

Nature Positive Forum: Frequently Asked Questions

This document is intended to answer questions that are frequently asked to the Nature Positive Initiative Secretariat team, to support you in the process of your application to be a Forum member. It can also be a useful resource for existing Forum members to share internally to spread awareness of what being a Forum member means and how to engage.

❖ **What is the Nature Positive Initiative Forum and why should I join?**

- The Nature Positive Forum is primarily a learning platform about Nature Positive where your organization will have access to the latest updates.
- Join the Nature Positive Forum if you wish to participate in the growing movement towards a nature-positive future, where actors from across the globe and various sectors are pushing the boundaries to take nature action.
- The Forum gathers predominantly through webinars, 2-4 times a year, hosted by NPI and its partners, to inform and engage the community on recent technical updates, and invite you to consultations on key topics.
- Forum members are also provided opportunities to engage with NPI and its partners through in-person events, which are regularly promoted through the newsletter and our website, as well as virtual launches of new content.
- The Forum is a community for learning and engaging on Nature Positive Initiative activities. It is not a decision-making body.

❖ **Who is already a Forum member?**

- There is a publicly available [list of current Forum members](#) to consult.
- We often find that global partners have already registered through another country or their global secretariat, so it is worth checking the list to see if your organization is already listed. You can also register for our Newsletter [here](#).

❖ **What are the requirements to join the Forum?**

- Who can join the Forum?
 - No individuals, only organisations.
 - No Public Sector bodies or Ministries of Government.
- What types of organizations join the Forum?
 - The Forum is composed of many different types of organisations, including Civil Society, Academia and the Corporate and Financial sectors.
- Are there any commitments to joining the Forum?
 - Commit to upholding the "Global Goal for Nature – Nature Positive" definition as posted on <https://www.naturepositive.org/resources/>
 - Actively contribute to the Initiative's goal and objectives in their own activities, and contribute to and promote its guidance and positions
 - Note that there are no reporting requirements as a Forum member.
- Are there any financial requirements to join the Forum, including fees during sign up or for annual membership?
 - No, this is a free ongoing membership. It is a community of global representatives of the Nature Positive movement.

❖ **What kind of activities or contributions are expected from Forum members on an ongoing basis?**

- During membership, are organizations expected to submit background materials?
 - No, we only require a website to understand more about what you do, ensure it is an existing organization and to add it to our Forum list.
- Upon joining, are organizations expected to submit environmental impact assessments, sustainability reports, or other documentation/reports?
 - No, we do not require you to submit anything as this is a learning platform with no policy or reporting or regulatory obligations.
- Are members required to attend regular meetings?
 - No. There will be optional webinars for informational purposes throughout the year for your organization to participate in.
- What is required to demonstrate your commitment?
 - Nothing is required. Note that organizations will be added to a list of Forum members which is published on the NPI website.

❖ **Does NPI provide any guidance for businesses?**

- Does NPI offer guidance on the steps companies should take on their nature-positive journey?
 - Our coalition members such as TNFD, SBTN, GRI, WBCSD, Capitals Coalition, Business for Nature, WWF, TNC, Conservation International and others tend to have tools and guidance that are globally applicable and often have a sectoral lens. We recommend using their resources and networks / platforms for support.
- Is there information sharing within the Forum?
 - The Nature Positive Initiative has been building a consensus on State of Nature Metrics, which you can learn more about [here](#).
 - We have been sharing progress through the Forum webinars, [blogs](#) and public [events](#).
 - We also have [case studies](#) of companies who undertook the piloting process for the State of Nature metrics that we have been developing.
 - Through our [newsletter](#) we also publish the latest reports and launches by our various partners so that you can stay close to key updates.

❖ **What is the application process and how long does it take?**

- What is the process for becoming a member of the Forum?
 - Fill in the [registration form](#) and we will confirm submission.
- Does the application process require a Senior Leader as the main point of contact?
 - Anyone who has the authority to agree to the two commitments can apply.
- What is the timeline for becoming a member of the Forum?
 - Applications must be approved by our 27 core members. Application reviews are undertaken quarterly, so depending on when applied, it could take up to 4 months.