

# DAC GLOBAL RELATIONS

## Becoming an Associate of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC)

<b>What is the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The leading international forum for providers of development co-operation.</li> <li>• Promotes sustainable development through development co-operation and other development-related policies.</li> <li>• Currently has 30 members (in 2017).</li> </ul>
<b>What does the DAC do?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collects, compiles and publishes data on development co-operation.</li> <li>• Reviews its members' development co-operation programmes periodically.</li> <li>• Provides analysis, guidance and good practice on development co-operation.</li> </ul>
<b>Who can become a DAC Associate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countries that are not members of the OECD wanting to play a leading role in development co-operation by supporting and contributing to the work of the DAC.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the rights of an Associate of the DAC?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can take part in all meetings of the DAC, including its High-Level and Senior-Level Meetings and the meetings of its subsidiary bodies on development finance statistics, evaluation, gender equality, environment, governance, conflict and fragility, and investment and development.</li> <li>• Can participate in formal decision-making processes.</li> <li>• Can serve as Chair or Vice Chair of the DAC or a DAC subsidiary body.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the advantages of becoming a DAC Associate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance the country's international credibility, visibility and influence.</li> <li>• Benefit from advice on managing development co-operation through peer reviews.</li> <li>• Participate in the development of DAC policy guidance and recommendations.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the conditions for becoming a DAC Associate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate policies, strategies and institutional frameworks to guide and support the country's development co-operation activities.</li> <li>• An accepted measure of effort in providing Official Development Assistance (ODA).</li> <li>• A system of performance monitoring and evaluation in place.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the obligations of an Associate of the DAC?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement DAC Recommendations (on untying aid, on terms and conditions of loans, on good pledging practices and on anti-corruption) and use DAC guidelines and reference documents.</li> <li>• Report development finance statistics to the OECD.</li> <li>• Participate in DAC meetings and engage in the DAC peer review process.</li> <li>• Pay an annual fee: EUR 20 500 (in 2017).</li> <li>• Take into account the provisions of OECD legal instruments that relate to development co-operation (e.g. on environmental sustainability).</li> </ul>
<b>How does a country become an Associate of the DAC?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An applicant country sends a brief letter to the Chair of the OECD Development Committee announcing its interest in becoming an Associate of the DAC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The OECD Secretariat then evaluates the country's development co-operation programme and systems, and prepares a proposal for consideration by the DAC.</li> <li>➤ If the committee's decision is positive, the final approval will be given by the OECD Council, the OECD governing body.</li> <li>➤ The Secretary-General will then invite the country to become a DAC Associate.</li> <li>➤ The country formalises the arrangement by accepting the invitation in writing and pledging to fulfil the obligations of DAC membership.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>