



CLAC Membership Policy
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1. CLAC represents all Fairtrade certified small producer and worker organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean. The active membership of CLAC shall be composed of those organizations that comply with this membership policy.
2. Will be eligible to be members of the Association the Organizations of small producers and workers organized in a democratic way, legally constituted under the principles and values of Fair Trade, provided that they have covered the respective quota determined by the General Assembly.
3. The Small Producers Organizations shall send a written request for association to the Board of Directors; who together with the corresponding CLAC National Platform will evaluate its acceptance, and will submit it for ratification in the following session of the General Assembly, which will decide by simple majority of votes its acceptance.
4. In the case of workers' organizations, the request for association shall be addressed in writing to the Board of Directors, who, together with the National Workers' Committee, or in its absence, the Workers' Network, shall evaluate its acceptance, and shall submit it for ratification at the next session of the General Assembly, which shall decide by simple majority vote on its acceptance.
5. Upon compliance with the requirements set forth in this policy, an organization acquires its rights and obligations as a member upon acceptance by the Board of Directors.
6. All applications for membership of small producers organizations must have the endorsement of the CLAC National Platform, or in its absence, of another small producers' organization in the country.
7. All applications for membership of workers' organizations must be endorsed by the National Workers' Committee or, in its absence, by the Workers' Network.
8. CLAC membership dues shall be annual, at the rate of USD\$0.50 for each member of the small producers' organizations and USD\$0.50 for each member



of the workers' organizations. This includes first and second level organizations.

9. In the case of small producers' organizations, 70% of the amount of the membership fees paid by the members shall be used to finance CLAC's National Platforms and the remaining 30% shall go to CLAC funds. The respective CLAC National Platform shall ensure, to the extent possible, that the funds received for payment of CLAC membership are directly or indirectly returned to its contributors.
10. In the case of workers' organizations, 70% of the membership fees paid by members will be used to finance the CLAC Workers' Network and the remaining 30% will be used to fund CLAC. The CLAC Workers' Network shall ensure, to the extent possible, that the funds received for payment of CLAC membership are directly or indirectly returned to its contributors.
11. Method of payment. Each organization shall make the payment directly to the CLAC National Platform or to the national structure. In the case of workers' organizations, payment shall be made to the national and regional structures or, in their absence, to the CLAC Workers' Network, once it is defined and legally constituted.
12. Sanctions: organizations in arrears shall not have the right to participate in CLAC's democratic spaces and, therefore, shall not be able to participate in CLAC's decision making, nor to elect or be elected in these spaces.