

Defining a Decision Framework



During facilitated sessions at its October, November, and December meetings, the Path Forward Committee will define a framework for making different kinds of decisions about the reexamination. By agreeing on how decisions will be made, by whom, with what information, and when at this point in the process, we prepare ourselves to tackle the challenging substantive questions ahead without getting bound up in the mechanics of decision making.

Key Questions

Through what process will procedural decisions be made?

Through what process will technical decisions be made?

Through what process will policy decisions be made?

Each decision-making process comes with its own set of questions.

- Which individuals or groups – both internal and external to the UNRBA – will provide input or participate in the decisions ahead?
- Once we've discussed and deliberated, who actually decides?
- How do they decide – by seeking consensus, by voting, with a hybrid of the two, or in another way?

Supporting Details

For each type of decision, what kind of information should the decision-maker expect to be presented with in advance?

Adaptive management recognizes that we simply will not foresee every consequence of our actions in advance. How much uncertainty should the decision-maker be willing to tolerate? How will the decision-making process balance timeliness with the desire to acquire more information?

Do any non-procedural technical or policy decisions need to be made right away?

Discussion Item!

Start brainstorming – what decisions will the UNRBA need to make between now and the completion of a revised nutrient management strategy recommendation in 2024?