



World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) Charter of Affiliation for Official Federations:

Preamble

We, the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS), guided by the vision of "Sexual Health and Rights for ALL," acknowledge the importance of global and regional collaborative efforts to advance this shared vision.

This charter outlines the requirements and premises for establishing official relationships between WAS and its regional federations, recognising that each federation is an independent organisation that voluntarily aligns itself with WAS due to our shared vision.

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this charter is to create a framework for collaboration and mutual support between WAS and its affiliated regional federations. It is designed to ensure that each federation maintains its independence while contributing to the overarching goal of promoting sexual health and rights worldwide.

Article 2: Definitions

2.1. WAS (World Association for Sexual Health)

WAS refers to the international confederation dedicated to promoting sexual health and rights for all.

2.2. Regional Federation

As further defined in Article 7, a regional federation refers to an independent entity which represents regional sexual health and rights organisations and individuals and which voluntarily aligns itself with WAS, operating at a regional level, and sharing the vision of sexual health and rights for all.

Article 3: Federation Affiliation Requirements

3.1. Shared Vision

Regional federations must share the core vision of WAS, which is the promotion of sexual health and rights for all, as outlined in the preamble.

3.2. Autonomy and Independence

Regional federations must maintain their autonomy and independence in decision-making, governance, and operation. WAS recognizes and respects the unique goals and objectives of each federation.

3.3. Ethical Standards

All affiliated regional federations are expected to adhere to ethical standards and principles consistent with those promoted by WAS. These standards include but are not limited to respect for human rights, diversity, and inclusion. Moreover, the regional federations must subscribe to and promote the official declarations of WAS.

3.4. Collaboration and Engagement

Regional federations commit to actively engage in collaboration with WAS and other affiliated federations to advance common goals and objectives. This includes participation in joint initiatives, sharing of knowledge and resources, and support for advocacy efforts.

3.5 Branding Alignment

In order to strengthen a unified and distinctive global identity that advances our common vision, each regional federation affiliated with the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) shall undertake to harmonise its branding with that of WAS. This alignment does not restrict the federation from employing distinct brand colors and identities for specific purposes. As part of this affiliation, WAS is granted the privilege to showcase the approved federation logo that corresponds with the WAS brand, and the federation is granted the authorization to utilize the WAS brand in a manner consistent with established guidelines.

While regional federations are encouraged to align their branding with WAS, the specific implementation and extent of brand alignment remain within the discretion of each individual regional federation. Flexibility is granted to accommodate unique regional circumstances.

3.5.2 Display of Affiliation

Regional federations shall prominently display on their official website and official publications the statement: "An Official Federation of WAS."

This statement serves to inform the public and stakeholders of the official relationship between the regional federation and WAS and reinforces the commitment to shared goals.

WAS shall prominently display its official relationship with the Federation on its website, social media and when appropriate in documentation.

Article 4. Minimum Standards for Regional Federations:

A regional federation, for the purposes of affiliation with the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS), is an independent regional federation that represents regional organisations and individuals and aligns itself with WAS due to a shared vision of "Sexual Health and Rights for ALL."

4.1. Minimum Criteria for Recognition as a WAS Federation

To be officially recognised as a regional federation affiliated with WAS, an organisation must meet the following minimum criteria:

4.2.1. **Shared Vision and Mission:** The organisation must share the core vision and mission of WAS, which is the promotion of sexual health and rights for all. The official vision and mission statement might differ from that of WAS, but it is generally aligned.

4.2.2. **Legal Status:** The organisation must have legal status as a non-profit entity in its respective region.

4.2.3. **Operational Autonomy:** The organisation must maintain operational autonomy and independence in decision-making, governance, and financial management.

4.2.4. **Ethical Standards:** The organisation must adhere to ethical standards and principles consistent with those promoted by WAS, including but not limited to respect for human rights, diversity, and inclusion and endorse the WAS declarations.

4.2.5. **Membership and Governance:** The organization must have a system of membership and governance, with leadership roles elected or appointed in accordance with democratic principles and accountability to its members, according to an official founding document, statutes or a memorandum of incorporation.

4.2.6. **Geographic Focus:** The organisation must operate at a regional level, focusing its efforts on a specific geographic region although global cooperation with other organisations is encouraged.

4.2.7. Demonstrated Commitment: The organisation must demonstrate a commitment to collaborating with WAS and other affiliated federations to advance common goals and objectives. The President of the Federation must enter into an agreement with the federation that they will serve on the Advisory and Executive Committees of WAS.

4.3. Application Process

Organisations seeking recognition as regional federations must submit an application to WAS, providing documentation and evidence of meeting the minimum criteria outlined in Article 10.2.

4.4. Approval and Affiliation

The recognition and affiliation of an organization as a regional federation shall be determined through a review process by the WAS Executive Committee, the WAS Advisory Committee and ultimately the WAS General Assembly. Upon approval, the organisation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this charter and will enter into an individual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with WAS to outline the specifics of the agreement.

Article 5: Accountability and Reporting

5.1. Transparency

WAS and its affiliated regional federations commit to transparent and open communication. This includes sharing relevant information and updates regarding their members, activities, governance, and financial matters.

5.2. Accountability

Both WAS and its regional federations are accountable for fulfilling their roles and responsibilities as outlined in the charter and individual MoUs.

5.3. Annual Reporting

Affiliated regional federations shall provide annual reports to WAS, highlighting their progress, achievements, and contributions to the shared vision of sexual health and rights.

Article 6: Representation on the WAS Advisory and Executive Committees

6.1. Federation President Representation

Each president of an affiliated regional federation, elected by the members/board of the respective federation, shall be welcomed as a voting member of the WAS Advisory and Executive Committees.

6.2. Roles and Responsibilities

6.2.1. Federation presidents on the WAS Advisory and Executive Committee shall actively participate in the decision-making processes and agenda setting of WAS.

6.2.2 The Advisory Committee of WAS meets a minimum of twice a year and the Executive Committee of WAS meets four times a year.

6.3. Collaboration and Decision Making

6.3.1. The WAS Executive Committee, comprising federation presidents, WAS Officers WAS Associate Secretaries and the Chair of the WAS Scientific Committee, shall work collaboratively to make executive decisions and set the agenda for the organisation, keeping in mind that the General Assembly of the Organisation (of which the federation is a member) is the highest governing body of WAS.

6.3.2. Decisions within the Executive Committee shall be made with a commitment to the shared vision of "Sexual Health and Rights for ALL," taking into consideration the unique perspectives and goals of each federation's regional needs.

6.4. Appointment and Terms

6.4.1. Federation presidents shall serve on the Executive Committee for the duration of their respective terms as federation presidents.

6.4.2. In the event of changes in federation leadership, the new president of an affiliated regional federation shall assume the role on the Executive Committee.

This addition ensures the representation of federation presidents on the WAS Executive Committee, emphasizing their role in decision-making and agenda setting.

Article 7: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Each regional federation is required to establish an individual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with WAS. The MoU will outline the specific terms, responsibilities, and benefits of the affiliation, reflecting the unique goals and objectives of the federation.

Article 6: Amendment

This charter may be amended through mutual agreement between WAS and its affiliated regional federations. Any proposed amendments must align with the shared vision and principles outlined in the preamble.

Article 7: Termination

Affiliation between WAS and a regional federation may be terminated by mutual consent or for justifiable cause. The termination process will be outlined in the individual MoU.


Article 8: Adoption

This charter is adopted by the World Association for Sexual Health and serves as a foundational document for official relationships with affiliated regional federations.

This charter serves as a guiding document to formalize the relationships between WAS and its regional federations, recognizing the importance of collaboration and the autonomy of each federation. It is a testament to our shared commitment to the vision of "Sexual Health and Rights for ALL."

Article 12: Signatories

This charter is hereby adopted and signed by the members of the current World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) Executive Committee:



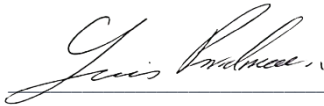
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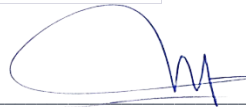
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This charter is now adopted and signed, signifying the commitment and agreement of the current members of the WAS Executive Committee.

Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023