



# **PLATFORM TANZANIA MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

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## PART I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Introduction

Platform Tanzania recognizes that its strength and sustainability lies in the active participation and commitment of its members and stakeholders. As community driven organization dedicated to address the negative sexual and reproductive health facing adolescents, membership plays a vital role in advancing our mission and vision in expanding our impact across Tanzania and the world at large. This membership policy outlines the principles, categories, rights, responsibilities, and procedures related to membership in Platform Tanzania. It serves as a guide to ensure that membership is inclusive, transparent, and aligned with the values and objectives of the organization. Through this policy Platform Tanzania seeks to build a strong network of individuals and institutions who are passionate and committed to promote adolescent health and education through the school and community outreach platforms.

#### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this membership policy is to establish a clear and consistent framework for recruiting, managing, and engaging members of Platform Tanzania. It aims to:

- (1) Define different categories of membership and their eligibility criteria;
- (2) Clarify the rights, roles, and responsibilities of members;
- (3) Ensure transparency and accountability;
- (4) Promote active participation and representation of members in the organization programs, governance, and decision making;
- (5) Foster a sense of ownership, commitment, and shared vision among all members in the pursuit of Platform Tanzania's mission and objectives;
- (6) This policy ensures that all members are well informed and empowered to contribute meaningful to the growth and impact of Platform Tanzania.

## PART II

### MEMBERSHIP

#### 3. Registration of Members

- (1) Terms and conditions for membership registration to Platform Tanzania shall be voluntary and open to any legal entity that is;
  - (a) Ready to read this policy, join, support, and promote the vision, mission, purpose, and objectives of the Platform Tanzania;
  - (b) Ready to apply for membership and pay the membership dues;
  - (c) Ready to comply with membership obligations and responsibilities;
  - (d) Ready to fill the membership application form in accordance with membership type;
  - (e) There shall be four categories of forms in accordance with type of members, namely (PTF. No.1, 2, 3, and 4).



#### **4. Registration Procedures**

- (a) All applicants shall fill the online membership registration form subject to section 6 and shall receive a successful submission notification;
- (b) Each registered member shall be officially identified by a registration number issued by the general secretary.

#### **5. Disqualification of Membership Application**

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (3) and (4) above, membership application shall be disqualified if the applicant;
  - (a) Aim at promoting or furthering personal interest or the interest of any faith, religious group, political party, tribal group, ethnicity, or race;
  - (b) Is not a legal entity;
  - (c) Has given false or misleading information regarding the application;
  - (d) Is not satisfied with the terms and conditions for registration;
- (2) Where the general secretary has refused registration of a member, shall notify the applicant the reasons for refusal.

#### **6. Types of Members**

##### (1) Founders/Trustees

These are members who initiated the establishment of Platform Tanzania. They shall be the stewards of public trust and the legal persons to whom platform Tanzania and its assets shall be administered;

##### (2) Professional Members

These shall be all members who shall join the organization by virtue of their expertise or profession related to the objects of Platform Tanzania. These shall mainly include teachers, counsellors, psychologists, doctors, nurses, community health workers, social workers, lawyers, and other related professionals;

##### (3) Affiliate Members

These shall be all legal institutions that adhere to the purpose and general principles of Platform Tanzania. These shall mainly include schools, Health facilities, universities, religious institutions, government agencies, local government authorities, and other related stakeholders;

##### (4) Associate Members

These shall be any non-government organization registered in Tanzania and international organizations that actively engage in the fields of sexual and reproductive health and education, and have been operating for a period not less than one year in Tanzania.

##### (5) Ordinary Members

These shall be all members that adhere to the purpose and objectives of Platform Tanzania (these shall include all legal entities such as individual citizens, corporations, sports clubs, or companies);



(6) Honorary Members

Are those members who shall be awarded the honor of membership by the organization in lieu of their contribution and support to address the vision, mission, and objectives of Platform Tanzania. These may include government officials, individuals, local, and international organizations. There shall be no application for honorary membership, the eligible members shall be notified and upon willing to receive the honor of membership, they shall be registered as official members of Platform Tanzania.

**7. Rights of Registered Members**

- (1) All members shall enjoy the following rights;
  - (a) Right to participate in decision making;
  - (b) With exception of honorary members and associate members each member shall have the right to vote for matters of the organization and be voted for the organization leadership;
  - (c) Right to be assigned duties and responsibilities on behalf of Platform Tanzania;
  - (d) Right to freedom of speech and association;
  - (e) Right to equality before the law;
  - (f) Right to inform, access, and utilize information;
  - (g) Right to fair hearing, appeal and seek remedy against any decision made by the organization against him.

**8. Obligations**

- (1) Every registered member of Platform Tanzania is obliged;
  - (a) To protect and respect this policy;
  - (b) To be aware of the fact that Platform Tanzania is not a profit-making organization;
  - (c) To pay membership dues as shall be determined by the general assembly;
  - (d) To attend and participate fully in meetings and activities organized and coordinated by Platform Tanzania;
  - (e) To exercise duties and responsibilities with legal compliance to the laws of the nation and the general principles of Platform Tanzania;
  - (f) To bear and utilize the brand name of Platform Tanzania with respect to the purpose and objectives of its establishment and constitution;
  - (g) To submit monthly and annual implementation reports;
  - (h) To be committed to ensure transparency, accountability, and good governance of Platform Tanzania;
  - (i) To strictly separate personal issues from the activities of Platform Tanzania;
  - (j) To adhere to the principles of social justice while protecting, and respecting human rights and dignity;
  - (k) Actively engage and collaborate with the officials of Platform Tanzania and its members;
  - (l) To enjoy their rights with diligence and without prejudice to the rights of other members and the needs of our society.



## **9. Benefits**

All members shall enjoy the following benefits;

- (a) To be appointed as a leader, an ambassador, or official representative of Platform Tanzania;
- (b) Opportunity to use one's professional expertise to impact the life of the young generation and be a part of the world positive change makers;
- (c) To access local and international exclusive events, networks, resources, and learning opportunities;
- (d) To be part of a strong, unified, and advisory platform for school health and education development;
- (e) Access to information, resources, and support in creating a better future for adolescents;
- (f) To be credible and accountable to clients, service providers, and stakeholders.

## **10. Cessation of Membership**

- (1) Any member shall cease to enjoy any of the rights or privileges or benefits of Platform Tanzania upon;
  - (a) Expulsion due to failure to comply with this policy and the constitution;
  - (b) Voluntary withdrawal from membership;
  - (c) Resignation;
  - (d) Being convicted and sentenced for imprisonment for an offence involving dishonesty;
  - (e) Incapacitation caused by old age, unsound mind, chronic, and serious illness
  - (f) Death.

## **11. Procedures for Termination of Membership**

- (a) Any Member may withdraw membership from Platform Tanzania with/without writing to the Chairperson stating the reasons for such withdrawal;
- (b) Any reason of interest concerning voluntary withdrawal cases shall be discussed by the council of representatives after receiving recommendations from the Board;
- (c) The Board shall report to the council of representatives all expelled members and recommendations for expulsion of members;
- (d) The assembly shall approve expelled member cases, discuss the recommendations for expulsion, hear from appeals, and make the final decision by 2/3 votes of present voting members;
- (e) The Board shall inform all members, clients, and the general public upon any effect caused by any membership termination;
- (f) There shall be no appeal against membership expulsion decision made by the organization general assembly of more than 50 percent of registered and qualified voting members;
- (g) Without prejudice to section 10 (1) (a), (d), and (e) in case any member is not satisfied with the decision of the Council of Representatives, the Co-REL, the Board, and the General Assembly due to any reason, one shall seek remedy in the court of law.