

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS

The GSTC appreciates your interest in dedicating your time to fulfilling the mission of the organization. To ensure we have a balanced representation and that the Board is aware of your background and expertise, please fill out the following form and submit with your most updated bio or curriculum.

Submission of this application is just an expression of interest and does not guarantee acceptance. Final acceptance will depend on availability of space within the working group, experience in the area of interest, and Board approval.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Organization:

Nominated by:

Endorsed by (please submit two letters of endorsement):

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality:

Country of Residence:

Education:

Current position:

Are you affiliated to a certification or accreditation organization? ____ Yes ____ No

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Type of organization and GSTC membership:

Travel & Tourism Industry - tour operators, hotels, lodges, resorts, travel consulting firms, travel agencies, travel guides, travel trade associations, travel and tourism businesses, media/communications agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certification Bodies – this includes organizations that have the authorization to provide written assurance and logo provision to certify that a product, service, company, process or management system conforms to specific requirements (this includes organizations certifying the compliance of travel and tourism businesses or destinations with sustainability criteria	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travel and Trade Associations - this includes membership organizations dedicated to promoting tourism including associations for travel professionals and entrepreneurs involved in the travel and tourism industry.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governments – (National, local and regional), Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Tourism, Tourism boards, Departments of Trade, Culture, Leisure	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGOs – all certified/registered non-profit and non-governmental organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>

Academia – technical schools, colleges, universities, research institutions Approval has to come from a senior official of the organization with appropriate authorization.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual - individual consultants / experts / professionals with a vested interest in the tourism industry, and knowledge of the sustainable tourism sector, not affiliated to an organization.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Global Region (select the region that your organization's headquarters are based in)

Africa (sub-Saharan)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Americas	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Asia and the Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle East & North Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXPERIENCE

Please indicate if you have experience in the following areas:

	Certification/ Accreditation/ Standards	Education and Training	Marketing/ Distribution/ Communications	Destinations Management
For profit				
Non for profit				
Financial Sector				
Academia				
Government				

AREAS OF INTEREST

Which of the following are your areas of interest?

☐ **Education and Training Working Group.** Develops and oversees GSTC's internal Sustainable Tourism Training Program (STTP) and external partnerships regarding training and capacity-building as it relates to sustainability for travel and tourism professionals.

☐ **Communications & Membership Working Group (CMWG).** Supports the Council's activities relation to internal communications, membership engagement, membership recruitment and retention, knowledge management, and networking.

☐ **Market Access Working Group (MAWG).** Identifies, develops, and disseminates business-to-business solutions that will allow tourism businesses that align themselves with the GSTC to reach greater market share.

☐ **Destination Stewardship Working Group (DSWG).** The Destination Stewardship Working Group will focus on defining how the travel and tourism industry can and should support destination stewardship (an integrated multi-stakeholder approach), effectively changing the way tourism is currently managed.

☐ **International Standards Working Group (ISWG).** The Standard Setting Working Group will focus on developing complementary sets of standards applicable to all parts of the tourism supply chain and to destinations to ensure that sustainability best practices permeate all levels of the tourism marketplace. The group will specify ISEAL's codes of good practice and specify the international requirements that service providers must meet.

☐ **Accreditation Panel.** Aims to ensure that service providers around the world have access to reliable guidance and advice on the requirements for accreditation, and how to achieve compliance and certification. The group is responsible for overseeing the accreditation process for the GSTC.

Please **summarize your experience** in relation to the working group you are applying for in the box below.

COMMITMENT

I, _____ hereby recognize that this application is a nomination to the working groups; that a selection will be undertaken by the Board of Directors of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council; that the Board will select upon experience and expertise, as well as time commitment; that until such time the Board has expressed consent, I will not be a part of the working group.

If selected to the working groups I will comply with the following conditions:

1. Regular attendance at meetings, and if there is an unavoidable absence, have an informed alternate with decision power attend the meeting who will keep the member informed of the proceedings of the group. Absence in more than three (3) meetings will result in a request by the Board for the resignation of the working group member.
2. Respect the role of the Chairs as facilitators of the group, and recognize that given the size of the working group the chairs will need to take an active role in moving the agenda forward.
3. Attend regular meetings one a month over the phone and at least once a year attend an in person meeting. The travel to the in person meeting will be covered by the working group member, not the GSTC. Attendance is mandatory and lack of attendance and constructive contribution will result in participant being asked to step down from the working group.
4. Willingness to complete working group tasks as delegated by the Chair or Vice Chair, and review and approve documents in the timelines assigned.
5. Recognize the need to potentially align some of the work of the group with other ongoing working groups or committees.
6. Notify the GSTC Secretariat in advance if there are relevant materials, or other documents intended for use at working group meetings to ensure that distribution of those materials can be done in a timely manner.
7. Responsible for representing organization's views regarding the GSTC, without attempting to represent or characterize the views of other members of the group or the GSTC as a whole.
8. Be in good standing with the GSTC - meaning have paid membership dues and being compliant with the by-laws and operational manual of the organization.
9. Have the support of employer.
10. Does not have a conflict of interest and if situations arise where a conflict is apparent the working group members are expected to recuse themselves as Chair.
11. Present and adhere to a confidentiality agreement

Signature and Date

Printed Name