

# WRCL Coalition Charter

Mission, priorities, exclusions, participation expectations, and coalition posture.

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**What this resource does:** *Defines WRCL's entire-plant mission, how the coalition operates, what it will and will not do, and how people can join without confusion.*

## Mission

WRCL is a women-led, ally-welcoming coalition working to establish a fully legal, comprehensive Cannabis economy across the United States by descheduling Cannabis, creating a complete federal framework for adult-use, medical, and hemp markets, and developing an inter se treaty pathway that addresses international legal conflicts.

WRCL's core principle is straightforward: half measures do not create a lawful, effective, and lasting market. A serious federal initiative must address plant-level issues, develop standard commercial infrastructure, safeguard public health, support medical access, and confront treaty vulnerabilities all at once.

## North-star priorities

- **Whole-plant descheduling.** Remove Cannabis and naturally occurring cannabinoids from the federal criminal scheduling system so that one plant is no longer subject to conflicting legal definitions.
- **Complete federal framework.** Create separate downstream lanes for adult-use products, medical and therapeutic products, and industrial hemp and other non-intoxicating uses.
- **Normal economic infrastructure.** Support open lawful interstate commerce, banking, payment rails, tax treatment, and trade administration.
- **Medical access and coverage.** Link legalization to patient access, research growth, oncology relevance, and a practical federal coverage pathway.
- **Repair and social equity.** Pair market legalization with record repair, fair access to capital, community reinvestment, and safeguards against concentration.
- **Treaty durability.** Advance an inter se treaty pathway for non-medical Cannabis while preserving the separate treaty treatment already available for industrial fiber and seed.

## Coalition posture

- Women-led and welcoming to allies.
- Nonpartisan and focused on issues.
- Focused on implementation rather than just headlines.
- Open to both unlisted and public participation.
- Designed to collaborate with, not oppose, aligned regulators, patient advocates, hemp leaders, industry operators, and policy organizations.

## What WRCL is not doing

- WRCL is not solely a rescheduling project and does not consider partial federal changes as the outcome.
- WRCL does not support candidates, collaborate with campaigns, or engage in partisan electioneering.
- WRCL does not offer legal, medical, tax, investment, or compliance advice.

- WRCL does not serve as a marketing platform for any particular company, product, or trade association.
- WRCL does not publicly disclose participants, reviewers, or leads without explicit approval.

## Participation expectations

- **Supporters.** Receive updates, emphasize chosen calls to action, and facilitate introductions when appropriate.
- **Working-group contributors.** Join a lane or workstream to help develop drafts, briefings, or outreach.
- **Validators and reviewers.** Probe language effectiveness, identify overstatements, and enhance credibility in targeted subject areas.
- **Founding leads and stewards.** Help shape a single lane or workstream for a specific sprint, and support recruitment, drafting, or meeting discipline.
- **Partner organizations.** Collaborate where missions overlap while maintaining their own identity and governance.

## Operating norms

- Remain factual and honestly acknowledge uncertainty.
- Secure confidentiality settings and public listing preferences.
- Disclose material conflicts when they are relevant to a policy discussion.
- Keep drafts progressing: assign owners, next steps, and due dates.
- Use safe language publicly and maintain disciplined internal discussions.

## Near-term build agenda

- Reset mission and message around whole-plant legality.
- Clean up public-facing content on the website and briefing materials.
- Set regulatory minimums for cannabinoid products and adult-use markets.
- Develop a hemp integration framework covering industrial, food, and cannabinoid concerns.
- Create treaty baseline and inter se roadmap.
- Recruit coalition founding leads, validators, and subject-matter advisors.

## Selected source basis

**FDA regulation of Cannabis and cannabis-derived products** — Current FDA baseline for THC/CBD in foods, supplements, cosmetics, and approved drugs. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/fda-regulation-cannabis-and-cannabis-derived-products-including-cannabidiol-cbd>

**USDA hemp program overview** — Current USDA cultivation, sampling, testing, and licensing baseline. <https://www.usda.gov/farming-and-ranching/plants-and-crops/plant-breeding/hemp>

**Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended** — Treaty baseline, including Article 28(2) industrial-hemp carveout. <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/UNTS/Volume%20976/volume-976-I-14152-English.pdf>

**CANNRA: Considerations for federal hemp regulation** — State-regulator view on hemp-derived cannabinoid gaps and needed federal floor standards. <https://www.cann-ra.org/s/Considerations-for-Federal-Hemp-Regulation-April-2023.pdf>

**NCIA: Navigating the Future of Cannabinoid Regulation** — Industry policy paper arguing for regulation by intended use and cannabinoid profile. <https://thecannabisindustry.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Navigating-the-Future-of-Cannabinoid-Regulation-Balancing-Safety-Innovation-and-Consumer-Access.pdf>

**Strategies 64: The One-Plant Solution** — Recent whole-plant framework proposal and useful strategic comparator. <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/c3867b8d-9e34-48c6-9bda-231afbb4b7b9/downloads/911e85c7-e17d-44f9-9222-36918fa14adb/the-one-plant-solution.pdf?ver=1770546959970>