

**GLOBAL ALLIANCE ON HEALTH AND POLLUTION
COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP POLICY
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Article 1. Scope

This Council Membership Policy applies to all current and prospective members of the GAHP Council of the Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (*GAHP*). The purpose of this Council Membership Policy (the *Policy*) is to outline the eligibility to and the process for joining the GAHP Council as members or observers.

Article 2. Membership in the GAHP Council

- (a) Eligibility.** Stakeholders who meet the following criteria outlined in this Policy are invited to participate in GAHP and are eligible to become members (*GAHP Council Members*) of or observers (*Observers*) to the GAHP Council:
- (i) have taken concrete action, shown leadership and/or are interested to join a global collaborative non-confrontational approach to resolve the issues of toxic pollution and its adverse health impacts;
 - (ii) actively support or wish to support GAHP's purpose, objectives and activities; and
 - (iii) do not meet any of the exclusionary criteria listed in Article 4.
- (b) Constituency Groups.** Stakeholders may join the GAHP Council as part of one of the following constituency groups:
- (i) Donor States (including, with the approval of the relevant competent authorities, where appropriate, sub-national and local authorities and governmental agencies) and regional economic integration organisations, including, in each case, their development agencies and development financing institutions or other departments;
 - (ii) Low- and middle- income countries (including, with the approval of the relevant competent authorities, where appropriate, sub-national and local authorities and governmental agencies);
 - (iii) Intergovernmental organisations;
 - (iv) Multilateral development banks;
 - (v) Civil society; or
 - (vi) Private sector.
- (c) Observers to the GAHP Council.** Stakeholders who meet the eligibility criteria but have constraints which do not allow them to join as GAHP Council Members, may be admitted to the GAHP Council as Observers. Observers have no voting rights but may attend and participate in meetings of the GAHP Council. When invited, Observers may also advise the GAHP Board or

Secretariat, serve on GAHP Committees, and/or participate in GAHP activities.

Article 3. Process and Requirements for Joining

- (a) **Application for GAHP Council Members or Observer.** The following is the process for accepting new Observers or members to the GAHP Council:
- (i) States, regional economic integration organisations, multilateral development banks and intergovernmental organisations who actively support GAHP's objectives and purpose and meet all other eligibility criteria have the right to become GAHP Council Members or Observers as provided in the Statutes and Regulations. In order to request membership, the stakeholder must submit a formal letter or email to the Secretariat stating its intent to join and naming a contact person. Membership or Observer status is confirmed upon the Secretariat's formal acknowledgement.
 - (ii) All other stakeholders *must be approved by the GAHP Membership Committee*. Stakeholders seeking approval to become GAHP Council Members or Observers through the GAHP Membership Committee shall submit a formal letter to the Secretariat. The letter should express their interest in and outline how they wish to contribute to GAHP's objectives and purpose, supplemented by appropriate supporting evidence such as but not limited to: annual reports, reports to donors, and/or audited financial statements.
- (b) **Screening.** For stakeholders seeking to join the GAHP Council as members or Observers under Article 3(a)(ii) herein, the Secretariat shall be responsible for conducting a pre-screening due diligence assessment in order to confirm the applicant's intent, relevance and potential for contribution to GAHP's objectives and purpose. Screening may include review of the stakeholders' policies and compliance systems regarding responsible leadership, ownership, and management; adherence to human rights; good governance and labour standards; protection of the environment and community health; and product safety. The Secretariat shall present its findings to the GAHP Membership Committee, which shall be responsible for making the final decision on acceptance of an interested stakeholder as a GAHP Council Member or Observer.
- (c) **Financing.** Initially, there is no requirement for GAHP Council Members or Observers to contribute to the running cost of the GAHP Council. It is anticipated, however, that the GAHP Council will be self-funded and the Board will, from time to time, set criteria for financial contribution by the GAHP Council Members and Observers, the size of which will be in relation to means or capacity to pay.
- (d) **Designation of Contact Person.** GAHP Council Members or Observers shall designate a contact person to coordinate on their behalf.
- (e) **Activities.** It is expected that GAHP Council Members will contribute to one or more of the following activities:

- (i) Actively participate in GAHP Committees, GAHP Council meetings or (if appointed) the GAHP Board (usually via video/teleconference);
- (ii) Review GAHP updates and annual reports;
- (iii) Respond to GAHP inquiries and provide feedback;
- (iv) Forward information and messages about GAHP and its activities to relevant colleagues in their respective agencies and networks;
- (v) Participate as relevant in GAHP activities, including Health and Pollution Action Planning (HPAP) processes, GAHP outreach events and initiatives;
- (vi) Share technical knowledge, expertise and experience that may be pertinent to GAHP objectives and activities;
- (vii) Advocate internally to bring greater awareness of the impacts and effects of pollution (including disease) as well as at other appropriate occasions, for example, conferences, meetings, seminars; or
- (viii) Explore options for mobilising financial assistance for projects that address pollution in low- and middle-income countries and for dealing with emergencies.

Article 4. Exclusionary Criteria

Stakeholders involved in any of the following activities may not join the GAHP Council as Members or Observers:

- (a) Manufacture, sale or distribution of armaments and/or weapons or their components, including military supplies and equipment, or replica weapons marketed to children;
- (b) Manufacture, sale or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products, illegal drugs, or pornography;
- (c) Violation of UN sanctions and the relevant conventions, treaties and resolutions, and inclusion in UN, USA or EU ineligibility lists or vendor sanctions lists;
- (d) Manufacture, sale or distribution of substances subject to international bans or phase-outs and wildlife or products regulation under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
- (e) Gambling including casinos, betting etc. (excluding lotteries with charitable objectives);
- (f) Violation of human rights or complicity in human rights violations; or
- (g) Use or toleration of force or compulsory labour or child labour.