

Progress Update on the Governance Review Committee (GRC)

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How many of you feel you have a clear understanding of the Governance Review Committee's work... and how many would say you are still discovering it?

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WOAH

Governance

Review Process

Resolution 12 (2024): Assembly agreed to establish the GRC



Improve financial sustainability – Member contributions and payment

Update strategic and budgetary processes



Review organisation of WOAAH’s technical bodies and selection of experts

Codify WOAAH standard-setting and other technical decision-making procedures



Clarify and modernise composition and responsibilities of WOAAH Assembly, Council and Director-General

Strengthen WOAAH’s regional governance and cooperation relationships



Consolidate WOAAH mission and mandate

Clarify WOAAH Membership and the Organisation’s legal status

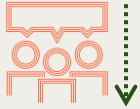
May 2025: Adoption of **Resolution No. 5 (2025)**
and the GRC **work plan** at the 92nd GS

Progress in 2025 (Phase 1)

GRC-4

23-24 May 2025

GRC started discussions on **technical governance**, including: Working Groups, Specialist Commissions, and *Ad hoc* Groups; expert selection processes.



Regional Consultation

GRC-5

15-16 July 2025

GRC started discussions on **institutional governance**, including: roles of Assembly, Council, Regional Commissions and DG; developing policy with non-state actors.



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GRC-6

30 September-1 October 2025

GRC continued discussions on **institutional governance** and commenced on **regional governance**, including the functions of the Regional Commissions and their Bureaus.



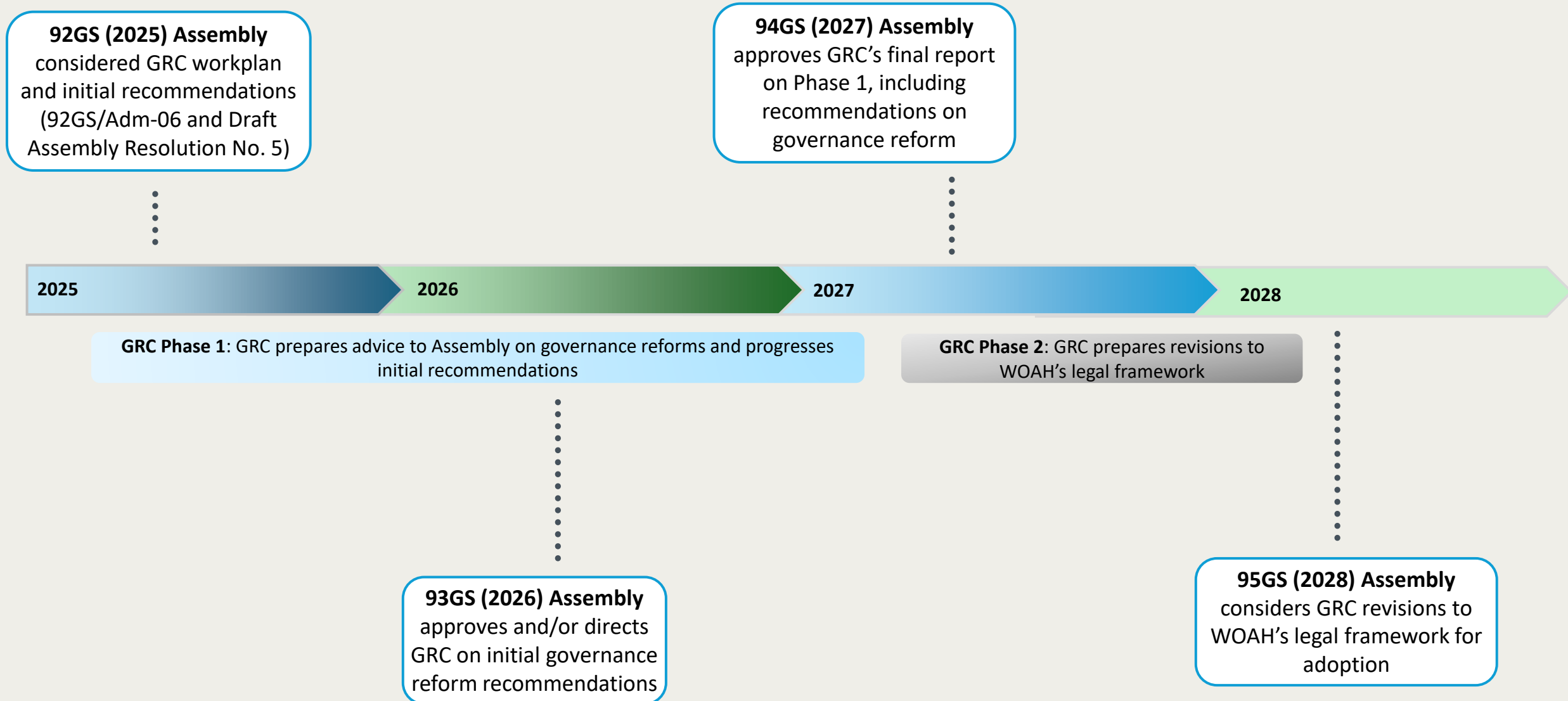
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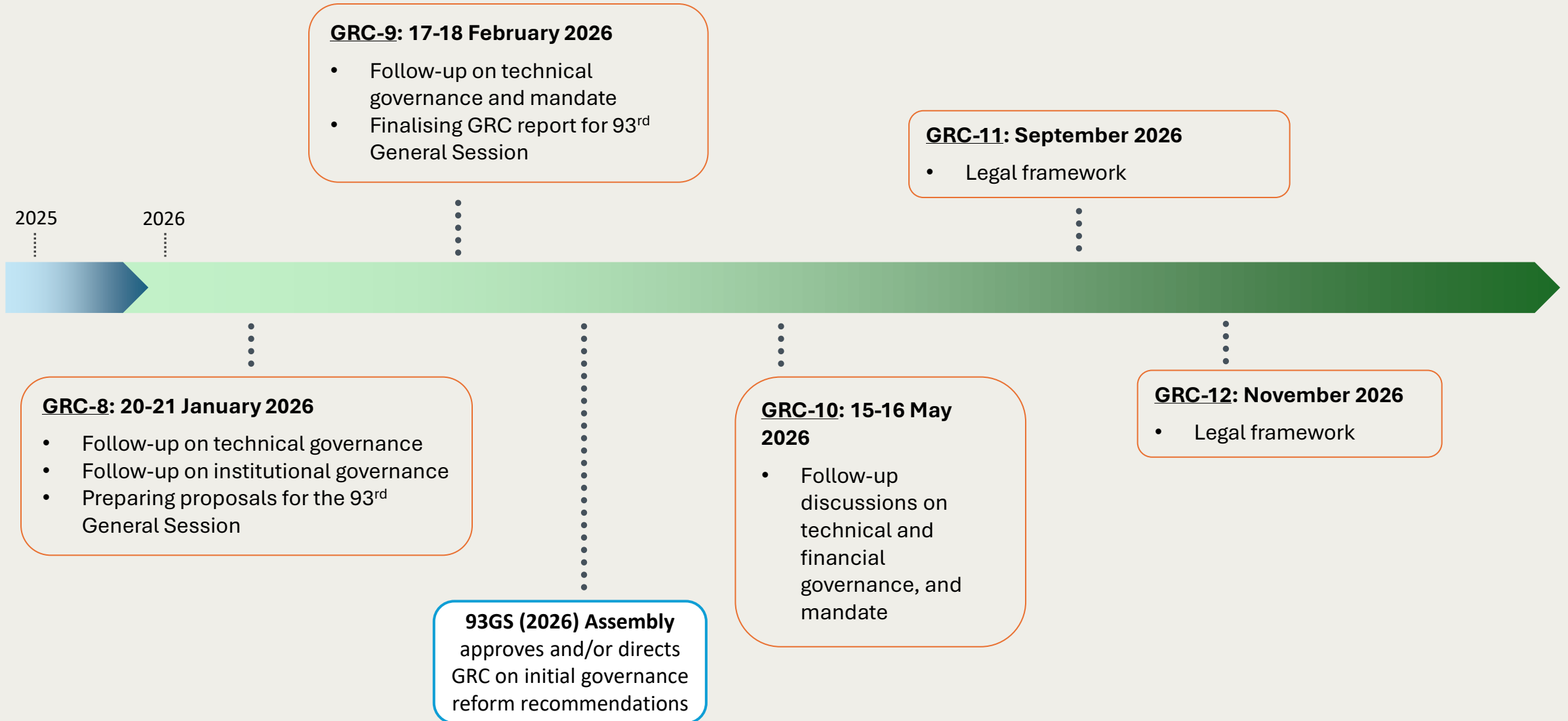
18-21 November 2025

GRC started discussions on WOA's **mandate** and **financial governance** and continue discussions on **technical** and **institutional/regional governance**.

Revised Work Timeline



Upcoming GRC meetings



Engagement of the Middle East in the Work of the GRC

Your engagement has **greatly strengthened** the GRC's work.
Ongoing input from Middle East Members is **essential**.
Participate in **consultation phases** and use the **Delegate Portal**.
Contact regional GRC Members (**Cyprus & Lebanon**) to share views.



Your feedback today helps shape WOA's future:

- Do you feel your perspectives are being adequately taken into account?
- Are regional priorities being appropriately reflected in the areas under review?
- What are the impediments for your involvement in the GRC work?

Example – Consultants' Report Recommendation 19

WOAH may wish to explore alternatives to its current funding model

Aim: Enhancing WOA's financial predictability and stability and ensuring that it has adequate resources to sustainably deliver on its mandate.

Question & Answer Session