



Summary-Chapter Formation/Operating Model-V1.1

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Chapter Formation – Concept Note & Operating Model

The Global CISO Council is a governance-led, non-commercial leadership platform designed to bring together Chief Information Security Officers and senior cybersecurity leaders to collaborate on the challenges shaping the future of the profession.

As part of its global expansion, the Council is establishing chapters led by qualified cybersecurity leaders. These chapters serve as local leadership hubs, enabling structured engagement, executive dialogue, and community development.

Nature of Opportunity

Chapter leadership within the Global CISO Council is a volunteer-driven leadership responsibility.

This is not a commercial initiative. Chapters operate as **not-for-profit entities**, focused on advancing cybersecurity leadership, collaboration, and community impact.

Core Principles

All chapters operate under the following principles:

- **Non-Commercial Integrity**
Chapters must remain free from product promotion, sales activity, or commercial bias.
- **Alignment with Global Vision**
All chapter initiatives must align with the Global CISO Council's mission, including thought leadership, governance, talent development, and community engagement.
- **Leadership-Led Engagement**
Chapters are peer-driven and led by senior cybersecurity professionals.

Chapter Leadership & Structure

Each chapter is required to establish a formal leadership structure, with a minimum of 5-6 core members, responsible for driving the chapter's vision, operations, and engagement. In addition, each Chapter must include a minimum of three Chapter Mentors at the advisory level, who are CISOs or equivalent leaders from regulated industries. These Chapter Mentors will provide strategic guidance, help shape the Chapter's direction, and strengthen the overall continuity and impact of the local community.

Typically, the leadership structure includes:

- Chapter Advisory Board (minimum 3 members)
 - President / Chapter Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Vice President – Outreach
 - Vice President – Membership
 - Vice President – Academia / Partnerships
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Governance & Formalization

Approved chapters will be required to:

- Sign a formal affiliation / participation agreement with the Global CISO Council/Agree to the COI & Code of Ethics.
- Submit a detailed 3- year business plan within 60 days of the approval date.
- Establish a not-for-profit legal entity in their respective region.
- Open and maintain a dedicated chapter bank account
- Develop a formal Chapter Charter aligned with Global CISO Council governance & adhere to defined ethical, operational, and reporting standards

Chapter finances and operations will be subject to oversight and periodic audit by Global CISO Council governance and finance teams.

Operating Model

The Global CISO Council operates as a centrally governed global body, with chapters functioning as regional leadership extensions.

- Strategic direction, governance, and brand are defined centrally
- Chapters execute local initiatives within this framework
- Activities must consistently align with the Council's global objectives

Revenue Model

Chapters are expected to operate as self-sustaining not-for-profit entities.

Typical revenue streams may include:

- Membership contributions (where applicable)
- Sponsorships for events and leadership forums
- Chapter-led programs and initiatives

All funds must be used strictly to support chapter activities and community development, in line with not-for-profit principles.

Time Commitment

Chapter formation requires a meaningful and sustained time investment, particularly during the initial phase.

Leaders should expect to:

- Build a founding community of cybersecurity leaders
- Establish governance and operational structure
- Organize initial leadership engagements and events

Ongoing responsibilities include community engagement, chapter operations, and participation in global alignment initiatives.

Marketing & Branding

To ensure consistency and global brand integrity, all chapters will operate under the Global CISO Council brand framework.

- Each approved chapter will be provided with a dedicated webpage hosted on the Global CISO Council website, serving as the official digital presence for the chapter.
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- Standardized website templates, branding guidelines, and communication formats will be provided and must be followed.
 - Chapters may not create independent websites or branding outside the approved framework without prior authorization.
 - All public communications, events, and external representation must align with the Council's global positioning and messaging standards.

Important Considerations & Conflict of Interest

- Chapter leadership is a voluntary role with professional responsibility.
- Submission of interest does not guarantee approval.
- Approval is based on leadership credibility, regional readiness, and alignment.
- Individuals engaged in conflicting commercial activities now or at any time during their tenure are not eligible for leadership roles in the Chapter.
- Chapter leaders must disclose any commercial, financial, or professional conflicts.
- Individuals involved in commercial training, certification sales, or related activities are not eligible for leadership roles
- Any change in professional role impacting eligibility must be disclosed.

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