

Terms of Reference

Associate Members

1. DEFINITION OF TERM “ASSOCIATE MEMBER”

Associate Membership shall be open to for-profit organizations with a commercial interest in research, including corporations, banks and investment funds.

Associate Membership is intended for any organization that does not qualify for full member status and has interest in cross-border applied research and the infrastructure to support it, e.g. for-profit organizations such as multinationals, SMEs, start-ups, etc., investment and venture capital companies, non-governmental organizations, and other organizations at the discretion of the Secretary General and the President of WAITRO.

2. CONTACT PERSONS

Associate Members appoint one Contact Person and one Alternate as principal points of contact between the Associate Member and the WAITRO Secretariat for WAITRO-related matters. The Associate Member represents that the Contact Person and Alternate are authorized and empowered to represent it in matters concerning WAITRO membership and activities. Associate Members are responsible for updating any change of the designated Contact Person or their contact information.

3. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Associate Members shall pay annually to WAITRO a Membership Fee periodically set by the WAITRO Executive Board and approved by the WAITRO General Assembly and published on the WAITRO website.¹ The membership fee is due on January 1st and payable within 90 days.

EXPENSES: Associate Members are generally expected to cover their own expenses associated with their engagement in WAITRO activities, unless other arrangements have been agreed upon in the case of specific activities.

4. OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Associate Members shall update their corporate information on the WAITRO database at least once per calendar year. While there is no obligation to take part in WAITRO activities beyond providing data, the Associate Member should have an ongoing active interest in international (cross-border) research and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

¹ The 25th WAITRO General Assembly waived the membership fee until December 31st 2022.

5. USE OF WAITRO VISUAL IDENTIFIERS

After approval from the WAITRO Secretariat, each Associate Member may display the WAITRO logo and link to the WAITRO web-site from its own web-site. The logo of each Associate Member shall be displayed on the WAITRO website, with a link to the Associate Member's web-site.

Associate Members will have an opportunity to display information on the WAITRO webpage itself if it is directly related to WAITRO activities and/or objectives. Such Information must be approved by the WAITRO Secretary General.

6. REVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT

If an Associate Member fails to meet the conditions indicated herein, it will be notified to comply with these requirements within 90 days, otherwise its status will be terminated. Prolonged inactivity can be a reason for WAITRO to terminate Membership. If an Associate Member is inactive for more than two years, WAITRO might evaluate the membership, preferably in collaboration with the Associate Member, and may terminate the membership at the discretion of the Secretary General.

7. TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

An Associate Member may at any time cancel their WAITRO membership by giving notice to the WAITRO Secretariat. The Associate Member will allow WAITRO 30 days to reflect the change on its website and membership materials.