



## **TECDEN Membership information as per Constitution**

Following TECDEN Constitution amendment which was made on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, Tanzania ECD Network is therefore in the process of recruiting new members

### **1. Types of membership**

#### **1.1 Regular Members**

These are members whose primary objectives and functions are consistent with the overall goal of TECDEN. These shall be a few National ECD NGOs from each region of Tanzania Mainland with the right to participate fully in TECDEN's meetings, activities including the right to vote and be voted. Regular members will apply to TECDEN, be shortlisted by secretariat and approved by the TECDEN Board of Directors.

#### **1.2 Affiliate Membership**

These are members who do ECD activities at Grassroots, Regional and National Level in Tanzania Mainland. These are National ECD NGOs. They may apply or be invited for membership. Representatives from each Affiliate Organization Member shall have the right to participate in TECDEN'S meetings and activities, but they shall not have the right to vote or to hold elective office in the Network.

#### **1.2 Strategic Membership/Partners**

These are organizations or entities that may be accorded strategic membership in lieu of their contribution to TECDEN's vision, mission and/or objectives. These may include INGOs, government departments, professional organizations, media and academic institutions, development partners, etc. TECDEN will write a letter requesting Strategic member to join membership and they are required to accept through writing a commitment letter to accept membership. Strategic Members shall have the privilege to participate by invitation in the Network meetings and activities, but they shall not have the right to vote or hold an elective office in TECDEN.

## **2. QUALIFICATIONS OF BEING A TECDEN MEMBER**

An applicant will be accepted as a member if:

2.1 The goals or objectives of the group, organization, community or institution, conform to issues of Early Childhood Development comprising any of the five Component of Nurturing Care Framework (Health, Nutrition, Safety and Security, Responsive Care and Opportunities for early learning).

2.2 The organization agrees to comply with the terms and conditions as set out in the Constitution.

2.3 Its existence is recognized in accordance with the laws establishing groups, organizations and institutions in Tanzania.

## **3. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR TECDEN MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 A membership application form will be submitted to the TECDEN Secretariat headquarters.

3.2 The applicant should present at least two (2) referees, who may be questioned about information, conduct and traits of the applicant organization whenever necessary. For all applications, the referee may be a private or public institution, communities, a group or other recognized organization.

3.3 Other modes and conditions for membership application can be found in the membership criteria and the application form.

## **4. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS**

### **4.1 Rights**

4.1.1 Regular members will have the right to attend TECDEN Annual General Meeting (AGM)

4.1.2 Regular members will have the right to vote for and to be voted for TECDEN leadership

### **4.2 Privileges**

4.2.1 Participate in meetings and activities organized by the TECDEN upon invitation

4.2.2 Receive and provide technical support

4.2.3 Provided or informed of any information relating to the development of children and the network in general

4.2.3 Participate upon invitation on ECD empowerment trainings by TECDEN or other ECD stakeholder

## **5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

Respect and protect the Constitution of the TECDEN.

5.1: Regular members have the duty to share their progress report with TECDEN annually

5.2: Fully implement various rules and/or guidelines of the Network

5.3: Share all necessary information for the benefit of members and other stakeholders

5.4 Members have the duty to pay the entrance and annual subscription fees

5.5: Carry out the activities related to Early Childhood Development and to share information at the appropriate level of the TECDEN.

5.6: Provide ECD education to parents/guardians and the general public including children from across the country

## **6. CESSATION AND RESTORATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **6.1 Cessation of Membership**

A member may cease to be a member of TECDEN if:

6.1.1 Members' voluntary resigns whereby the member must notify TECDEN in writing

6.1.2 They fail to pay annual subscription fee without notification

6.1.3 They fail to submit progressive reports for three consecutive years

6.1.4 They misconduct or conducting activities that lead to violation of child rights

6.1.5 A member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the organization without prior notice

6.1.6 They fail to adhere to TECDEN' policies, regulations including membership policy which forms part of this Constitution

### **6.2 Restoration of Membership**

Any member whose membership was terminated or ceased in accordance with the provisions of article 17 (a) above, may apply to restore its membership:

6.2.1 By reapplying in writing confirming that they have been able to rectify their mistakes that led to their dismissal. Its application will be discussed by the TECDEN Board and presented to the next AGM for approval

6.2.2 If approved to be restored, they shall agree to all conditions that will be set forth by the Board

## 7.0 What should our members expect from TECDEN?

Apart from rights and privileged stipulated by the Constitution above, programmatically our members will have the following benefits:

- Opportunity to collaborate with wider Early Childhood Development (ECD) stakeholders across national, regional and international Community;
- Access to ECD related capacity building related to ECD;
- Linked up to government ECD sector Ministries for various engagements;
- Get technical support including information, tools, resources for enhancing member's capacity to implement ECD programs;
- Opportunity to receive and share progress, experiences and learnings with regards to implementation of ECD programs in the country;
- Opportunity to participate in national/ global ECD initiatives including research and programs;
- Where resources available receiving funding support to implement ECD activities based on our sub granting policy;
- Opportunity for developing a joint funding proposal;
- Upon agreement between TECDEN and Members show case members activities in through TECDEN social media and website.