



Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group
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Membership

The Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group (AGAG) is a membership network of funders. Our mission is to promote robust, effective and responsive philanthropy benefiting African communities. We believe that a larger and more knowledgeable network of funders will help to grow and strengthen the impact of private philanthropy targeting Africa.

Membership is open to all funders and grantmaking institutions who support our mission, vision and values and want to make a difference in the lives of African communities. Members are welcome to be a part of the network regardless of location, size or funding interests.

Criteria and Membership Levels

Grantmaking organizations can become an institution member or individuals can join as an individual member. Both institution and individual members must have a formal mechanism and process for making grants or providing funding to more than one recipient organization and must operate **primarily** as a grantmaker.

1. Institution membership – foundations, grantmaking public charities, corporate giving programs and other philanthropy organizations with the primary purpose of making grants or providing funding. Under institution membership staff and trustees involved in grantmaking can participate as members. Staff members with the primary responsibility for fundraising are not eligible to participate in AGAG activities as members. Institution members can agree to be listed on our website.

2. Individual membership – staff and trustees of grantmaking organizations and individual funders with a formal mechanism for their philanthropy. Under individual membership only the individual can participate as a member. Individual members are not listed on our website but are included in the on-line member directory.

We recognize that some grantmakers retain consultants to manage their grantmaking. Consultants working with funding organization are eligible for membership only as the designated representative of an eligible institution and participation cannot be used to solicit work or to identify potential clients.

The following are examples of organizations eligible for membership:

- Private independent foundations and corporate foundations and giving programs
- Operating foundations that fund programs other than the programs operated by the foundation itself or associated chapters or entities

- Public charities and community foundations whose primary activity is funding and more than 50% of their budget is used to fund multiple organizations
- Faith-based funding programs whose funding is open to multiple organizations and not restricted to a specific religious group
- Charitable trusts
- Institutional philanthropic advisors and donor advised funds who make grants and fund organizations
- Family foundations with a formal mechanism for funding
- Individual donor with a formal mechanism for funding

Funding organizations must meet the following criteria:

- The primary purpose or mission of the organization is to make grants or provide funding and funding is made for charitable purposes.
- The majority of its funding comes from non-government sources.
- Funding is awarded through a request or invitation for proposals or a competitive process open to multiple individuals or organizations
- The funding organization has a formal mechanism for organizations to apply for grants and for making grants

The leadership of the Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group determines membership approval and reserves the right to make exceptions to membership qualifications on a case-by-case basis.

Member Benefits

AGAG serves the philanthropic through convening funders, curating information and connecting people and ideas. AGAG members represent a diverse community of grantmakers and funders with different approaches and interests but they share a common belief in the positive role that private philanthropy can play to benefit African communities.

Being a part of a unique community of funders all engaged in Africa offers a range of benefits:

- Strengthen your professional networks through on-going opportunities to build community and identify shared interests with new and experienced colleagues
- Increase your knowledge of strategies and practice that can make difference in Africa
- Deepen your understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing African communities
- Take advantage of special rates and priority registration for the annual conference and co-sponsorship opportunities to organize meetings and special events for funders
- Help to build knowledge about practice by taking advantage of the space reserved on the agenda of the annual conference for sessions and workshops organized by members
- Explore collaboration and partnership with funders working in similar or related areas
- Identify and contact program staff using the online member directory and use the member only listserv for quick and easy communication with geographically diverse colleagues
- Get personalized support and suggestions from the AGAG staff who have extensive knowledge and expertise about trends in funding to Africa.



2017 Membership Contribution Form

Membership contributions and grants support core activities that include meetings, webinars, publications and communications to promote robust, effective and responsive philanthropy at all levels to benefit African communities.

Please fill in the name of the organization or individual and select the membership category below. If you need assistance determining the appropriate membership category or have any questions regarding membership please contact Niamani Mutima, Executive Director, via email at nmutima@agag.org or phone at 540-878-5015.

Please fill out the following information:

Foundation/Individual membership is for:

Name of membership contact:

Title:

Telephone/Email:

Please select your membership category:

Leadership Circle Membership demonstrates a high level of commitment to AGAG's mission, vision and value in promoting philanthropy to Africa. Special benefit includes annual conference registration for two members of their organization and recognition.

Amount
More than
\$50,000

Sustaining Circle Membership recognizes the importance and valuable contribution of our work by providing support beyond the basic membership level.

\$30,000 to
\$50,000

Supporting Membership helps to ensure our work continues and each membership range provides an opportunity to give additional support for activities to further our mission and vision. ***Please use the higher amount of assets or Africa grants in determining membership category for foundations.***

Assets above \$300m or Africa grants above \$15m

\$8,500

Assets more than \$100m up to \$300m or Africa grants more than \$5m up to \$15m

\$5,000

Assets more than \$20m up to \$100m or Africa grants more than \$1m up to \$5m

\$3,000

Assets more than \$10m up to 20m or Africa grants more than \$500K up to \$1m

\$2,500

Assets more than \$2m up to \$10m or Africa grants more than \$100K up to \$500K

\$1,500

Assets up to \$2m or Africa grants up to \$100K

\$1,000

Individual Membership provides an opportunity to support our mission and vision.

\$500

Additional Contribution – We welcome additional support beyond the suggested membership category to help support our work. Please list amount. \$ _____

Community Foundations based in Africa are eligible for a reduced rate in the qualifying category. Please contact Niamani Mutima to discuss the appropriate category.

2017 Membership Contribution Form Instructions

Membership contributions must be paid in \$US dollars and checks drawn on a U.S. bank.

Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group (AGAG) is a project of the Tides Center so checks should be made payable to Tides Center/AGAG. Tides EIN number is 94-3213100.

Wire transfers are subject to the \$30.00 transfer fee. For wire transfers please contact Niamani Mutima, Executive Director at nmutima@agag.org for instructions.

Please fill in the name of the organization or individual and include the form with your payment to ensure proper credit. If payment is sent separately, please fill in the form and return it via email or mail to ensure proper credit.

Please make your **check payable to Tides Center/AGAG**. Please be sure to include the suite number and mail payment to:

Attention: Niamani Mutima, Executive Director
Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group
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Africa Grantmakers Affinity Group 2016 Membership Contribution Credit Card Payment Form

If you are paying via credit card we encourage you to submit this form via email to nmutima@agag.org or if you prefer, you can call Niamani Mutima at 540-878-5015 and give the information over the telephone. Please note the charge on your credit card will appear as payable to "Tides."

Please fill out the following information:

Foundation/Individual membership is for:

Name of membership contact:

Title:

Telephone/Email:

Type of credit card: (circle one) Visa Mastercard American Express

Name as it appears on the credit card, please print clearly:

Card No:

Expiration Date:

Amount Authorized:

I authorize this payment as indicated:

Card holder signature

Date: