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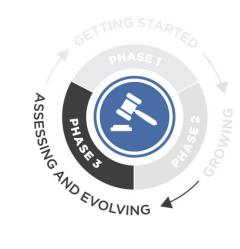


Activity 19: Representative Governance Assessment Checklist

Please fill out the following checklist to the best of your ability. For those components in the checklist that are a "No" or "In Progress," rank their priority for completion on a scale of 1-5, with 1 denoting "low priority" and 5 "high priority."

The community/organization's governance provides community stakeholders with decision-making roles and responsibilities	Yes	No	In Progress	Don't Know	N/A	Rank
1. Do you engage elected/appointed representatives from community stakeholder groups in the official, decision-making governing body? Possible evidence: Bylaws or other formal, legal governance documentation names and describes the role of this governing body						
2. Do you require that major decisions about the community/organization that affect stakeholders (especially decisions about its organizational form, ownership, and pricing) be approved by this official, decision-making governing body? Possible evidence: Bylaws or other formal, legal governance documentation that describe decision-making protocols						

The community/organization's governance encourages participation and input from community stakeholders	Yes	No	In Progress	Don't Know	N/A	Rank
3. Do you make governance meeting agendas, minutes, and official decisions openly available to community stakeholders? Possible Evidence: Documentation accessible by community stakeholders						
4. Do you have an openly documented process for soliciting/resolving community stakeholder concerns and/or objections about governance decisions? Possible evidence: Process clearly described on the Website or another publicly available location						



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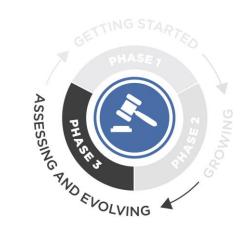
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5. Do you officially involve stakeholder community representatives in reviewing and amending the governance system? Possible evidence: Bylaws, evidence of participation in a review/amendment process						
6. Do community stakeholders give input into governing body appointments/elections? Possible Evidence: Solicitation process, election process documentation						

The community/organization's governance officially engages representatives from active stakeholder communities in fiduciary oversight and management accountability	Yes	No	In Progress	Don't Know	N/A	Rank
7. Does a governance body that includes stakeholder representatives protect the organization's assets and members' investments? Possible evidence: Documented role in overseeing the creation and approval of the annual budget, financial quarterly close reports, annual fiscal reporting, annual audit/review						
8. Does a governance body that includes stakeholder representatives recruit, hire, and oversee the director/manager/CEO? Possible evidence: Bylaws, evidence of annual reviews, evidence of participation in recruitment and hiring of the director						
9. Does a governance body that includes stakeholder representatives provide direction for the organization? Possible evidence: Bylaws, Policy setting evidence, Strategic planning evidence						



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The community/organization ensures that representative voices change over time	Yes	No	In Progress	Don't Know	N/A	Rank
10. Do you set and enforce term limits for representatives? Possible evidence: Bylaws, Minutes from governance meetings, elections, number of representatives that change over time						
11. Do you have a process for stakeholders to express concerns or objections regarding who is serving as their representative? Possible evidence: Process clearly documented in the Bylaws, on the Website or in another publicly available location						