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Multi-stakeholder deliberation body. No single constituency can dominate.

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The Governance Board makes decisions about the framework itself — what rules apply, which methodologies are accepted, how disputes are resolved. CTH holds one seat as Operator but cannot outvote the other four seats combined. The board structure is designed to prevent regulatory capture.

Board Composition

? Scientific Council

Members: IDEAM, CGIAR/CIAT, national universities (UNAL, Los Andes), independent climate scientists.

Authority: Approves and rejects methodologies. Arbitrates technical disputes. Maintains the methodology registry.

? Community Sovereignty Panel

Members: COICA (pan-Amazonian), Arhuaco, Wayúu, farmer cooperative representatives (Federacafé regional).

Authority: Veto on any rule touching FPIC, indigenous data rights, or benefit-sharing. Arbitrates consent disputes.

? Industry Council

Members: LATAM exporters, EU commodity importers, certification bodies, commodity traders.

Authority: Tests practical workability of rules. Shapes usability and adoption. Cannot set rules against community interests.

? Civil Society Seat

Members: Environmental NGOs, Global Forest Watch, Rainforest Alliance technical staff, Colombian environmental watchdogs.

Authority: Anti-capture guarantee. Can publicly dissent from any board decision and trigger a 30-day review.

?? Regulatory Observers

Members: EU DG ENV, Colombia MinAmbiente, Brazil IBAMA, Mexico SEMARNAT.

Authority: Observer only — no voting rights. Must be notified of material framework changes within 30 days.

Voting Rules

Decision type	Required majority	Additional conditions
Major version change (new principles, breaking schema changes)	? of all seats	30-day public comment period. Minimum 4/5 seats must vote (quorum).
Minor version change (new accepted methodology, optional field)	Simple majority	14-day comment period. CTH operator decision with board notification.
Any rule touching FPIC or indigenous data rights	? of all seats *plus* affirmative Community Panel vote	Community Panel veto is structural — not procedural. Board supermajority alone is insufficient.
Validator accreditation / de-accreditation	Scientific Council recommendation + CTH Steward decision	No full board vote required unless disputed.
Emergency patch (security / data integrity)	CTH Operator alone	48h notification to all seats. Board ratification within 30 days or auto-rollback.

Decision Log

All board decisions are published in the framework's decision log within 7 days of vote. Individual seat votes are visible — no anonymous voting. The decision log is stored as an append-only series of governance events in the governance ledger, signed by each voting DID.

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