ensures that policy decisions of the CC are adhered to in deciding programmes	Prepares for the CC policy decisions on finance matters	Prepares for the CC policy decisions on membership matters and relationships	NA	Prepares for the CC policy matters on international affairs
Programme	Receive interim reports on programmes and finance and advise staff	Receives interim reports and oversees the work. Approves agenda of CC	Decides to initiate or terminate programmes and activities	Prepares for decisions of the CC on programmes within approved budgets; proposes evaluation of all programmes	Proposes to the CC budgets for the next and subsequent year and works with the PC on ensuring that programme plans are within the available budgets	Proposes connections between programmes and relationships	Proposes to the CC list of names for commissions etc – respecting all the balances as per approved policies	Proposes connections between programmes and international affairs when applicable
Finance	Finalise decisions on behalf of the Executive Committee	Supervises the operation of the budget	Adopts the budget	Meets with the Finance Committee to ensure coherence in decisions	Presents to the CC the financial report, issues of stewardship, and policy matters on membership contributions, income strategy, general reserves and other finance matters.	NA	NA NA	NA

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Statements	In exceptional circumstances make public statements in accordance with stated policies of the WCC	Makes limited public statements in accordance with stated policies of the WCC	Makes public statements	NA	NA	NA	NA	Prepares for Publi Statements by the CC
Nominations	Make appointments of staff on the authorization of the Executive Committee between meetings and report to the EC.	Elects staff and reports to the CC	Elects members of consultative bodies and staff	Proposes to the Nominations committee the formation of commissions/their mandate, size, composition etc.	Presents to the CC for approval the proposed annual appointment of auditors	NA	Proposes to the CC appointment of staff	NA
Communicati on	Report to the Executive committee	Reports to the CC	Reports to the Assembly	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA