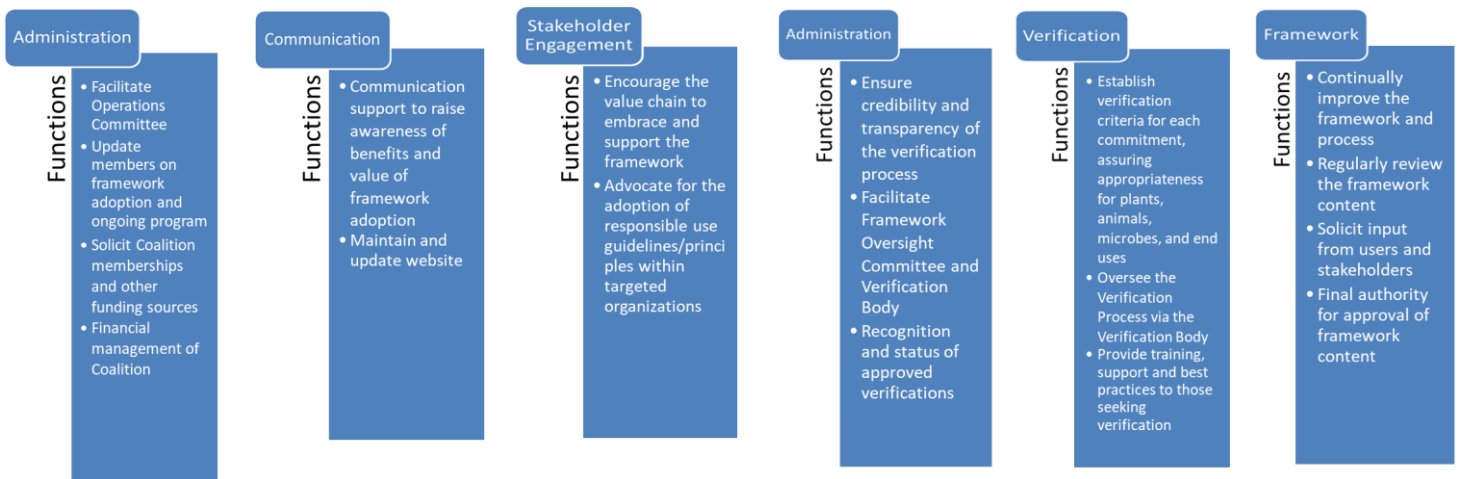
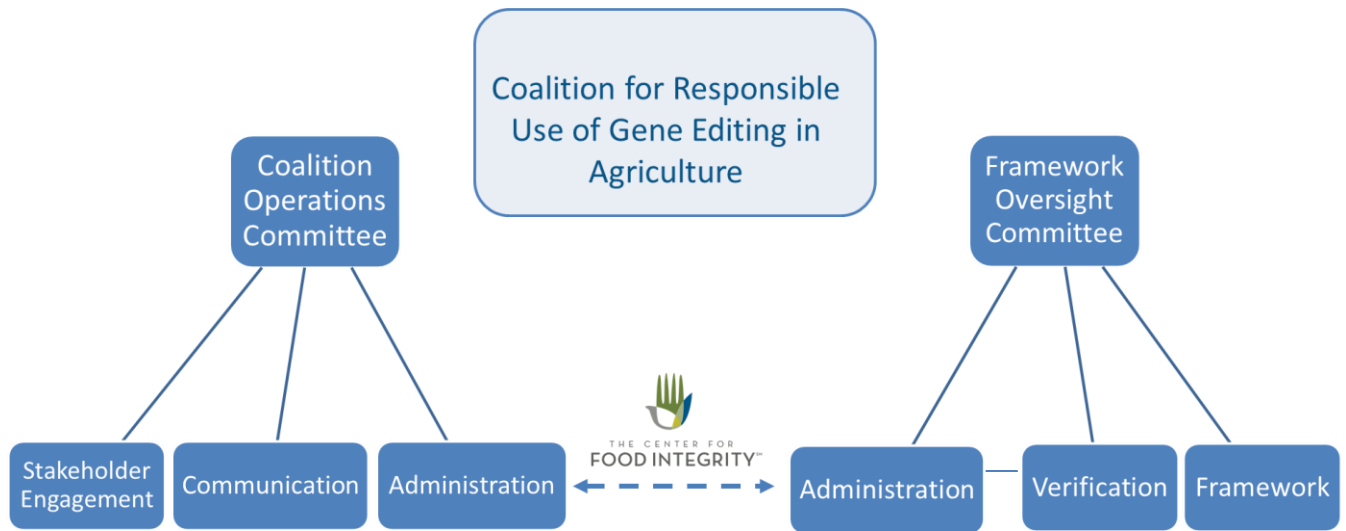


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Center for Food Integrity

The Center for Food Integrity (CFI) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help today's food system earn consumer trust. CFI provides leadership to foster support for the belief that producing healthy, affordable food using fewer resources through responsible production, processing and distribution is the ethical choice that is right for people, animals and the planet.

Coalition for Responsible Gene Editing in Agriculture

The Coalition for Responsible Gene Editing in Agriculture is a program of the Center for Food Integrity. The vision of the Coalition for Responsible Gene Editing in Agriculture is global understanding and support for the responsible use of gene editing technology in agriculture and food. The mission is to cultivate support for the responsible use of gene editing in agriculture through the development and adoption of trust-worthy guidelines, effective stakeholder outreach and engagement, and broad-based involvement and collaboration of those utilizing gene editing and/or its outputs in food and agriculture. Coalition participants share the goal of earning trust in gene editing in agriculture.

Coalition Participation Levels and Dues:

1. Coalition Funder	\$25,000 annual fee
2. Coalition Supporter	\$10,00-24,999 annual fee
3. Coalition Advisor	By Invitation, in-kind contribution
4. Technical Advisor	By Invitation, in-kind contribution
5. Framework Participant	\$1,000 annual fee plus variable Verification costs

Coalition Funders Role and Benefits:

- Provide financial resources to support the work of the Coalition
- Provide strategic direction in development of the Coalition
- Approve work plans
- Serve on the Coalition Operations Committee with full voting rights
- May use Coalition information and resources to support decision-making within their organization
- May publicly claim their leadership of the Coalition

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Coalition Advisors Role and Benefits:

- Provide feedback and guidance in governance of the Coalition and approval of work plans
- May be invited to serve on the Operations Committee with full voting rights
- New Advisors join only through invitation by the Operations Committee
- Advisors may or may not be publicly affiliated with the Coalition
- Advisors will support the work of the Coalition among peers and other organizations when appropriate

Coalition Technical Advisors Role and Benefits:

- Are selected for their subject matter expertise
- Serve a specific function for a specified period of time, to carry out technical responsibilities as requested by the Operations Committee
- Technical Advisors will be invited by the Operations Committee to serve on the Framework Oversight Committee, including representatives from Coalition member organizations and external experts (i.e. academic, government)
- May be volunteer or paid
- Do not determine strategic scope of work

Framework Participants Role and Benefits:

- Organizations wishing to be recognized for conformance to the Framework for Responsible Gene Editing
- Apply to the Coalition Operations Committee to request membership. Membership criteria is a signed statement of support for the mission and work of the Coalition
- Pay an annual membership fee which provides access to information, guides and other resources to assist in implementing the framework and continually improving their programs and systems
- Must complete Verification of conformance with the Responsible Use Framework within 12 months of initial membership
- May publicly claim membership and support for adherence to the Responsible Use Framework

Coalition Operations Committee

Operations of the Coalition will be governed by the Operations Committee, including administration, communication and stakeholder engagement functions. The Operations Committee is responsible for the overall direction of the Coalition's programs and business operations, and its work. The Operations Committee is composed of fully paid Coalition members and appointed Advisor and Technical Advisor representatives from diverse organizations, including trade associations, academia, government and civil society.

The Operations Committee shall meet biannually or more frequently as needed. Routine business may be conducted via video- or teleconference or email. Decisions by the Operations Committee will be made by consensus when possible; any voting member may call for a vote to formalize a decision if desired. Decisions determined by vote will be decided by simple majority of those voting. Coalition Funders and Advisors have full voting rights; Technical Advisors are advisory only and have no voting rights.

The Operations Committee will contract with a third-party for management and execution of administrative, communications and stakeholder engagement services of the Coalition, including but not limited to the following.

Administration:

- Facilitate Operations Committee, Framework Oversight Committee and Verification Body
- Update members on framework adoption and ongoing programs
- Solicit Coalition memberships and other funding sources
- Financial management of Coalition

Communication:

- Communication support to raise awareness of benefits and value of framework adoption
- Maintain and update website

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Encourage the value chain to embrace and support the framework
- Advocate for the adoption of responsible use guidelines/principles within targeted organizations

The Center for Food Integrity will serve as the administrative body for the Coalition and the implementation of the framework. The Operations Director will coordinate the administrative functions for both the Coalition Operations Committee and the Framework Oversight Committee.

The Operations Director through CFI will:

- 1) Facilitate Operations Committee, Framework Oversight Committee and Verification Body
- 2) Encourage the value chain to embrace and support the framework
- 3) Provide training, support and best practices to those seeking verification via the Verification Body
- 4) Oversee the Verification Process via the Verification Body
- 5) Continually improve the framework, process and adoption

Framework Oversight Committee

The Framework will be overseen on an ongoing basis by the Framework Oversight Committee. Oversight includes regular review of framework content, soliciting input from users and stakeholders, and final authority for approval of framework content.

Individuals will be recruited to ensure balance and credibility. The committee will be comprised of a cross-section of framework users and stakeholders with an interest in gene editing, with a minimum of four representatives from each of the following categories. At least two members shall also serve on the Coalition Operations Committee to facilitate effective communication and collaboration between the committees.

- Developers
 - Large – working in plants, animals or microbes
 - Small/medium - working in plants, animals or microbes
- Product Buyers/Users

- Food manufacturing/processing, i.e. consumer brands
- Food retailers
- Livestock farming
- Commodity crops
- Specialty, fruit and vegetable crops
- Consumer/Advocacy/Influencers/Academics
 - Bioethics
 - Animal welfare
 - Environment and natural resources
 - Food safety and consumer protection
 - Academics - working in plants, animals and microbes

After two years, Framework Oversight Committee members shall serve staggered, two-year terms to provide continuity. as follows: one-third serving a one-year term, one-third serving a two-year term, and one-third serving three-year term. After the initial term, all subsequent terms will be two years in length. After their initial term is complete, members may apply for a new two-year term.

Members of the Framework Oversight Committee represent an organization. Should a representative leave their respective organization during their term the organization may nominate a replacement. The replacement must be approved by the Framework Oversight Committee before being seated and serving the remainder of the departing member's term.

Decisions will be made by consensus when possible. Any member may call for a vote to formalize a decision if desired. Decisions determined by vote will be decided by simple majority of those present.

The Framework Oversight Committee will review the framework content on an annual basis for performance against the Coalition objectives and requirements for Continuous Improvement as outlined in the Framework. Feedback and suggestions for revisions to the framework will be solicited from Framework Participants and stakeholders and may be submitted by the Operations Director and Verification Body as well.

The Operations Director will coordinate the administrative, framework implementation and verification functions for the Framework Oversight Committee, including but not limited to the following.

Administration:

- Ensure credibility and transparency of the verification process
- Facilitate Framework Oversight Committee and Verification Body
- Recognition and status of approved verifications

Verification:

- Establish verification criteria for each commitment, assuring appropriateness for plants, animals, microbes, and end uses through the Framework Oversight Committee
- Oversee the Verification Process via the Verification Body
- Provide training, support and best practices to those seeking verification via the Verification Body

Framework:

- Continually improve the framework and process to meet Coalition objectives and fulfill the requirements of the Framework
- Regularly review the framework content
- Solicit input from users and stakeholders
- Final authority for approval of framework content

Framework Participants

Organizations wishing to be recognized for conformance to the Responsible Use Guidelines/Framework must apply to join the Coalition as a Framework Participant. Any corporation, business or academic or governmental organization that utilizes gene editing and/or its outputs in the commercial research, development or manufacture of food and agricultural products is qualified to apply. On the Membership Form, the applicant must identify the types of activities it undertakes that will be subject to the Responsible Use Framework, i.e. its “verifiable operations”.

Organizations will apply to the Coalition Operations Committee to request membership. Membership criteria is a signed statement of support for the mission and work of the Coalition. Once an application has been submitted, the Coalition Operations Director shall facilitate review of the application by the Coalition Operations Committee, and if approved, facilitate completion of the membership process within 30 days.

Framework Participants will pay an annual membership fee which provides information, guides and access to other resources that may assist a member organization in fully implementing and continually improving their programs and systems.

Framework Participants are also required to complete Verification of conformance with the Responsible Use Framework within 12 months of initial membership. Variable costs for Verification, estimated to be \$500-\$2,000 depending on number of development stages to be verified, will be paid by the Participant organization to the Verification Body, which will assign and facilitate independent verification through approved verifiers.

Verification Body

The Framework Oversight Committee will select, and the Coalition Operations Committee will contract with a third-party verification organization to provide oversight and coordination of the verification process and support Framework Participants as they work toward verification.

The Verifying Body will:

1. Ensure credibility and transparency of the verification process
2. Establish verification criteria for each framework commitment, assuring appropriateness for plants, animals, microbes, and end users
3. Facilitate verification applications and verification process, subject to Oversight Committee approval, with approved verifiers and applicants
4. Maintain records of approved verifications