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Abstract

The Global Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (GLONGO) is a global network of international, regional and national civil society and non-governmental organisations working to realise peace, universal human rights, equality and social justice, good governance and sustainable human development in communities around the world. GLONGO was formed in 2016 to bring together advocacy organisations and international development and emergency relief agencies to build a cohesive global civil society voice of like-minded organisations for advocacy, stakeholder engagement, learning and sharing, policy impact, best practices, networking and solidarity with the people and communities we serve.

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PART ONE: CORPORATE PROFILE OF THE GLOBAL COUNCIL OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

Background: Why Global NGO Council?

It is widely acknowledged that positive change can be realised when organisations come together to collaborate to influence policy and achieve common goals; through enhanced coordination, collective thinking and action in areas of mutual interest. The Global Council of Non-Governmental Organisations ('GLONGO' or 'the Global NGO Council') was formed in 2016, primarily for this purpose: to create a broad-based global body for NGOs to come together in pursuit of collective agendas and to engage with governments and other actors in the peace and development processes around the world. The Council's primary role is to enhance the performance of its members and their ability to deliver high-impact, cost-effective, and innovative programmes for the promotion of environmentally sound, equitable and sustainable socio-economic development across the world.

GLONGO is a representative global NGO umbrella organisation structured as an interactive network of equal and committed member organisations. It derives social legitimacy from maintaining high levels of internal democracy and participation, and by providing relevant and high-quality services to its member organisations and key stakeholders. It is an inclusive membership organisation of NGOs and their networks as well as 'un-networked NGOs', which subscribe to and support the Council's vision, mission and values. It provides a global platform for NGOs in their diversity, active nationally, regionally and globally; to contribute to governance and development processes worldwide.

As an inclusive global platform for NGOs and other eligible civil society organisations, GLONGO believes that membership that is actively engaged will ensure that the organisation achieves its mission and ambitions. This background builds on this appreciation and outlines the principles of the membership as well as the guidelines for the relationship between GLONGO and its members. It underscores the rationale of being a member and the process involved. It also outlines some of the benefits members can expect from participation; and the obligations expected of them. It is in line with the membership provisions in the Constitution and By-laws of the Council.

Furthermore, the Council was founded by a group of NGOs out of their concern to avoid duplication of NGO efforts, and to minimise conflict and competition between NGOs. The founders were also interested in ensuring maximum use of resources mobilised by NGOs for relief and social development purposes through collaboration, networking, and mutual reinforcement of each other's activities. GLONGO and its members work towards the reduction of poverty and the fight against social injustices geared to the improvement in the standards of living of the poor and marginalised members of local communities around the world.

The Council is made up of the NGO Members' Assembly, a Board of Directors elected every year by the NGO body and an office. The latter serve as a link between the GLONGO Board and NGOs and governments, donors, and the public, and allows the dissemination of information on NGO activities through a quarterly newsletter to members and the public at large. GLONGO has a membership of national, regional and international NGOs which work with communities in different sectors, mainly in rural areas across the world. Its members play key roles in areas such as health, education, gender equality, women's empowerment, child protection, water and sanitation, human rights, good governance, media development, peacebuilding, international relations, climate change, environmental protection, emergency relief, agriculture and credit, as well as small enterprise development projects such as vegetable gardening, food processing and similar activities.

About Us: Who We Are?

The Global Council of Non-Governmental Organisations (GLONGO) is a global network of international, regional and national civil society and non-governmental organisations working to realise peace, universal human rights, equality and social justice, good governance and sustainable human development in local communities around the world. GLONGO was formed in 2016 to bring together advocacy organisations and international development and emergency relief agencies to build a cohesive global civil society voice of like-minded organisations for advocacy, stakeholder engagement, learning and sharing, policy impact, best practices, networking and solidarity with the people and communities we serve.

Today our members include international relief and development agencies, the peace-building and humanitarian bodies of major faith groups, educational organisations, human rights associations, environmental and solidarity groups, and local community organisations committed to GLONGO's mission, vision, and principles. The Council amplifies the voice of our members, to influence key global, regional and national decision makers, and to engage the people of the world as active global citizens. However, members benefit from our expertise in carrying out meaningful, impactful public engagement. From knowledge sharing and awareness building with the general public, leadership training for members and public officials, and working with key stakeholders and donors through our Global Citizenship Education program, GLONGO's public engagement is a transformative process that works towards more effective and equitable social, economic, environmental and political structures.

GLONGO provides access to people and organisations that are working for social, economic and ecological justice and provides the opportunity to coordinate efforts with other CSOs at national, regional and global levels around the world. The Council enhances learning and sharing, and shares information, skills and knowledge, which strengthen our ability to improve our impact in our communities worldwide. It creates opportunities for members to increase their reach to a diverse and international, regional and national civil society network of NGO leaders and practitioners, government funders and community-based social innovators interested in human development impacts and positive change.

GLONGO is a politically non-partisan, voluntary and non-profit global organisation. The Council's primary obligation is to promote and enhance NGO operations through capacity building, and serve as a mouthpiece and advocate on behalf of NGOs operating at national, regional and global levels, in which respect GLONGO assists NGOs to serve society better. It is widely recognised at the national, regional and international levels as an NGO collective, and has established and maintains collaborative relations with numerous NGO consortia and networks with international organisations.

Furthermore, GLONGO provides the opportunity for NGOs to meet regularly and periodically to discuss issues that are of relevance to the global NGO community, exchange ideas, and share information about their respective activities, achievements, difficulties, and promote NGO solidarity for the benefit of the communities they work with. NGOs meet regularly at GLONGO events where sectoral and thematic taskforces have been constituted to allow NGOs to discuss, exchange information and field experiences. Through strategic partnerships with some of its core members, GLONGO applies a participatory approach in its overall operations. It aims as part of its strategic direction, is to strengthen the capacity of its member organisations in strategic planning and strongly advocate for the fight against poverty, social injustice and human suffering at all levels of society.

Our Mission Statement

GLONGO builds momentum towards a just, equitable, and sustainable world by enhancing the capacity of our members, educating and inspiring the public to take action, and creating connections among those we serve.

Our Corporate Vision

We want a peaceful world where the communities have all kind of liberties to exercise their basic rights and lead a secure, peaceful and healthy life, and where equality, peace, good governance and justice are the motivating principles pushing the world towards an equitable societal shift.

Our Core Values

We are committed to the recognition of the dignity of all people and their right to self-determination, to the protection of world's fragile environment, to the equitable distribution of power, and to the promotion of global understanding, cooperation, peace and justice through mutual learning, participation, partnership, accountability, transparency and solidarity.

Key Activities of the Council

The core activities of GLONGO are:

- ✓ NGO Sector Profiling and Leadership Development
- ✓ Networking and Strategic Alliance Building
- ✓ Training and Capacity Building
- ✓ Policy Advocacy and Influencing
- ✓ Research, Documentation and Dissemination
- ✓ Information, Education and Communication on Development Cooperation and related issues
- ✓ Clearinghouse and resource distribution
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement and Policy Dialogue
- ✓ Peer Learning, Sharing and Exchange
- ✓ Partnerships and Collaboration

Our Funding Sources

Where and how do we raise our funds? GLONGO mobilises its funds and other resources from national, regional and international sources, such as:

- The Corporate Sector/Businesses
- Private Foundations and Trusts
- Embassies and Foreign Missions
- Annual Membership Fees
- Voluntary Contributions from Members
- Government Agencies and Bilateral Organisations
- Philanthropists/Individual Donors
- Sponsorship and in-kind-support
- Sales of GLONGO's merchandise
- Any other legal means.

Governance and Leadership

Currently, a six-person governing Board of Directors, comprising members, independent directors and the Council's President/CEO govern GLONGO. Board members contribute to the proper governance of and guide GLONGO in establishing a strategy and policy objectives through active participation in the Council's governance and decision making. Board members serve on the Board on a voluntary basis for a fixed term as specified in the Council's Statutes. The members of the Board agree to abide by the Council's Code of Professional Conduct and the Board Charter as set out by the Board in fulfilling their responsibilities. Also, a six-person International Advisory Committee assists the Executive Board in decision making and policy formulation and implementation processes.

In addition, the Board is assisted by a secretariat team headed by the President/CEO. Other key personnel, consultants and professional volunteers and core staff of the Council help implement the decisions of the Board and other key activity plans, strategies and policies of GLONGO.

Organisational Structure

The Council operations a one-layer organizational structure (One global body without national or regional chapters). The global body is speaks as one unified voice in pursuit of the Council's mission and global mandate. The global body is referred to as a global General Assembly that meets once a year, and where all members meet to converge on the affairs of the Council and its overall operations. In addition however, the executive secretariat that handles the day-to-day affairs of the Council is currently based in Freetown, Sierra Leone. As its operational hub, the secretariat handles membership recruitment, regional and global advocacy, training and capacity building of members, resource mobilization, stakeholder engagement and other activities as stated in the strategic plan of action. The secretariat was purposely established in the global-south to bring the operations of the Council and its global affairs closer to the people and communities its members seek to serve. By so doing, GLONGO promotes transparency and accountability to its stakeholders.

In the near future however, efforts are on the way to establish regional liaison offices in North America (New York/Washington D.C.), Europe (Brussels) and Asia/Pacific (Sydney) and in Ethiopia. These regional offices will help facility policy advocacy efforts, resource mobilization, membership recruitment, stakeholder engagement, and other activities as authorized by the Board of the Council.

Our Thematic Priorities and Areas of Focus

As an all-inclusive membership organization, GLONGO undertakes a variety of core pressing issues and operates or facilitates activities in the following 26 priority areas to give a true reflection of its diverse membership background and mission scope:

1. Sustainable Development Goals
2. Development Financing
3. Peace and Human Security
4. Governance, Human Rights and Democracy
5. Economic Livelihoods and Rural Development
6. Humanitarian Actions/Response
7. Citizen Education on Development Cooperation
8. Social Protection (Disability, Migrants and Labour)
9. Migration and Development
10. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
11. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

12. Civil Society Effectiveness and Civic Space
13. Higher Education and Learning
14. Grant making, Capacity Building and Technical Assistance
15. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
16. Nutrition, Food Security and Agriculture
17. Technology, Innovation and Independent Media
18. Foreign Policy and International Relations
19. Advocacy and Pro-poor Policies
20. Education and Vocational Training
21. Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship
22. Child Protection and Development
23. Disaster Risks Prevention and Preparedness
24. Health, including Malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS, and Sexual and Reproductive Health
25. Corporate Society Responsibility
26. Trade and Economic Promotion

Our Long-term Goals

The four core aims or major goals of GLONGO programmes are:

- to enhance the capacity of our member organisations around the world to become well-coordinated, informed and have the ability to influence the peacebuilding and development process and humanitarian agenda in communities they operate;
- to the enhance capacity of local development actors and influence policies and promote best practices that will make the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals become a reality;
- to enable our members improve living conditions, livelihoods and empowerment among the rural poor, with particular attention to groups that have traditionally been excluded by reasons of gender, ethnicity, caste and location; and
- to enable our members preserve, protect and save lives, alleviate suffering and enhance physical and human security and dignity of populations affected by humanitarian crises, including environmental degradation, conflicts, natural and human-induced disasters and displacement propelled by development projects.

Our Strategic Objectives

In pursuit of its mission and goals, GLONGO pursues the following strategic objectives which are:

- To promote information sharing, learning and knowledge management for and among members and stakeholders.
- To strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of member organizations to influence the global development policies and humanitarian agenda.
- To strengthen coordination within the membership and enhance engagement with other actors.
- To act as a collective voice for global, regional and national organisations to influence the global development policies and humanitarian agenda.

- To promote partnerships and collaborations between GLONGO members and other stakeholders around the world.
- To provide grants and build capacity to strengthen community actions to advance sustainable livelihoods and restore human dignity and hope of the poor members of local societies.

Key Strategies and Approaches

GLONGO pursues its goals and strategic objectives through the following key strategies which are:

1. Membership will be coordinated and an open platform established as a mechanism to bring together like-minded organizations that work for or interested in development cooperation.
2. Strengthen coordination and engagement and work with government agencies, UN agencies, donors and other humanitarian actors to ensure that there is representation of civil society organizations at all levels of operation in global humanitarian and development affairs.
3. Continuously strengthen the knowledge-base of member organisations towards understanding the policy, practice and standards that guide good humanitarian response and development practice.
4. Explore avenues to improve access to financing humanitarian actions and development programmes led by national civil society organizations. GLONGO and its members will resolve to promote approaches that ensure resources are managed and used responsibly for their intended purpose.
5. Build and nurture partnerships and relationships between local, national and international NGOs that enable growth of strong local leadership and organisations in their capacity as frontline first-responders in emergencies or when disasters occur.

PART TWO: MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL COUNCIL OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

Membership in GLONGO

As a member, you will be joining a community of national, regional and international development, humanitarian relief and public engagement practitioners and advocates with whom you can share ideas and opportunities.

Members are invited to take part in a variety of professional development opportunities, receive pertinent research on emerging issues, and have access to sample organizational policies and examples of good practice. Additionally we have many face-to-face opportunities for our members and a host of online opportunities you can join.

What We Do for Our Members

a. Building Awareness

✓ Communications

GLONGO amplifies the voice of our members, to influence key global, regional and national decision makers, and to engage the people of the world as active global citizens.

Access an extensive network of supporters through our various communications tools, including our E-zine and Social Media platforms. We help get the word out about member events and projects, and share stories to build empathy and compassion, and inspire people to take action!

GLONGO has found that our use of innovative methods to reach people including our website, blog, documentaries and the arts are very successful in conveying the message of change.

✓ Public Engagement

Public engagement is the practice of inspiring, supporting and challenging people and groups in dynamic cycles of learning, reflection and action on issues of concern to the world.

GLONGO members benefit from our expertise in carrying out meaningful, impactful public engagement. From knowledge sharing and awareness building with the general public, leadership training for youth and working with teachers and students through our Global Citizenship Education program, GLONGO's public engagement is a transformative process that works towards more equitable social, economic, environmental and political structures.

As a member of GLONGO you will be encouraged to attend meetings of the membership, issue-specific networking groups and sector consultations, where you can participate in member discussions, decisions, networking and information sharing opportunities, and provide input on emergent issues.

b. Building Connections

✓ Networking & Collaboration

Membership in GLONGO will allow you to increase your reach to a diverse and international, regional and national civil society network of NGO leaders and practitioners, government funders and community based social innovators.

Membership in GLONGO provides access to people and organizations that are working for social, economic and ecological justice and provides the opportunity to coordinate efforts with other CSOs. The Council shares information, skills and knowledge, which strengthen our ability to improve our impact in our communities and around the globe.

c. Building Capacity

✓ Skills Development & Peer Learning

From public engagement coaching to policy development, as a member of GLONGO you will build your capacity to make a positive difference in global communities!

- a) GLONGO provides a space for members to share ideas and opportunities to develop innovative solutions to global poverty.
- b) GLONGO develops policy to ensure our activities and communications align with our Development Principles. As a member of GLONGO, you have access to our policies in areas such as Anti-Oppression, Public Engagement, Responsible Media and our Green Policy. Occasionally members are invited to contribute research on emerging issues.
- c) GLONGO has many resources to share with members including Green Event Supplies, a small but growing library, and a button maker.

d. Building Momentum

✓ Representation

Members help shape the activities and priorities of the Council and the wider international development community worldwide. GLONGO members have the opportunity to serve on GLONGO Board of Directors, Committees and Working Groups. GLONGO also represents its members on a global, regional and national level and as focal points or contact desks.

Why Become a Member?

When you become a member of GLONGO you join an expanding community of international development and global humanitarian organisations and individuals working in local communities for peace, equality, democracy, human rights, good governance, sustainable development and social justice. GLONGO is a learning organization with inclusive, cooperative and participatory processes that are accessible and accountable to all members.

GLONGO's work, both internally and as a collective of members, is grounded in our shared vision of global social justice, human dignity, transparency and accountability and participation for all. While we do not necessarily support or endorse all activities or positions of our many and diverse members, we encourage all members to work toward ethical and anti-oppressive practice, and to engage in dialogue and critical reflection with the Council on issues of collective concern and importance.

Membership Benefits

By virtue of your membership in GLONGO, you will:

- ✓ Access a network of organisations and individuals to share knowledge, skills and create new collaboration opportunities
- ✓ Access GLONGO's extensive communications network to promote your organisation, projects, events, and employment, internship and volunteer opportunities
- ✓ Access project funding and coaching by GLONGO staff to enhance your public engagement endeavours
- ✓ Build capacity through training opportunities and peer exchange programmes
- ✓ Increase your organizational capacity through access to policy development support and media exposure
- ✓ Participate in the governance of GLONGO by serving on the Board of Directors
- ✓ Help set GLONGO's priorities and strategic directions, and put forward resolutions on matters of importance
- ✓ Provide input into GLONGO's priorities and strategic directions, and build knowledge on sector issues
- ✓ Share your knowledge and gain valuable skills by sitting on a GLONGO Committee
- ✓ Access GLONGO resources, including Green Event supplies, meeting rooms, a small but growing library and button maker
- ✓ Be represented at the national, regional and international level
- ✓ Receive topical, timely and interesting information about global development issues
- ✓ Increase the strength and leverage of our collective efforts in working for sustainable local and global development
- ✓ Free, unlimited admission to monthly GLONGO networking events
- ✓ Free promotion of employment, internship and volunteer opportunities through GLONGO Opportunities of the Week e-blasts, and the GLONGO website
- ✓ Opportunity to increase your profile and reach through GLONGO social media channels, website, e-Bulletin, listservs, and referrals
- ✓ Opportunity to build capacity and share expertise through GLONGO workshops, webinars, networking groups and planning committees
- ✓ Scaled discounts on GLONGO professional development workshops, annual symposiums, global citizens forums and other events
- ✓ Access to relevant and timely reports, resources, case studies and examples of good practice
- ✓ Access to GLONGO staff for consultation and support
- ✓ Opportunities to contribute to the Council, the global NGO community, and the international cooperation sector as a GLONGO Board Director
- ✓ Invitations to collaborate with GLONGO in innovative public engagement programs
- ✓ Opportunity to participate in periodic multi-stakeholder dialogues on sector-wide issues
- ✓ International, regional and national representation on issues of collective concern
- ✓ Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting
- ✓ Free opportunity, event and news listings on GLONGO's website and monthly e-Bulletin
- ✓ Free searchable member profile on GLONGO's website
- ✓ Free log-in access to modify your website profile and listings at any time

Membership Categories and Criteria

1. Principal Members

GLONGO Membership represents a mosaic of organisations. A legally independent international, regional or national NGO with a Board and secretariat and has operational programmes, may be admitted as a Principal member.

a. Application Process

To apply to become a Principal Member you must:

- Meet all membership criteria outlined immediately below*
- Submit your completed electronic application form via email at info@globalngocouncil.org
- Submit all required documents via email or by mail, as noted below

***Please note:** those who do not meet GLONGO's Principal Membership criteria may be eligible to apply for other membership categories.

Principal Membership applications are received and reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Once we have received your complete application package we will send you a confirmation email indicating the expected timeframe for a response.

Once your application has been reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors and assessed positively against our Principal Member criteria, a GLONGO representative will call you to officially welcome you to our global NGO community, outline current benefits and services to Principal Members, explain our membership ratification process, and answer any questions you may have.

Your official contact person will then receive a membership certificate and our annual calendar of events.

While GLONGO membership year runs from January 1 – December 31, applications are welcome at any time throughout the year.

b. Membership Criteria

Principal membership is open to national, regional or international NGO active for the past five years that meet the following criteria:

- Acknowledge the Council's values and principles
- Be a legally independent international, regional or a national non-governmental organization and a registered not-for-profit organization in the applicant's country of origin
- Be directly involved in voluntary or non-profit activities or programs in the Global South and/or in their country of origin
- Have a program of activities in their country of origin, such as fundraising, global education or public engagement
- Have an identifiable local, national, regional or international organization in its own name
- Have Board members and/or active volunteers based in their country of origin/operation
- Have a budget related to their work, either separately or as a clearly designated portion of a regional, national or international budget
- Have a program of activities in their country of origin, such as fundraising, global education or public engagement

No organisation shall be refused membership or excluded from participation in GLONGO, denied the benefits of membership, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability.

Kindly Note: While we do not necessarily support or endorse all activities or positions of our many and diverse members, we encourage all members to work toward ethical and anti-oppressive practice, and to engage in dialogue and critical reflection with the Council on issues of collective concern and importance.

c. Membership Fees

Currently, membership in the Council is free, until a time when the Board shall decide.

2. Federation Members

GLONGO Membership represents a mosaic of organisations. An international or regional NGO with national chapters or country offices operating in five or more countries or regions under the same name, and with a Federal Board and secretariat and have operational programmes, may be admitted as a Federation member.

a. Application Process

To apply to become a Federation Member you must:

- Meet all membership criteria outlined immediately below*
- Submit your completed electronic application form via email at info@globalngocouncil.org
- Submit all required documents via email or by mail, as noted below

*Please note: those who do not meet GLONGO's Federation Membership criteria may be eligible to apply for Principal Membership.

Federation Member applications are received and reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Once we have received your complete application package we will send you a confirmation email indicating the expected timeframe for a response.

Once your application has been reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors and assessed positively against our Federation Member criteria, a GLONGO representative will call you to officially welcome you to our community, outline current benefits and services to Federation Members, explain our membership ratification process, and answer any questions you may have.

Your official contact person will then receive a membership certificate and our annual calendar of events.

While GLONGO membership year runs from January 1 – December 31, applications are welcome at any time throughout the year.

b. Membership Criteria

Federation membership is open to regional and international NGOs active for the past five years that meet the following criteria:

- Acknowledge the Council's values and principles
- Be a legally independent international or regional non-governmental and a registered not-for-profit organization in the applicant's country of origin
- Be directly involved in international cooperation and/or global education/public engagement programs in the Global South and/or in their country of origin
- Have a program of activities in their country of origin, such as fundraising, global education or public engagement
- Have identifiable national, regional or international operations in five countries or more
- Have Board members and/or active volunteers based in their country of origin/headquarters
- Have a budget related to their work, either separately or as a clearly designated portion of a regional, national or international budget
- Have a program of activities in their country of origin/Federation headquarters, such as fundraising, global education or public engagement

No organisation shall be refused membership or excluded from participation in GLONGO, denied the benefits of membership, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability.

Kindly Note: While we do not necessarily support or endorse all activities or positions of our many and diverse members, we encourage all members to work toward ethical and anti-oppressive practice, and to engage in dialogue and critical reflection with the Council on issues of collective concern and importance.

c. Membership Fees

Currently, membership in the Council is free, until a time when the Board shall decide.

3. Network Membership

GLONGO Membership represents a mosaic of organisations. The Network membership category is designed to engage a broad group of actors such as national, regional and international NGO coalitions, consortia, forums, networks, associations, etc. that could benefit from GLONGO membership and also contribute to the work of the Council.

a. Application Process

To apply to become a Network Member you must:

- Meet all membership criteria outlined immediately below*
- Submit your completed electronic application form via email at info@globalngocouncil.org
- Submit all required documents via email or mail, as noted below

*Please note: those who meet the criteria for Principal Membership must apply under that category.

Network Member applications are received and reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Once we have received your complete application package we will send you a confirmation email indicating the expected timeframe for a response.

Once your application has been reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors and assessed positively against our Network Membership criteria, a GLONGO representative will call you to officially

welcome you to our community, outline current benefits and services to Network Members, explain our membership ratification process, and answer any questions you may have.

Your official contact person will then receive a membership certificate and our annual calendar of events.

While GLONGO membership year runs from January 1 – December 31, applications are welcome at any time throughout the year.

b. Membership Criteria

Network membership is intended to engage groups such as international, regional and national coalitions, service clubs, trade associations, professional groups engaged in advocacy, human rights, education, health, including HIV/AIDS and malaria, peacebuilding and conflict prevention, environmental work and climate change, food security, women's rights and gender equality, etc. etc.

Network membership is open to groups who meet the following criteria:

- Have an operational office in their country of origin (i.e. at least one paid staff or long-term volunteer based in and conducting work in country of origin)

No organisation shall be refused membership or excluded from participation in GLONGO, denied the benefits of membership, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability.

Kindly Note: While we do not necessarily support or endorse all activities or positions of our many and diverse members, we encourage all members to work toward ethical and anti-oppressive practice, and to engage in dialogue and critical reflection with the Council on issues of collective concern and importance.

c. Membership Fees

Currently, membership in the Council is free, until a time when the Board shall decide.

4. Academic Membership

GLONGO Membership represents a mosaic of organisations. The Academic membership category is designed to engage a broad group of actors such as educational institutions and research centres, etc. that could benefit from GLONGO membership and also contribute to the work of the Council.

Academic members are institutions who do not meet the criteria for membership in other categories.

Associate membership is intended to engage groups such as international, regional and national academic departments, universities, training institutes, research centres, academic programs or others as members of the Council.

a. Application Process

To apply to become an Associate Member you must:

- Meet all membership criteria outlined immediately below*

- Submit your completed electronic application form via email at info@globalngocouncil.org
- Submit all required documents via email or mail, as noted below

*Please note: those who meet the criteria for Principal Membership must apply under that category.

Academic Membership applications are received and reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Once we have received your complete application package we will send you a confirmation email indicating the expected timeframe for a response.

Once your application has been reviewed by GLONGO Board of Directors and assessed positively against our Academic Membership criteria, a GLONGO representative will call you to officially welcome you to our community, outline current benefits and services to Academic Members, explain our membership ratification process, explain our membership ratification process, and answer any questions you may have.

Your official contact person will then receive a membership certificate and our annual calendar of events.

While GLONGO membership year runs from January 1 – December 31, applications are welcome at any time throughout the year.

b. Membership Criteria

Academic membership is intended to engage groups such as service clubs, boards of trade, foundations, professional groups, academic departments, academic programs or others as contributing, non-voting members of the council. Academic membership is open to groups who meet the following criteria:

- Is registered and recognized as a non-governmental and a non-profit educational institution.
- Have an operational office their country of origin (i.e. at least one paid staff or long-term volunteer based in and conducting work in country of origin)

No organisation shall be refused membership or excluded from participation in GLONGO, denied the benefits of membership, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability.

Kindly Note: While we do not necessarily support or endorse all activities or positions of our many and diverse members, we encourage all members to work toward ethical and anti-oppressive practice, and to engage in dialogue and critical reflection with the Council on issues of collective concern and importance.

c. Membership Fees

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