**DPI Membership**

[**http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/membership/**](http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/membership/)

[**DPI/NGO Directory**](http://esango.un.org/civilsociety/displayDPISearch.do?method=search&sessionCheck=false)

As an NGO, you can gain world recognition and representation at the United Nations by becoming associated with either one of the two branches which work with NGOs and members of civil society:

* **The United Nations Department of Public Information** (UN DPI). That’s us! We are a dynamic and growing community of more than 1,300 NGO organizations and your key resource of all UN-related information.
* **The Economic and Social Council** (ECOSOC) is more specialized. Learn more about [ECOSOC](http://csonet.org/).

**Learn more**

Why associate with the UN Department of Public Information? If your NGO applies and gets accepted as an associate of UN DPI, you will:

**Get noticed and make a difference**

* Be globally known. Your organization’s profile will be added to our [public directory](http://esango.un.org/civilsociety/displayDPISearch.do?method=search&sessionCheck=false).
* Be involved in advocacy efforts to help monitor and implement international agreements

**Actively plan and participate**

* Get grounds passes for activities or events organized by our office held at UN Headquarters in New York.
* Help plan and participate in the Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference
* Participate and contribute to the weekly Thursday NGO Briefings – at UN Headquarters in New York

**Learn and network**

* Get access to materials, activities and events which promote the work of the United Nations
* Gain access to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library at UN Headquarters in New York
* Exchange ideas between generations. We offer opportunities for experienced NGO leaders to work with youth representatives.
* Share expertise with other NGOs in different fields of work and from diverse backgrounds
* Use of the DPI / NGO Resource Centre at UN Headquarters in New York as a meeting space to network and lobby

**We want to apply to be associated. What do we need?**

NGOs must meet the following criteria:

* Support and respect the principles of the [Charter of the United Nations](http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/)
* Be a reputable NGO with national, regional or international standing
* Operate solely on a not-for-profit basis and have tax-exempt status
* Be an established NGO that has been operating for at least 2 years