Dear applicant,

It will help to speed the process up if you send us the digital version of this application letter and the documents required to [membership@fsc.org](mailto:membership@fsc.org). However, please note that FSC will have to receive a hardcopy of this application letter bearing the original signature(s).

Please contact us if you encounter difficulties with the form.

*Application for membership in the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC A.C.)*

TO: FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

FROM:

*Membership applicant (organization’s name OR title and name of individual)*

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*Name of the designated representative (Only for organization applicant)*

*Address:*

*City:       State:*

*Zip/Postal Code       Country:*

*Tel:* *Fax:*

*Email:* *Email 2*

*Skype:       website:*

*linkedin:       Facebook:*

I / we agree to share my  to third parties

contact data  only within FSC Secretariat; Regional Offices; National Initiatives and Board members

I / we apply for  organizational membership in FSC A.C.

individual membership in FSC A.C.

I / we want to receive FSC communications in  English

Spanish

Yes, I / we want to receive important FSC Membership updates and information

Yes, I /we also want to receive regular general information about FSC

I / we want to be placed into the  Economic

Environmental (only non-profit organizations and individuals)

Social Chamber (only non-profit organizations and individuals)

I am / we are member of the National Initiative of my country  Yes, in the       chamber

No

I am / we are carrying out certification activities  Yes

(Certification body, auditor)  No

We are an industry association  Yes

No

I am working for the government /  Yes

We are a government owned or controlled body  No

My / our professional activities can be described as follows:

My / our support for FSC's aims is based on the following actions:

**Only for individual applicants:**

(Please note that at FSC elections, the votes of all individual members in each sub chamber (e.g. Social-South) represent only 10 % of the total vote of the sub chamber, while the votes of all member organizations make up the other 90 %.)

My citizenship is:       (required to determine the correct sub chamber, North or South)

Please include here a brief explanation regarding your chamber preference:

Please add a brief explanation why you chose individual membership rather than organizational (e.g. financial reasons, employer is not interested or not a legal entity, etc):

I am planning to carry my membership out

in private / personal capacity

on behalf of my institution

**Only for organizational applicants**:

(Please note that only legal entities can become members of FSC!)

Size of organization

*For-profit organizations*

Very Small (1-100 employees or < 20 Million US $ turnover)

Small (101-200 employees or 20-40 Million US$ turnover)

Medium (201 - 1000 employees or 40 -200 Million US$ turnover)

Large (1001 – 10,000 employees or 200 Million - 2 Billion US$ turnover)

Very Large (more than 10,000 employees or more than 2 Billion US$ turnover)

*Non-profit organizations* (evidence required)

Small (1-100 employees or < 15 Million US $ turnover)

Medium (101-200 employees or 15-30 Million US$ turnover)

Large (201 - 1000 employees or 30 -150 Million US$ turnover)

Very Large (more than 1000 employees or more than 150 Million US$ turnover)

**Only for organizational applicants**:

I am / we are

a producer (forest management company, a plantations company)

a manufacturer (processor)

a wholesaler  a retailer

a consulting firm  an investment company

an FSC certificate holder (code: )  a trader / broker

a consumer’s organization  a social NGO

a development agency  a union

a research organization  an indigenous organization

a training organization  an environmental NGO

other ( )

In the following fields:

garden furniture  printing / print material

pulp and paper  DIY

Non timber forest products (NTFP)  construction

education/ training  other ( )

*Commitment for corporate applicants to the Economic chamber:*

The Board of Directors of this organization has made a formal commitment to have at least half of all our trade or production of the forest products certified by an FSC-accredited Certification Body within two year. The remainder will be certified as soon as possible afterwards.

*(Please delete where inapplicable and adjust as required)*

**Membership agreement.**

I request membership in the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC A.C.). I hereby confirm that the information given in this application is correct, and that I / we support the aims and activities of the FSC, as well as its Principles and Criteria for forest stewardship. I attach all the documentation listed on the requirements checklist, including two letters of support.

I agree that my / our FSC membership will be made public. I am aware that FSC membership renews automatically at the beginning of each year, unless I sent to FSC a written cancellation of membership with 2 months notice.

The signing individual /organization is associated with the FSC by being a member of FSC. Hereby the signing individual / organization explicitly states that he/she has read and understood the “Policy for the Association of Organizations and individuals with FSC” (Please sign the **Policy for the Association** and send it to us by email, post or fax.)

Please indicate that you agree and comply with these statements:

Sincerely yours,

*Date, name and signature (of organization’s CEO OR individual applicant)*

*Date, name and signature of the designated representative (if different from the above)*

*(only in case of organizations)*