

NCC Establishment Directions for the Consultation Meeting for Programs and Advertisements on Radio and Television

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1. The National Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as the NCC) has established the Consultation Meeting for Programs and Advertisements on Radio and Television (hereinafter referred to as the Consultation Meeting) in order to strengthen public participation and to compile diverse viewpoints of society.
2. Pursuant to the Radio and Television Act, the Cable Radio and Television Act, and the Satellite Broadcasting Act, as well as other relevant NCC regulations, the Consultation Meeting shall provide suggestions on the following matters:
 - (1) Programs or advertisements on terrestrial radio and television;
 - (2) Programs or advertisements on cable radio and television;
 - (3) Programs or advertisements on satellite radio and television;
 - (4) Other relevant matters proposed by the NCC.
3. The Consultation Meeting shall have 39 to 51 Counselors, all of whom shall be selected externally among the three categories below; in addition, members of either sex shall not make up less than one-third of the total.
 - (1) 19 to 23 experts and/or scholars;
 - (2) 15 to 19 representatives of civil organizations;
 - (3) 5 to 9 practitioners in broadcasting industry.
4. The Counselors shall be appointed by the NCC Chairperson. Counselors shall serve a term of two years, which may be extended at the end of each term.

Where there is a vacancy, the position shall be filled by re-appointment until the original term lapses.
5. The NCC Chairperson shall assign one NCC representative to chair the Consultation Meeting, who shall convene and chair the Consultation Meeting but shall not participate in the selection of, or give opinions on, proposals.

In the absence of the assigned chairperson, he/she shall designate an NCC representative to chair the Meeting.
6. In principle, the Consultation Meeting shall convene one time each month; ad hoc meetings may be convened when deemed necessary.

7. Based on the nature of the proposals, the NCC Chairperson shall select 19 Counselors from the categories listed in Article 3 to participate in the Consultation Meeting.
The meeting may convene only if more than half of the members selected in the previous paragraph are present.
8. The Consultation Meeting may, within its authority, require concerned parties or other interested parties to state opinions or submit statements. If necessary, it may also invite relevant institutions, representatives, experts or scholars to attend the Consultation Meeting for deliberation or to provide written statements.
9. Serving Counselors shall provide written reviews and select proper proposals for each case, in proportion to its possible violation of laws or regulations; cases discussed may therefore fall into the following categories:
 - (1) Cases substantiated for a sanction and marked with a seriousness of violation;
 - (2) Cases left for self-improvement by giving a formal written notice;
 - (3) Cases to be dismissed.Motions for the reviews, discussions, summaries, and suggestions of the Consultation Meeting shall be undertaken pursuant to other directions.
10. The opinions of the Consultation Meeting may be used by the NCC Commission Meeting as reference when reviewing proposals.
11. Staff from the NCC Contents Affairs Department shall support the administration of the Consultation Meeting; contents of the Consultation Meeting shall be recorded in designated files.
12. Both the chairperson of the Consultation Meeting and the Counselors are unpaid positions; the Counselors, however, may apply for transportation or review fees in accordance with relevant regulations. Experts and/or scholars invited to the Consultation Meeting may collect fees pursuant to relevant regulations.