



## ***ICMA Regional Structure 2009***

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Regions are set with consideration given to the following

- Primary:** Coastline and shipping trade routes
- Secondary:** Culture (including religion) and economic circumstance
- Tertiary:** Political and geographic

### ***North America Region: Rev. Loring Carpenter (NAMMA)***

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#### **North America & Caribbean: (Rev. Loring Carpenter, NAMMA representative)**

Presently the entire North American Continent is held to be one region of ICMA's founding member NAMMA. It is not foreseen that the continent will be divided into more regions. The region of North America, in accordance with the Board of NAMMA, will include "*all of North America, from Canada south through Panama (that is all of North and Central America including Mexico), and all of the Caribbean Islands and the islands off the US east coast (Bermuda and the Bahamas) regardless of the language spoken... NAMMA [does not have] ministries in the Caribbean other than in Puerto Rico, which is considered to be part of the US. Other ICMA members do have seafarers' ministries in some of these countries.*" The North America Region therefore includes Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba (Netherlands), Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Isles, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe (incl. St Martin, St Barthelme); Haiti, Jamaica; Martinique; Montserrat; Netherlands Antilles (incl. Bonaire, St Eustatius, St Maartin, Curaçao Saba); Puerto Rico, St Kits and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos; US Virgin Islands (incl. St Croix and St John). Some of these islands are francophone, some Dutch-speaking, some Spanish but English is understood in them all. The Atlantic, Pacific and the Caribbean Sea seaboard is covered. Inland all navigable lakes and rivers in the USA and Canada are serviced including the St Lawrence Seaway System throughout the Great Lakes plus the "brown water" inland waters of the Mississippi.

However, at World Conferences of ICMA discussion groups and workshops may be structured to reflect the following:

**West Coast Continental North America** – Alaska, west coast Canada and west coast USA & Mexico.

**East Coast Continental North America** – East coast Canada, East coast USA, USA coast of Gulf of Mexico, Great Lakes & inland waterways and Greenland

**Caribbean** – All Caribbean Islands including Cuba and Haiti

### ***Brazil Region: Father Cesare Ciceri (AoS)***

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**Brazil** – Brazil constitutes an ICMA region on its own. However plans are afoot to extend this region to include other South and Central America countries.

Currently these countries are not yet included formally in an ICMA region:

**Central South America** – Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guyana, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, (Mexico), Belize, etc.

**South America (East)** – Uruguay, Argentina

**South America (West)** – Ecuador, Peru, Chile

### ***West Africa: Reverend Ed Gbe (SCI)***

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The present region of ICMA includes all countries on the West Coast of Africa from Mauritania in the north to the DRC in the south.

Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Democratic Republic of the Congo

### ***Southern Africa, East Africa & Indian Ocean (Agulhas and Benguela): Rev. Boet van Schalkwyk (SSoc)***

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Ports in the following countries are included in this region:

Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, South Africa, Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands as far east as Rodriguez (Seychelles, Comoros, Mayotte, Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion, Rodriguez), Namibia and Angola

### ***East Asia: Vacant***

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Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Singapore, Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Pacific Islands

Due to the remoteness of the east coast of Russia, this part of the world is presently not included in any regional structure of ICMA (London/Resolution

### ***Black Sea, Mediterranean, Middle East (Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf): Deacon Ricardo Rodriguez Martos (AoS)***

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Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Spain (south coast), France (south coast), Malta, Italy, Adriatic coast states, Greece, Turkey (south coast) and Aegean (up to Istanbul), Jordan, Syria, Cyprus, Yemen, Bahrain, Oman, United Arab Emirates. All states with coastlines on Black and Caspian Seas. These include: Azerbaijan, Russia (southern ports), Rumania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Georgia, Machkalan, Turkey

Black Sea Region (previously known as the “Confederation of Independent States” and Black Sea Region is now incorporated fully into the Mediterranean and Middle East Region)

### ***Western Europe: Vacant***

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Germany: North Sea Coast (The East Sea Coast belongs in the Baltic Region), River Elbe, River Weser, River Rheine, North Sea side of the North East Sea Channel); Netherlands, Belgium, France ( Atlantic Ocean ports), Spain (Atlantic Ocean Ports), Portugal (Atlantic Ocean Ports)

### ***United Kingdom and Eire: Mr. Alexander Campbell (QVSR)***

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England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Republic of Ireland (Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, English Channel, Irish sea, St George’s Channel

### ***Northern Europe: Vacant***

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Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Germany East Sea Coast (The North Sea Coast belongs in the Western Europe Region), Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Russia (St Petersburg and Baltic Sea ports, extending east to the Ural Mountains, Vladivostok.