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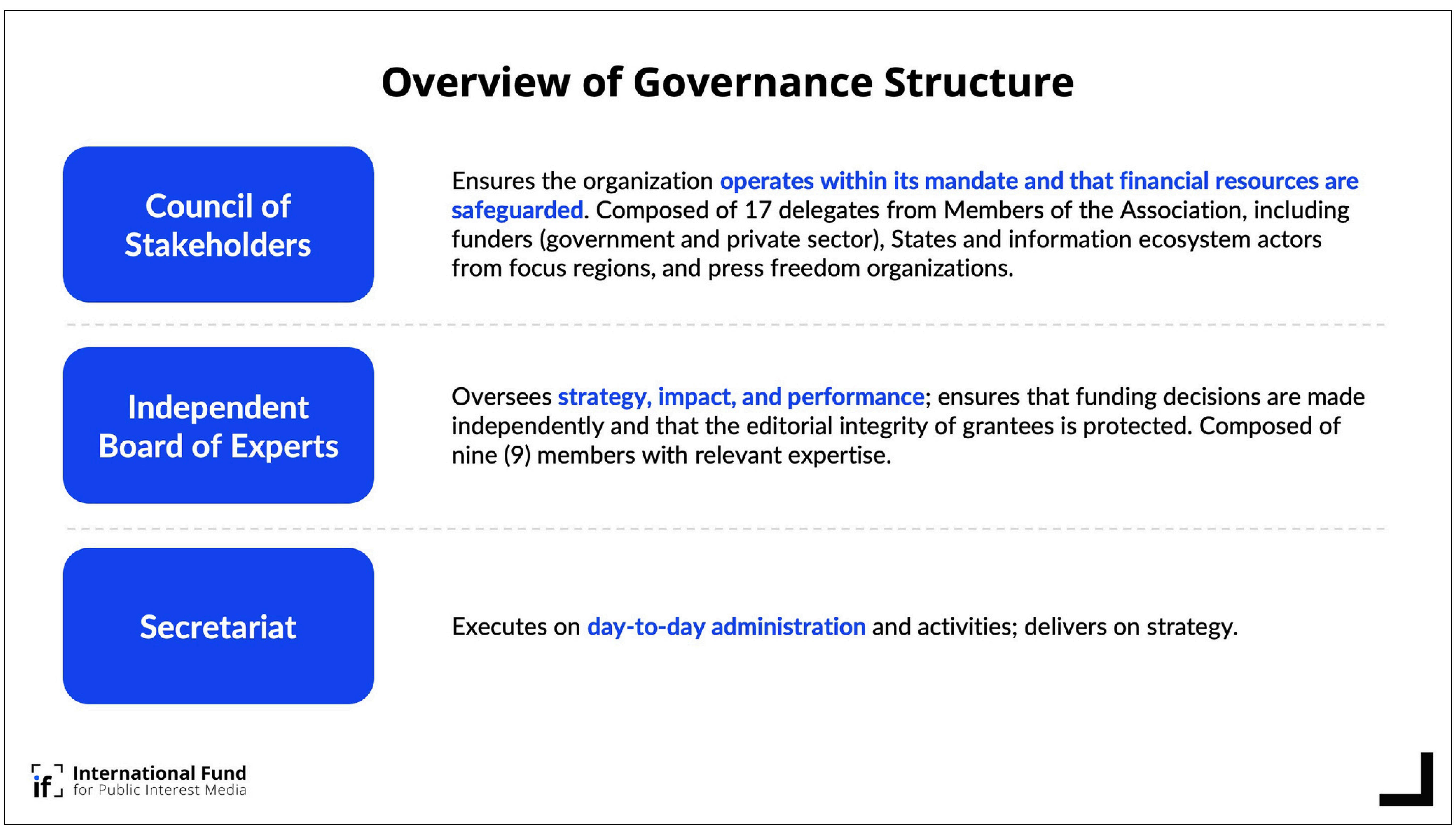
The International Fund is the first multilateral financing mechanism dedicated to addressing the financial crisis facing independent, public interest media in low- and middle-income countries.

Around the world, the business model for independent media is under dire threat–particularly so in low- and middle-income countries. The International Fund aims to address this crisis through providing immediate financial relief to outlets in need and simultaneously supporting initiatives with the potential to forge a more sustainable future for independent media.

The International Fund's innovative governance structure has been designed to ensure its credibility and the independence of its funding decisions, while actively engaging key stakeholders, including donors and stakeholders in its focus regions. It comprises two bodies: a Board of independent experts, responsible for strategy, and a Council of stakeholders, responsible for fiscal oversight.



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To date, comparatively low levels of Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding has flowed from multilateral donors to support independent newsrooms in low- and middle-income countries. As an independent funding vehicle with fit-for-purpose governance arrangements and funding mechanisms, the International Fund is designed to substantially increase the level of ODA mobilized in support of independent media.

The International Fund's legal status in France–including its privileges and immunities–is derived from Ordonnance 2022–533, which created a new status of International Organization (IO) in France in 2022. In February 2025, the International Fund officially confirmed its IO status under the Ordonnance, becoming the first such entity to do so.

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