

# xwikiarb

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# The state of onwiki arbitration

- Arbitration model to resolve disputes are now in place at 11 Wikipedia projects (Czech, German, English, Persian, Finnish, French, Hungarian, Dutch, Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian) and 1 Wikinews project (English).
- Several Wikipedia projects has experimented with ArbCom model: some became inactive (Arabic, Croatian); dissolved (Portuguese), or has its mandate not renewed/rendered expired (Korean, Thai).
- A long-standing proposal to establish a Global ArbCom as “supreme court” that hears appeals from individual projects  
([https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Global\\_arbitration\\_committee](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Global_arbitration_committee))

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**An ArbCom, but has jurisdiction over multiple projects that share the same language, culture, geographic region, and/or historical roots**

Main features:

- Cross-project collaboration
- Enforcement authority of the UCoC
- Connected with other Wikimedia regional structures (Affiliates, Hubs, etc)

**Historical proposal:** Pathoschild, 2007

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Cross-wiki\\_arbitration\\_committee\\_\(2007\\_proposal\)](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Cross-wiki_arbitration_committee_(2007_proposal))

# Case study: Indonesia

- Indonesia currently has 12 local languages that at least have one Wikimedia project: Bahasa Indonesia, Acehnese, Javanese, Banyumasan, Sundanese, Banjar, Bugis, Minangkabau, Gorontalo, Balinese, Madurese, and Nias. **Collectively, it has 21 projects** (12 Wikipedias, 5 Wiktionaries, 2 Wikiquotes, 1 Wikibooks, 1 Wikisource).
- Indonesia is served by Wikimedia Indonesia, a Wikimedia chapter in good standing (one of the biggest in the ESEAP region) and has disbursed grants to support local project communities since 2018.
- No currently standing behavioral policy authority at any of the projects; most dispute are resolved locally with (sometimes) help of the Chapters staff.

### **xwikiarb Model A: multiple projects in the same region**

One ArbCom for all projects in the Indonesian languages (21 projects)

### **xwikiarb Model B: multiple projects in the same language**

id.wikipedia would share one ArbCom with id.wiktionary, id.wikisource, id.wikiquote, and id.wikibooks

### **xwikiarb Model C: multiple projects of the same type in the same region**

id.wikipedia would share ArbCom with jv.wikipedia and 11 other Indonesian Wikipedia editions; in the same vein, id.wiktionary would share ArbCom with 4 other Indonesian Wiktionary editions.

# To resolve

- Ratification: how would the projects ratify this agreement? Could projects opt-in/opt-out?
- Power: since its xwiki, what extended right should be granted to Arbitrators? Global sysops? Stewards? CU? New class of extended right?
- Working language: which language should be used as working language of the Committee? The one that's understood by all members, or the one that is used by the largest project?
- Resources: who would handle the administrative works (clerks)? Technical support?
- Appeal: should the decision be final and binding for those projects, or would there be other mechanism to appeal it to a higher appellate body?