

WRCL Lanes and Working Groups



How WRCL is organized and where contributors can plug in.

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What this resource does: Shows how WRCL's policy lanes and cross-cutting workstreams align so new participants can identify the best place to contribute.

Core policy lanes

Lane	Core objective	Typical outputs	Best-fit contributors
Deschedule	Remove cannabis and naturally occurring cannabinoids from federal criminal scheduling, and eliminate contradictions at the plant level.	Hill memos, legislative requests, transition matrices, office briefing scripts.	Federal affairs, legal strategy, tax, commerce, and enforcement.
Regulate	Establish a comprehensive federal framework with separate downstream pathways for adult-use, medical, and hemp markets.	Model standards, framework memos, agency role drafts, and regulator review notes.	Regulators, public health experts, operators, product safety, and manufacturing specialists.
Align	Develop an inter se treaty pathway for non-medical Cannabis and explain how industrial hemp is treated differently under treaty law.	Treaty explanations, concept notes, partner maps, and diplomatic talking points.	International lawyers, treaty specialists, diplomatic strategists, and global policy allies.

Cross-cutting workstreams

Workstream	Purpose	Examples of work
Whole-Plant Framework and Hemp Integration	Ensure hemp is fully incorporated into WRCL's domestic infrastructure.	Industrial hemp policy notes, cannabinoid hemp alignment, federal contradictions map.
Medical Access and Coverage	Connect legalization with research, patient access, oncology use, and reimbursement.	Medical concept notes, oncology memos, and coverage strategy outlines.
Commerce and Finance	Design a lawful, standard economy for cannabis businesses and supply chains.	Interstate commerce notes, banking and payment explanations, tax, and trade design.
Repair and Social Equity	Keep legalization linked to repair, fair entry, capital access, and community reinvestment.	Principles notes, equity implementation framework, anti-concentration ideas.
Strategic Communications and Press	Maintain message discipline and transform policy work into public-facing assets.	Talking points, newsletter content, blog posts, and FAQ updates.
Coalition Operations and Governance	Keep the coalition organized, permissions clear, and work progressing.	Meeting cadences, roles, approvals, and document control.
Research and Evidence Library	Maintain a source-backed evidence base for each lane.	Source registers, whitepaper reviews, citation packets, validator briefs.

How to plug in

- Begin with a single lane and one practical commitment, not a vague promise to assist everywhere.
- Decide if you want a public role, a private working role, or validator-only status.
- Consult the evidence library before drafting to ensure public-facing language remains source-backed.
- If you identify a significant gap, suggest an owner and a specific outcome, not just a problem statement.

Current participation guidance

- No public disclosure of founding leads or advisors without explicit approval.
- Members serving in institutional roles may participate individually or in a limited capacity.
- Hemp and industrial economy efforts should be integrated into the framework, not treated as an afterthought.
- Treaty work should stay precise: "Align" refers to international treaty alignment, not generic modernization.

Selected source basis

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