

# Eligibility Criteria For TrustLaw Membership

Please see the following criteria you need to meet in order to access the application:

## NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGOS)

- Incorporated (e.g. a company limited by guarantee) and registered in accordance with local requirements or authorities. Please note: We do not accept individuals or unincorporated groups or organisations as members. On a case-by-case basis, we will consider applications from high-impact charitable or non-profit trusts that are registered in compliance with local requirements or authorities;
- Non-discriminatory, apolitical and non-proselytizing;
- Working towards a social mission that seeks to address social, humanitarian, or environmental challenges;
- Able to clearly express their social objectives, including the impact they are trying to achieve, who they aim to help and how they plan to do this;
- Able to share at least one annual report detailing their finances, activities and programmes;
- Able to demonstrate organisational sustainability with evidence of funding or support for the 12 month period following the application;
- Self-governing with a Board that manages the activities of the organisation.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

- Incorporated as a separate legal entity and registered in compliance with local requirements or authorities;
- Non-discriminatory, apolitical and non-proselytizing;
- Working directly towards a social mission that seeks to address social, humanitarian or environmental challenges;
- Able to clearly express their social objectives, including the impact they are trying to achieve, who they aim to help and how they plan to do this;
- If generating a profit, the organisation must demonstrate a public or legally binding commitment to reinvesting at least 51% of current and future profits into furthering its social mission;
- Able to share at least one report or plan detailing their activities, programmes, impact and impact measurement approach;
- Able to demonstrate their financial sustainability with evidence of investment support for the 12 month period following the application or revenue generating activities.

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## LAW FIRMS, LAWYERS, AND IN-HOUSE LEGAL TEAMS

- If required in your country, you must be registered to practice law with the relevant authority, such as your state's bar association or national certification body for lawyers, such as the Law Society;
- You may need to provide references or your practicing certificate, if requested by the TrustLaw team;
- You must be prepared to undertake TrustLaw projects on a pro bono basis;
- We are not able to offer insurance for in-house lawyers so you would need to arrange your own insurance through a law firm or your company, if insurance is required in the country where you practice.

## INDIVIDUAL LAWYERS

- Individual lawyers who wish to apply for membership should first investigate whether their firm or organisation is already a member of TrustLaw, or whether they would like to become a member. We are not able to offer insurance for individual practitioners so you would need to arrange your own insurance through a law firm or company, if insurance is required in the country where you practice;
- TrustLaw reserves the right to accept individual lawyers in our discretion;
- You may need to provide references or your practicing certificate, if requested by the TrustLaw team.