

# What Is the CCPPNR and the UFWD?

China Council for  
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Peaceful National  
Reunification

United  
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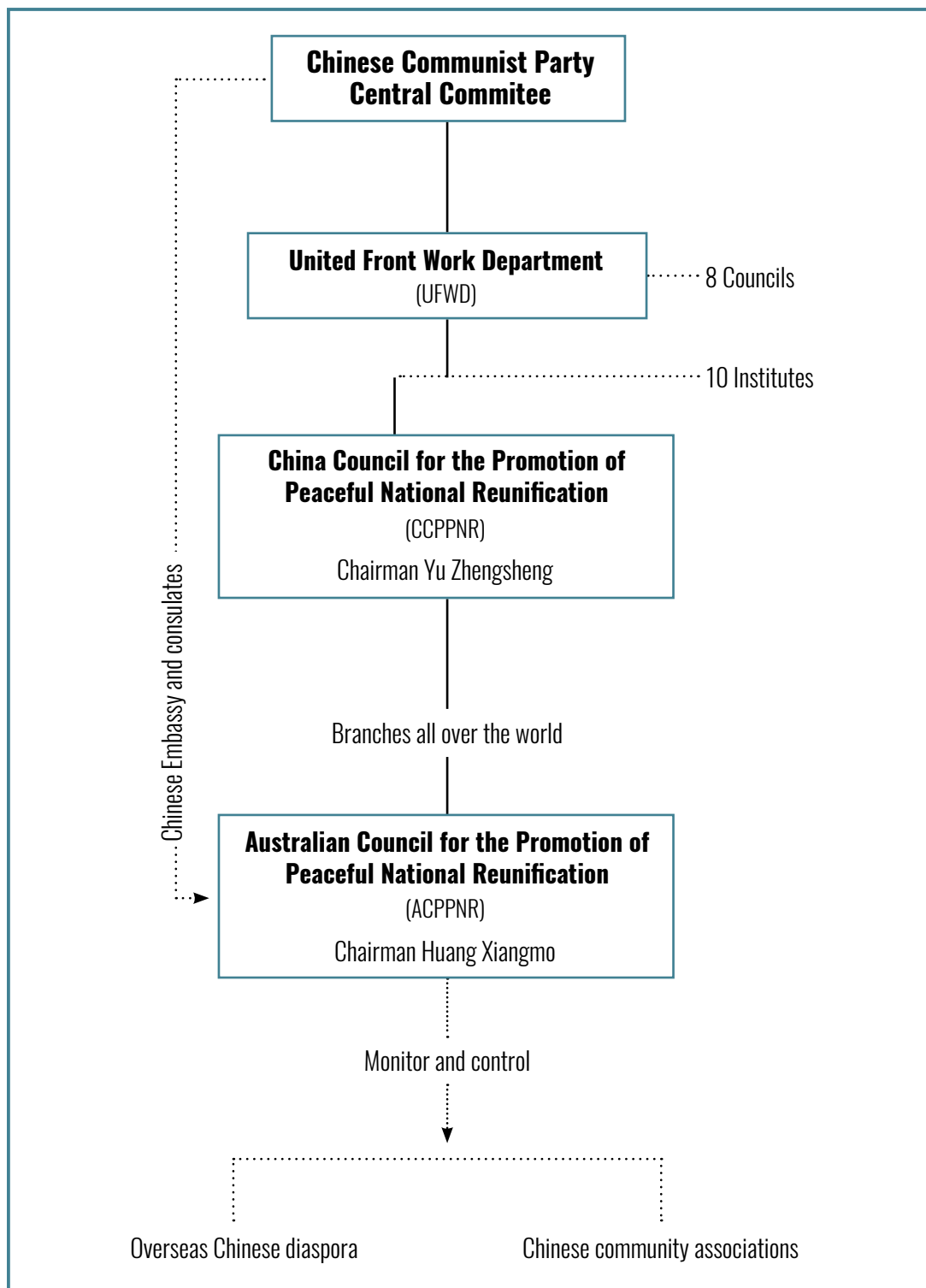
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The China Council for the Promotion of Peaceful National Reunification (CCPPNR) is headquartered in Beijing, China. The council's current chairman, Yu Zhengsheng, is a member of China's Politburo Standing Committee, while the executive vice-chairperson, Sun Chunlan, is both a member of China's Central Politburo as well as the head of the United Front Work Department (UFWD).

CCPPNR has branches around the world. In Australia, apart from the Australian Council for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification of China (ACPPRC), there are also branches in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

The current head of ACPPRC is Huang Xiangmo, a Chinese citizen. A few Australian politicians serve as honorary advisors for this council.

The ACPPRC and the state and territory branches of the CCPPNR are all under the Chinese Consulate's supervision and command. The CCPPNR



serves as a prominent leader of all Chinese community associations, which enables the Chinese Consulate to establish comprehensive control, through the CCPPNR, over

these communities. In recent years, any large-scale protest or welcome activity has been organised and facilitated by the CCPPNR.

In the current administrative

structure of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), the CCPPNR is part of the United Front Work Department. According to the CCP's public website, the

UFWD is an institution under the direct control of the Central Committee, and is headed by a government minister. The UFWD operates under the directives of the Party without implicating the Party's name. Outside of mainland China, apart from being responsible for Taiwan-related work, the UFWD is responsible for managing overseas student associations, Chinese communities and other related works.

The UFWD, which has a branch in every Chinese city, consists of 8 councils and 10 institutions. The CCPPNR is among these 10 institutions, and has branches in every major city around the world. In other words, the CCPPNR at each locale is directly led by the UFWD, while the CCPPNR is the overseas representative of the UFWD, in substance and form.

The UFWD was established before the civil war between the Chinese Communist and Nationalist parties. Its main objective was to train spies, collect intelligence, and plan and instigate campaigns by workers and students against the Chinese Nationalist Party government. During the civil war in China, the UFWD played a significant role within the CCP in defeating the Nationalist Party government and seizing political control.

Today's UFWD, through the CCPPNR, focuses on supporting and transmitting the influence of the CCP overseas, control Chinese communities and monitor the words and actions of overseas Chinese.

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