

Rules of Procedure on the APFNet Membership Development for the Transitional Stage

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Rationale



- ▶ Formally registered under Chinese regulations
 - Full legal personality

- ▶ Basis for governance arrangement
 - APFNet Strategic Plan 2011–2015
 - Governance section
 - APFNet Operational Framework
 - Governance structure

Membership scope and categories

Openness

Category A	(a) APEC economies;
	(b) non-APEC economies in the Asia-Pacific region;
Category B	(c) international organizations and non-governmental organizations operating in the Asia-Pacific region;
Category C	(d) forestry-related academic institutions and civil societies in the Asia-Pacific region; and
	(e) forests and forestry related enterprises operating in the Asia-Pacific region



Eligibility requirements



- ▶ Fit into the categories listed just now;
- ▶ Accept and support the mission, vision and objectives of APFNet;
- ▶ Share the same or similar objectives of APFNet
- ▶ Undertake activities that are consistent with APFNet's mission and objectives;
- ▶ Regard the realization of APFNet's mission as one of its core objectives;
- ▶ Engage in activities closely related to sustainable forest management and rehabilitation.

Expectations and rights



▶ Rights

- participate in the meeting of APFNet focal points;
- nominate candidates to chair meetings of focal points;
- advise on recruiting APFNet officers and nominating Board members;
- be regularly informed of the budget and activities of APFNet;
- receive copies of APFNet publications and documents, upon request;
- make suggestions on APFNet policies and its subsidiary bodies; and
- participate in APFNet activities, including pilot projects, policy dialogues, workshops, seminars, and capacity building programs.

Expectations and rights



- ▶ Expectations for the members
 - designate a primary contact person and an alternate as APFNet focal points;
 - support and facilitate the objectives, activities and operation of APFNet;
 - update APFNet on members' activities in association with forests and forestry in support of information exchange in the regional level.

Membership dues



Informal voluntary network

- ▶ Not required
- ▶ Financial, in-kind or technical support to APFNet is encouraged

Application and admission

The Interim Steering Committee will review new requests and Focal Points will decide on such matters at their meeting.

- ▶ a) APEC economies
- ▶ b) Non-APEC economies in Asia and the Pacific
- ▶ c) international organizations and non-governmental organizations operating in the Asia-Pacific region
- ▶ d) forestry-related academic institutions and civil societies in the Asia-Pacific region
- ▶ e) forests and forestry related enterprises operating in the Asia-Pacific region



Withdraw



Informal voluntary network

- ▶ A member has the right to withdraw from APFNet
- ▶ Written notice three months in advance

Meeting mechanism



- ▶ Meetings of Focal Points
 - Platform for APFNet members and partners
- ▶ Rules of procedure will be improved based on the Working Mechanism for APFNet Focal Points



Thanks!