

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GFD

Articles 4 and 5 of the GFD Constitution sets out the membership of the GFD as follows:

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Membership of the organisation shall be opened to all organisations of Persons with Disability (PWDs) and in the case of Persons with Intellectual disability and any other disability of the like, organisations/groups working for them.

4.2. There shall be two categories of membership to the GFD. These shall be: (a) Full membership and (b) Associate membership.

4.3. (a) Full Membership of the GFD shall comprise legally constituted and registered organisations of distinct Persons with Disability with national, regional and district character.

(b) Associate membership shall be extended to any organisation that does not otherwise qualify as a full member as defined in article 1.6 (D II.) of this constitution on the recommendation of the National Executive Council at the national level and in the case of Regions and Districts, the Regional and District councils and shall have the right to speak as an observer without any voting rights on any issue at meetings or Delegates Assembly gatherings.

4.4 The members of the GFD shall continue to retain their independent, distinct and autonomous identity.

4.5 Membership fees: The membership fees for National, Regional and District members shall be determined by the Delegates Assembly on the recommendation of the National Executive

Council. The Delegates Assembly shall determine the sanctions to be imposed in the case of non-payment of a stipulated fee, which may include forfeiture of certain membership rights.

4.6 The criteria for admission of new members of the GFD shall include but not be limited to:

(a) Geographical character

i. Full member at national level: should be operating in a minimum of 2 regions.

ii. Full member at Regional level: should operate in at least one-third of the districts within the region and within the framework of the GFD's regional branches.

iii. Full member at District level: an organisation qualifies once it is located within the district.

(b) Period of Existence (A minimum of two (2) years).

(c) A democratic structure.

(d) Evidence of Membership (For full membership status).

(e) Evidence of Registration with the appropriate national and public institutions such as the Registrar General and the Department of Social Welfare.

(f) Any other criteria and conditions as may be prescribed by the Delegates Assembly.

ARTICLE 5: MATTERS FOR THE GFD AND MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

5.1 The GFD shall deal with matters that are common, general or cross-cutting in relation to the disability movement.

5.2 The member organizations of the GFD shall deal with matters and aspects of matters that are peculiar to their members.