



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Organizations must:

- Submit an FSC Membership application form
- Submit a signed Self-declaration form

Individuals must:

- Submit an FSC Membership application form
- Submit a signed self-declaration form
- Provide a curriculum vitae

Submit your application

By email: info@ca.fsc.org

By post:

FSC Canada
240 Richmond Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5V 1V6



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Membership applicant (organization's name OR title and name of individual)

Name of the designated representative (Only for organization applicant)

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Email 2 _____

Skype: _____ website: _____

I / we agree to share my to third parties
contact data only within FSC Secretariat; Regional Offices; National Initiatives and
Board members

I / we apply for organizational membership in FSC A.C.
 individual membership in FSC A.C.

Yes, I / we want to receive important FSC Membership updates and information

Yes, I / we also want to receive regular general information about FSC

My / our professional activities can be described as follows:

My / our support for FSC's aims is based on the following actions:



Only for organizational applicants:

(Please note that only legal entities can become members of FSC)

Size of organization

For-profit organizations

- Very Small (1-100 employees or < 20 Million US \$ turnover)
- Small (101-200 employees or 20-40 Million US\$ turnover)
- Medium (201 - 1000 employees or 40 -200 Million US\$ turnover)
- Large (1001 – 10,000 employees or 200 Million - 2 Billion US\$ turnover)
- Very Large (more than 10,000 employees or more than 2 Billion US\$ turnover)

Non-profit organizations (evidence required)

- Small (1-100 employees or < 15 Million US \$ turnover)
- Medium (101-200 employees or 15-30 Million US\$ turnover)
- Large (201 - 1000 employees or 30 -150 Million US\$ turnover)
- Very Large (more than 1000 employees or more than 150 Million US\$ turnover)

Only for organizational applicants:

I am / we are

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a producer (forest management company, a plantations company) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a manufacturer (processor) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a wholesaler | <input type="checkbox"/> a retailer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a consulting firm | <input type="checkbox"/> an investment company |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a trader / broker | <input type="checkbox"/> a development agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a consumer's organization | <input type="checkbox"/> a social NGO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a union | <input type="checkbox"/> an environmental NGO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a research organization | <input type="checkbox"/> an indigenous organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a training organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an FSC certificate holder (code: _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (_____) | |

In the following fields:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> garden furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> printing / print material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pulp and paper | <input type="checkbox"/> DIY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non timber forest products (NTFP) | <input type="checkbox"/> construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> education/ training | <input type="checkbox"/> other (_____) |





Membership agreement.

I request membership in the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC A.C.). I hereby confirm that the information given in this application is correct, and that I / we support the aims and activities of the FSC, as well as its Principles and Criteria for forest stewardship. I attach all the documentation listed on the requirements checklist, including two letters of support.

I agree that my / our FSC membership will be made public. I am aware that FSC membership renews automatically at the beginning of each year, unless I sent to FSC a written cancellation of membership with 2 months notice.

The signing individual /organization is associated with the FSC by being a member of FSC. Hereby the signing individual / organization explicitly states that he/she has read and understood the "Policy for the Association of Organizations and individuals with FSC" (Please sign the **Policy for the Association** and send it to us by email or post)

Please indicate that you agree and comply with these statements:

Sincerely yours,

Date, name and signature (of organization's CEO OR individual applicant)

Date, name and signature of the designated representative (if different from the above)

(only in case of organizations)



POLICY FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF ORGANIZATIONS WITH FSC

FSC-POL-01-004 V2-0 EN

Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this Policy, the terms and definitions given in *FSC-STD-01-002 FSC Glossary of Terms* and the following apply:

Association

An association with FSC is formally established through any of the following relationships:

- FSC membership
- Contractual relationship through:
 - FSC accreditation agreement,
 - FSC license agreement,
 - FSC cooperation agreement,
 - FSC partnership agreement.

Destruction of high conservation values

Significant damage of the attributes that constitute high conservation values in a way that they no longer exist or cannot be repaired.

Forest Conversion

Rapid or gradual removal of natural forest, semi-natural forest or other wooded ecosystems such as woodlands and savannahs to meet other land needs, such as plantations (e.g. pulp wood, oil palm or coffee), agriculture, pasture, urban settlements, industry or mining. This process is usually irreversible.

Significant conversion

Conversion is considered significant in any case of:

- Conversion of High Conservation Value Forests
- Conversion of more than 10% of the forest areas under the organization's responsibility in the past 5 years
- Conversion of more than 10,000 ha of forests under the organization's responsibility in the past 5 years

NOTE: Failure of the 10,000 ha threshold does not lead to disassociation *per se*, but will lead to a case by case investigation by an independent Complaints Panel. In judging the case, the Panel

will take into account the local circumstances, the scale of the operation and plans for continued conversion.

NOTE: For the purposes of this policy, the establishment of ancillary infrastructure necessary to implement the objectives of responsible forest management (forest roads, skid trails, log landings, etc) is not considered conversion.

Human rights

Rights as established by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations. <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/>

Illegal Logging

Harvesting of timber in violation of any laws applicable in that location or jurisdiction including, but not limited to, laws related to the acquisition of harvesting rights from the rightful owner, the harvesting methods used and the payment of all relevant fees and royalties.

ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

Adopted in 1998, the Declaration commits Member States to respect and promote principles and rights in four categories, whether or not they have ratified the relevant Conventions.

These categories are: freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, the elimination of forced or compulsory labor, the abolition of child labour and the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation. For more information, please access: <http://www.ilo.org/declaration>

Involvement

Direct involvement: Situations in which the associated organization or individual is firsthand responsible for the unacceptable activities.



Indirect involvement: Situations in which the associated organization or individual, with a minimum ownership or voting power of 51%, is involved as a parent or sister company, subsidiary, shareholder or Board of Directors to an organization directly involved in unacceptable activities. Indirect involvement also includes activities performed by subcontractors when acting on behalf of the associated organization or individual.

Traditional rights

Rights which result from a long series of habitual or customary actions, constantly repeated, which have, by such repetition and by uninterrupted acquiescence, acquired the force of a law within a geographical or sociological unit. Also known as customary rights (FSC Principles and Criteria). It also encompasses the rights of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples as established by the ILO Convention 169.

PART I - POLICY ELEMENTS

Approved by the FSC Board of Directors at its 51st Meeting, July 2009

1 FSC will only allow its association with organizations that are not directly or indirectly involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions¹

¹ As defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

PART II - POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

2 Due Diligence

2.1 Before entering into an association with an organization or individual, FSC shall conduct a due diligence evaluation according to FSC-PRO-10-004 to evaluate the existence of objective evidence that an organization is directly or indirectly involved in any of the unacceptable activities as listed in Part I Clause 1.

2.2 FSC shall only enter into an association with

organizations or individuals that have passed the due diligence evaluation.

3 Investigations of allegations

3.1 Any stakeholder, including FSC, can file a formal complaint against an organization or individual that is suspected to be involved in any of the unacceptable activities as listed in Part I Clause 1.

3.2 Complaints shall be filed and processed in line with the requirements and regulations of the FSC Dispute Resolution System.

4 Disassociation

4.1 A decision to disassociate from FSC shall only be taken by the FSC Board of Directors.

4.2 Following the decision to disassociate, actions to terminate the contractual relationships with the organization or individual should be taken within a period of thirty (30) days.

4.3 The decision to disassociate cannot be appealed.

4.4 Together with the decision to disassociate, the FSC Board of Directors may specify a timeline and conditions for renewal of the association with FSC.



SELF –DECLARATION REGARDING THE POLICY OF ASSOCIATION OF ORGANIZATIONS WITH FSC (FSC-POL-01-004)

The signing Organization/Individual is associated with the Forest Stewardship Council A.C., Oaxaca, Mexico, or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates (hereinafter: FSC) by being either a member of or having a contractual relationship with FSC. Hereby the signing Organization/Individual explicitly states that it has read and understood the “Policy for the Association of Organizations and Individuals with FSC” as published under www.fsc.org. This policy stipulates FSC’s position with regards to unacceptable activities by organizations and individuals which already are or would like to be associated with FSC as well as the mechanism for disassociation.

In light of the above, the Organization/Individual explicitly agrees currently and in the future, as long as the relationship with FSC exists, not to be directly or indirectly involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations;
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

Full Name (print)	Authorized signature
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Full name of the organization (for organizations only)	Date, City
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Please return signed letter to:

info@ca.fsc.org

or

FSC Canada
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