

SOUTH ASIA PARTNERSHIP CANADA

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Approved as revised by the Board of Directors, Jan 31, 2003

This policy provides the basis for interested organizations and individuals to apply for membership in South Asia Partnership Canada, consistent with SAP Canada's By-laws. This statement of policy replaces that adopted by SAP Canada on August 8, 1996.

A Full Member, Associate Member or Individual Member meets the By-law requirements, accepts and supports the values, ethical standards and mission of SAP-Canada, fulfils all criteria for membership and commits to pay the annual membership fee.

FULL MEMBERS are organizations with a prime or strong interest in international development and either carrying on development activities in South Asia or addressing South Asian development issues in Canada.

Full Members shall:

- ☐ be registered non-profit, non-governmental organizations that undertake or intend to undertake programs or activities in Canada and/or overseas to advance the cause of social and economic justice in South Asia.
- ☐ accept and support SAP Canada's aims and principles;
- ☐ be eligible to participate in SAP Canada decision-making; (e.g., attend and vote at the Annual Meeting)
- ☐ be interested in inter-agency cooperation and activities, and exploring new approaches to, development;
- ☐ be able to support activities and/or work with other groups in a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory spirit;
- ☐ have an established record or demonstrated interest in international development;
- ☐ be active, or prepared to be active, in South Asia or on issues relevant to South Asia.

Members are:

- ☐ Entitled to one vote at SAP Canada annual meetings;
- ☐ Entitled to the travel subsidies related to SAP Canada's program activities when available;
- ☐ Entitled to receive materials and services provided by SAP Canada. (Note: Some materials and services may be available at a cost, usually reduced for members.)
- ☐ Entitled to receive notice of and attend all Members meetings.
- ☐ Entitled to access the Members-only section of the SAP Canada web site.
- ☐ Entitled to receive a copy of SAP Canada's Annual Report and financial statements.

Fee: Cdn \$500\year

Application: To apply for full membership in SAP Canada, an organization should provide:

- * a statement of interest on why the applicant wishes to join SAP Canada
- * information on program interests (types of activities, countries and issues of interest),
- * copies of its by-laws or constitution, latest annual report and financial statements.
- * a statement committing to pay the annual membership fee (\$500),
- * names of members of its governing body and its senior staff person.
- * a supporting letter or statement from a current member organization.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are organizations, community groups or local associations with a general interest in international development in South Asia.

Associate Members shall:

- ☐ accept and support SAP Canada's aims and principles;
- ☐ be interested in inter-organizational cooperation and activities for, and exploring new approaches to, development;
- ☐ be able to support activities and/or work with other groups in a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory spirit;

- ☐ have an established record or expressed interest in international development;
- ☐ be active, or prepared to be active, in South Asia or on issues relevant to South Asia.

Associate Members are:

- ☐ Entitled to access the Members-only section of the SAP Canada web site;
- ☐ Entitled to receive electronic notice of SAP Canada activities and participate in open program events.
- ☐ Entitled to receive a copy of SAP Canada's Annual Report and financial statements.
- ☐ Entitled to receive notice of and observe the Annual Meeting

Fee: \$100\year

Application: To apply for associate membership in SAP Canada, an organization should provide:

- * a statement of interest on why the applicant wishes to join SAP Canada,
- * information on its interests and activities, including any relevant to South Asia or international development
- * copies of its by-laws or constitution, latest annual report and financial statements, if produced.
- * a statement committing to pay the annual membership fee (\$100),
- * names of members of its governing body and its senior staff person

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS are persons with an interest in international development in South Asia and furthering the objectives of SAP Canada.

Individual Members shall:

- ☐ be interested in South Asia and furthering the objectives and work of South Asia Partnership Canada
- ☐ accept and support SAP Canada's aims and principles;
- ☐ be interested in cooperating and participating with agencies and activities for, and exploring new approaches to, development;
- ☐ be able to support activities and/or work with other people and groups in a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory spirit;
- ☐ express an interest in international development;
- ☐ be active, or prepared to be active, in South Asia or on issues relevant to South Asia.

Individual Members are:

- ☐ Entitled to access the Members-only section of the SAP Canada web site;
- ☐ Entitled to receive electronic notice of SAP Canada activities and participate in open program events.
- ☐ Entitled to receive a copy of SAP Canada's Annual Report and financial statements.
- ☐ Entitled to receive notice of and observe the Annual Meeting

Fee: \$50\year

Application: To apply for individual membership in SAP Canada, a person should provide -

- * a completed application form for individual membership, including a statement of interest on why the applicant wishes to join SAP, a commitment to pay the annual membership fee (\$50), and information on the person's interest or involvement in South Asia and/or international development

APPROVAL of Applications:

Applications for Membership shall be approved:

- For Full Membership by the Board of Directors,
- For Associate Membership by the President and Executive Director ,
- For Individual Membership by the Executive Director