



General conditions applicable for Membership.

- * As a membership-based organization, the membership is open to all eligible NGOs, Trusts and Cooperatives and producer and marketing organizations subscribing to the objects and rules of the Forum. Individuals can seek associate membership but cannot become a full-fledged member of the Forum.
- * The rights of the membership admission rest with the Executive **Council** of the Forum.
- * Applicants, have to apply on the prescribed form **duly proposed and seconded by at least two existing member organization of the Forum.** No recommendation is required, If the applicant is already a member of **WFTO** or **WFTO-Asia**.
- * All organizations applying for the membership have minimum three years existence in their respective area of working.
- * The Organizations have to make sustained efforts and facilitate in initiating, expanding, strengthening and maintaining fair trade standards in their trading / income generating activities.
- **Fees:** The membership application processing fee Rs.500/- (*non-refundable*) by way of **demand draft only** drawn in favor of ' FAIR TRADE FORUM – INDIA' payable at New Delhi, shall be send along with the filled-in Application Form.
- The present annual fee is Rs. 2,500/-only for member organizations, whose annual turnover is upto Rs. 20 lakhs, and Rs.5000/- if the annual turnover is above 20 lakhs. The Annual fee could be send after approval of the membership application.
- As per the procedures of FTF-I membership application process, all new applicant organizations need to undergo an Entry Audit for a possible recommendation for Fair Trade membership. The purpose of the Entry Audit is to assess the level of Organization's strategies and policies on adherence of Fair Trade principles and the commitment towards Fair Trade and Producers Group. The duration of the Entry Audit shall be of 3 days including one day Orientation session. The Orientation session will help you to understand Fair Trade in detail and how the implementation of Fair Trade principles can contribute to develop a long-term sustainable development. The presence of the Chief Functionary, one or more key person(s) among the Board Members and all important staffs are essential during the Orientation session. The Fee for the Entry Audit is Rs. 6,000/- per day. (Apart from the fee, Travel, Accommodation, Food & Refreshment expenses need to be reimbursed directly to the Auditor on submissions of bills/ vouchers).After completion of the Orientation session, the Organization have the liberty to decide, whether they go ahead with the Entry audit or they need more time, for preparation and conduct the Entry Audit at a later stage, you also may get suggestions from the Entry Auditor.