

Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition Membership Application Form

Thank you for your interest in joining the Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition (WHRD-IC). We welcome organisations working with and for women human rights defenders (WHRDs), feminists, trans and non-binary defenders. We especially encourage membership applications from **regional** and **national** organisations working with and for women human rights defenders, as we are looking to strengthen their presence in the Coalition.

Please note that for the period 2026-2028, we are not accepting applications from individuals, International NGOs, nor funds and Global North organisations at this time. This is aligned with the priorities of our new [strategic framework](#) and our commitment to increase our membership among WHRD-led local, national, and regional organisations in the Global South.

Please complete the application form to submit your organisation's membership request to the WHRD-IC and upload the three required documents with your application:

1. Organisational profile
2. Endorsements from two of our existing members: <https://whrdic.org/about-us/our-members>

Please send your application package to whrdic@whrdic.org email address. Let us know if you have any difficulties in completing the form.

Applications for membership are reviewed quarterly by the Coalition's Membership and Feminist Politics Working Group who make a recommendation to the General Assembly for final decision-making. The General Assembly makes decisions on membership applications once a year based on our strategic framework and our membership policy and priorities for membership recruitment as agreed to by the Coalition in our annual work plan.

Section 1: Organisation Details

This information is for our internal purposes only. It helps us understand the degree to which the Coalition's membership is reflective of the diversity of the WHRD, trans and non-binary defenders movements we aim to serve.

1. Organisation Name
2. Organisation Address
3. Organisation Phone Number
4. Organisation Email Address
5. Website and Social Media Handles
6. Year Founded/Established
7. Legal status (registered, unregistered).
8. If your organisation has a legal registration, where is it registered?

9. Where does your organisation operate?
10. Is your organisation membership-based? (yes/no)
11. If yes, how many members does it currently have?
12. What is the total number of staff at your organisation?
13. Mission and Vision Statement (briefly describe your organisation's core mission and vision - max. 250 words).
14. Main Areas of Work (select all that apply)
- Gender justice/Feminism/Women's rights
 - Ending violence against women/sexual and gender-based violence
 - Sexual & /Reproductive rights/Bodily autonomy
 - Human rights
 - Urgent responses or protection mechanisms for human rights defenders
 - Economic rights/justice
 - Resourcing/funding for women's rights or social justice
 - Environmental, ecological, climate justice
 - Young feminists
 - Labor, workers' rights
 - Migrants' rights
 - Indigenous Peoples' rights
 - Land rights
 - Disability rights
 - Peace, anti-militarism
 - Black, African or Afro Descendent rights
 - Racial justice
 - Sex workers' rights
 - Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Queer/Non-binary rights
 - Trans* rights
 - Intersex rights
 - Digital rights/internet governance
 - Other (please specify): _____
15. Geographical Scope of Work
- Local
 - National
 - Regional
 - International
16. Is your organisation led by any of the following constituencies? (select all that apply)
- LGBTQIA+ individuals
 - Indigenous peoples
 - Racial/ethnic minorities
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Youth
 - Migrants/refugees
 - Sex workers
 - Informalised workers
 - Others (please specify): _____

Section 2: Representative Details

Please provide the details of the representatives (one main and one alternative representative) of your organisation who will be responsible for representing your organization in the WHRD-IC.

	Main Representative	Alternative Representative
Name		
Position/Title		
Email Address		
Phone Number		

Section 3: Alignment with the WHRD-IC

When responding to the questions in this section, please refer to the WHRD-IC's current strategic framework: <https://whrdic.org/strategic-framework>

1. Does your organisation currently work with and for WHRDs, feminists, trans and non-binary defenders? (Yes/No)
2. How do your organisation's objectives align with the WHRD-IC's purpose and goals? (Max 200 words)?
3. Why does your organisation want to join the Coalition? (Please describe your motivations, expectations, and what you hope to contribute - max. 300 words)
4. Are there specific WHRD-IC activities or areas of work your organisation is particularly interested to engage in?

Section 4: Membership Principles & Agreements

1. WHRD-IC members must commit to the following principles:
 - We take action for the protection and support of women human rights defenders, feminist activists, and trans and non-binary defenders, including the sustainability of their activism and wellbeing
 - We apply intersectional feminist principles to analysing and defining our positionality, our impact, and our relationships with each other, as individuals, as organisations, and as a Coalition
 - As a Coalition, we work to identify and timeously address the differences in power, including structural inequalities, that might stand in the way of all Coalition members being able to exercise their membership rights and responsibilities and express their voices equally within Coalition spaces
 - We uphold the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders (1998)
 - We uphold the UN Resolution on Women Human Rights Defenders (2013)

My organisation commits to the above principles (yes/no)

2. WHRD-IC members must commit to the following agreements:

- Actively participate in opportunities to engage with other members and in Coalition activities including:
 - Contributing expertise to discussions regarding the Coalition's strategic directions of work
 - Sharing and exchanging information related to WHRDs, feminists, trans and non-binary activists through the Coalition's mailing list(s)
 - Responding to calls for solidarity and mobilisation in support of WHRDs, feminists, trans and non-binary activists
- Actively participate in the General Assembly
- Actively participate in at least one Working Group of the Coalition
- Uphold the Coalition's principles.
- Respect confidentiality and collective decision-making.
- Pay agreed-upon membership fees.

My organisation commits to the above agreements (yes/no)