

CAN EECCA

MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION REGULATION

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

To apply for membership in CAN EECCA, an organisation or individual expert/activist should comply with the following criteria:

- Work in, or be directly connected to, one of the EECCA countries;
- Be a registered environmental non-governmental organisation, or provide a clear argument on why registration is not possible;
- Individual applicants may apply, or may be invited to join, without registration if they demonstrate climate-related expertise, activism, or professional engagement aligned with CAN EECCA's mission, and if such an exception is justified with strong arguments and formally approved by the Board;
- Work at least on one of CAN EECCA's strategic objectives;
- Agree with CAN EECCA Charter, Vision, Code of Conduct;
- Not be affiliated with the interests of fossil fuel businesses or any government;
- Support the principles of gender and climate justice through their work;
- Respect CAN EECCA's participatory governance model, including participation (when relevant) in Policy (PCG), Action (ACG), other working groups.

MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS

All Members may attend the General Assembly and other CAN EECCA events;

All Members may join PCG, ACG or other working groups on an open and voluntary basis;

All Members may serve as Board members and facilitators of Coordination Groups or other working groups;

Members can represent CAN EECCA at the national, regional and international levels in case of full compliance with the CAN vision and strategy;

Members can participate in the CAN EECCA granting programs and other activities of the CAN EECCA;

All members can receive news and newsletters on a regular basis, as well as share their news with the network;

Members can take part in regular CAN calls, as well as express their opinion during the events organised within global CAN network;

Members can take part in CAN International working groups, meetings during COP and other events organised for CAN members;

Members can participate in the organisational development of the CAN EECCA network and its promotion and fundraising.

MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION

The candidate for membership in CAN EECCA must complete the relevant application form;

The Secretariat will organize an interview with the candidate within 3 months after receiving the application;

The Secretariat will share the application form for admission to the network members, who will have 30 days to support or object to the membership;

If any member objects to the candidate, they must provide a clear explanation;

If the members' positions are divided, the Board will decide on the membership through a simple majority vote;

The Board has the authority to grant full, observer, or associate membership, or to reject the application;

If no comments or objections are received within the 30-day period, the candidate will automatically be granted membership.

Every member organisation should have a designated focal point for communication with CAN EECCA. In case of changes, the members are obliged to inform CAN EECCA about a new focal point.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Termination of membership status:

- A. The CAN EECCA Membership automatically terminates at the moment of:
 - 1. Delivery to the CAN EECCA Secretariat of a written resignation letter signed by the decision-making person of this particular member organisation;
 - 2. Dissolution of CAN EECCA;
 - 3. Dissolution of the member organisation.

- B. Reasons for a Member's expulsion include:
 - 1. Non-compliance with Article 6 of this Charter;
 - 2. Serious violation of this Charter or non-compliance with CAN EECCA Vision, Code of Conduct;

3. Proven affiliation with state interests or the interests of the fossil fuel business;
4. Absence of any communication from the Member during 1 year;
5. Serious threat of damage or actual damage to the CAN EECCA and its reputation.

C. The process of terminating membership:

1. Node coordinator must clearly communicate the reasons for possible membership termination to the member in question and try their best to organise a dialogue;
2. Cases for involuntary membership termination are decided by the Board and, if needed, by the General Assembly;
3. In case, there is no response from the member in question during the period of 3 months, their membership can be terminated by the Board or General Assembly.

GROUND OF EXPULSION

Serious violation of the Charter, Code of Conduct or CAN EECCA's Vision;

Proven affiliation with state interests or fossil fuel businesses;

Absence of communication for one year;

Serious threat or actual damage to CAN EECCA's reputation.

TERMINATION PROCESS

The Node Coordinator (Coordinator of the Secretariat) will communicate the reasons for potential termination and attempt to organize a dialogue;

Involuntary membership termination is decided by the Board and, if needed, by the General Assembly;

If there is no response from the member within one year, their membership can be terminated by the Secretariat and Board.

TERM DURATION

The Board represents the organization and individuals, if he/she will be accepted by the Board as an exceptional measure. If a Board member representing an organisation leaves that organisation during their term, the organisation shall have the right to appoint a replacement to serve for the remainder of the term. In the case of an individual Board member, if they cease to meet the membership criteria or their membership in CAN EECCA is terminated, their seat on the Board

shall be considered vacant and filled at the next General Assembly or through a procedure determined by the Board.

An organization can serve on the Board for a maximum of two consecutive terms and may be re-elected after a two-year hiatus;

If an organization is unable to replace its Board member, the position is declared vacant, and a new member will be elected during the next General Assembly;

BOARD COMPOSITION

The Board must have at least one representative from each sub-region (Eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia);

Board members should possess knowledge and experience in at least one of the following areas: fundraising, management, coalition-building, project management, strategic development, or international climate negotiations.

The Board should consist of 3 to 5 members, with a balance of gender and diversity in experience, including both young experts and members with at least 5 years of working experience.

In addition to the voting members, the Board shall include three (3) non-voting members (the “Extended Board”). These non-voting members shall be the facilitators of the Coordination Groups — the Policy Coordination Group (PCG), the Action Coordination Group (ACG), and the Friend of CAN EECCA Platform;

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

To ensure effective participation, Board members should be proficient in both Russian and English.

COMMITMENT

Board members must be willing to dedicate up to one working day per month to this role and contribute to the network’s strategic development;

Board members are responsible for developing the Network's strategy, monitoring the Secretariat's performance, and ensuring the Network's visibility and representation both regionally and globally.

Board membership is a volunteer-based position with no financial remuneration.

VOTING PROCESS

Voting for the new Board can be conducted offline by the count of hands, or online via an online form, which will be shared during the General Assembly and will remain open for at least one week;

The decisions are taken by a majority of the present members. However, we strive for consensus;

Each organization and individual member is entitled to one vote. It is a responsibility of each member to come to a decision and nominate a voting person, who will raise a hand or fill in the online form;

At the General Assembly, every member can be represented by another member to vote when a written mandate is provided

Candidates are permitted to vote for themselves in the Board election and must confirm their candidacy at least two weeks prior to the election by completing the required form provided by the Secretariat;

Candidates must strictly adhere to all deadlines set by the Secretariat; failure to do so will result in the cancellation of their application;

A member organization may designate only one representative to serve on the Board;

The entire election procedure is managed by the CAN EECCA Secretariat;

A quorum for valid election results requires a majority of registered members to participate.

ELECTION PROCESS

Chairperson

Every Board member is eligible to be elected as the Chairperson of the Board, with each term lasting one year and a maximum of two consecutive terms allowed;

The representative of an organization on the Board can be elected as Chairperson of the Board, provided that the organization meets the criteria for Board representation;

Candidates must express their intention to run for Chairperson of the Board at least two days before the Board meeting by sending a simple message to the Board;

It is recommended to elect the Chairperson of the Board by consensus. However, if there are multiple candidates, the election will be decided by a simple majority vote;

The Chairperson of the Board is elected by a simple majority vote of Board members at the first meeting following the departure or term expiration of the previous Chairperson.

Election Procedure for Facilitators of Coordination Groups (PCG, ACG, FWG, CCG)

The facilitator of each Coordination Group is selected primarily through consultation and agreement among the active members of that group.

If more than one candidate is proposed and no consensus is reached, the facilitator shall be elected during a group meeting by a simple majority of votes of the members present.

If the group is unable to select a facilitator through either consensus or majority vote, the Board shall appoint the facilitator for a one-year term.

The mandate of the facilitator is one (1) year, and they may be re-elected an unlimited number of times.

The elected or appointed facilitator becomes a non-voting member of the Extended Board and reports regularly on the work of the group.

Appointment Procedure for the Lead Person of the Friends of CAN EECCA Platform

The Lead Person (Facilitator) of the Friends Platform is selected by Board.

The mandate lasts one (1) year, and the Facilitator may be re-appointed an unlimited number of times.

The Facilitator of the Platform of Friend of CAN EECCA serves as a non-voting member of the Extended Board and coordinates the Platform together with the Secretariat.

This regulation framework is designed to ensure that CAN EECCA's governance is representative, transparent, and aligned with the organization's strategic goals and values.