
Steps on how to become a CoRMSA Member.

1. CoRMSA Background: The Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA / the Consortium) is a national network current number of twenty-five (26) member organisations in good standing whose main objectives and mission are the promotion and protection of the human rights of asylum seekers, refugees and other international migrants in ways that promote the well-being of all in South Africa and the region. The Consortium has over twenty years of experience working on migration and refugee protection engaging in advocacy and lobbying, including policy submissions; coordination and network building; capacity building; community engagement and dialogue; rights awareness and information sharing. Our member organisations include legal practitioners, community-based refugee- and migrant-led organisations, advice offices, academic institutions, and social service providers amongst others.

2. CoRMSA Membership Application:

CoRMSA Constitution section 8.4.5 state that: “While the number is not binding, it is foreseen that the number of members be limited to twenty or more organisations based on the Executive Committee’s ‘assessment and decision on new applications for membership on a case by case basis and subject to availability of funds.” [..\\..\\..\\..\\..\\..\\Desktop\\CoRMSA Constitution Adopted with Amendments 2019.pdf](https://www.cormsa.org.za/about-cormsa/cormsa-members/)

- The first members of the Consortium are the signatories to this Constitution whose names are contained in the list here: <https://www.cormsa.org.za/about-cormsa/cormsa-members/>
- Additional members may be admitted by making an application in writing to the Executive Committee, supported by a proposer (recommendation letter) who shall be a current member of the Consortium in good standing.
- Upon application, the applicant should clearly indicate which of the categories (or more than one) the proposed member falls into – the categories outlined below (Associate Member or a Regular Member), and reasons therefore.
- There shall be two classes of members:
 - **Regular Members include organisations that:**
 - Have a proven background of, and demonstrated commitment to, dealing with refugee matters at a national level; or
 - Are networks providing services to asylum seekers and refugees within a defined area; or
 - Have specialist skills and knowledge, although not operating at national level provided such organisations are encouraged to work with each other to avoid duplication.

In determining membership, the Consortium shall take into account geographical and regional representivity.

- **Associate Members, a category that includes:**



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- Individuals and organisations which do not qualify for regular membership but that endorse the Consortium's objectives.
 - Associate members may apply for regular membership after one year.

3. CoRMSA Members Voting Rights:

- Only regular members have voting rights.

4. Membership Application Decision Making:

The Executive Committee shall be entitled to refuse to admit any organisation or person as a member of the Consortium, provided that any individual so refused shall be entitled to appeal against the decision to a general meeting where such decision of the Executive Committee may be overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present and who vote.

The following documentations must accompany the application:

- NPO/NGO Registration Certificate Copy
- NPO/NGO Constitution Copy.
- And any form of proof of address.

5. Application can be sent to: info@cornsa.org.za