



WABA Working Principles FAQs

1. What are the main changes in the revised Working Principles?

The [revised Working Principles](#) are more streamlined with a more inclusive structure and more diverse partnerships at all three levels; global, regional, and country (national). Key changes include fewer structural components, redefinition of Endorsers as Affiliates, and the redesignation of Core Partners into Global Partners. The Steering Council will include seven regional members, following UNICEF's regional country classification system, the Chair of the WABA Local Governance Council (LGC), two members of the WABA International Advisory Council (IAC) (the Chair and one member with special expertise), and one youth member.

2. How can I be involved in WABA?

You can be involved as an Affiliate and/or as a Partner. Individuals and organisations can apply to become Affiliates. Affiliates will be the nominating base of WABA's Steering Council (SC) and will be able to participate actively in the organisation by promoting WABA and its resources where relevant, keeping in contact with WABA and informing WABA about their activities and progress in the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding. Affiliates will be required to endorse the [General Principles of WABA](#) and to pay annual dues.

3. How can my organisation become a partner of WABA?

Organisations that wish to be a partner of WABA must first apply to become an Organisational Affiliate, which requires them to endorse the [General Principles of WABA](#) and to pay annual dues. Organisational Affiliates can then [apply to become Partners](#) (Global, Regional or Country) by entering a mutually-agreed Partnership Agreement with WABA to undertake specific collaborative activities for three (3) years.

4. How much will Affiliates be required to pay on an annual basis?

The [rates](#) an Individual or Organisational Affiliate has to pay will depend on the country they are from. WABA determines annual dues based on where a country ranks in the [World Bank Country Classifications](#) (higher dues for high-income countries, lower dues for low-income countries).

5. What are the criteria, conditions, responsibilities and privileges of becoming an Affiliate?

The criteria, conditions, responsibilities, and privileges of WABA Affiliates, Partners, and Council Members differ and are outlined in the [Rules of Engagement](#).

6. What will happen to former Core Partners of WABA?

Former Core Partners can become Global Partners if they so wish. Global Partners will have to first apply to become an Affiliate of WABA and pay annual dues and then enter a Partner agreement.

7. I have been a WABA endorser for five years. Do I have to apply to WABA again to become an Affiliate or I will be automatically converted?

Yes. You need to apply to become a WABA Affiliate and to pay annual dues.

8. Who is the official representative who can apply on behalf of an organisation to become an Organisational Affiliate (e.g. President, Secretary)?

An organisation representative has to be an officeholder (e.g. President, Secretary) or an Official Liaison Person designated by the organisation.

9. How often is the WABA Steering Council (SC) election held and how do I make nominations?

The WABA SC elections take place every three years. In order to make nominations to the SC, you have to first be a WABA Affiliate. Only then can you nominate other Affiliates who fulfil the [eligibility criteria](#) to become an SC member. You have to seek three other Affiliates to second the nomination.

10. How do I stand for elections to the WABA Steering Council?

In order to be eligible for nomination to the WABA SC, you will have to be proposed by one Affiliate and seconded by three other Affiliates. You will also have to fulfil the [eligibility criteria](#) for becoming an SC member.

11. I would like to support WABA on the International Advisory Council (IAC). How do I get appointed to the IAC?

IAC is made up of 50 eminent and informed members who fulfil the [eligibility criteria](#). You must be nominated by the SC to be appointed to the IAC.

12. How do I get appointed into the Local Governance Council (LGC)?

LGC is made up of 11 eminent and informed members who fulfil the [eligibility criteria](#). You must be nominated by the SC to be appointed to the LGC.

13. I am not ready to become an Affiliate. Can I join WABA as a Supporter? If so, what are my benefits?

We encourage you to become an Affiliate, however, we recognise that you may need more time to decide. In the meanwhile, you can become a Supporter of WABA by endorsing the [General Principles of WABA](#). As a Supporter, you will receive some basic information and communications. You can later become an Affiliate to receive the full privileges.