

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An organisation wishing to join the Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty (the “Coalition”), as a Coalition Member or Coalition Supporter, must meet the relevant eligibility criteria set out below.

If the organisation believes it satisfies the relevant criteria, it may make an application. The application will be reviewed by the Coalition Secretariat and, if the Secretariat determines in its discretion that the applicant is eligible, it will provide the applicant with the relevant membership terms (to join as a Member or Supporter, as appropriate) for agreement (the “Terms”).

The Secretariat may also invite organisations and/or individuals to participate as Coalition Advisors in the work of the Coalition. Coalition Advisors must satisfy the relevant criteria set out below.

All organisations joining the Coalition must comply with the General Eligibility Criteria and the Additional Eligibility Criteria for their relevant type of membership (Coalition Member, Coalition Supporter, Coalition Advisor) as outlined below.

General Eligibility Criteria (applicable to all Coalition Members, Coalition Supporters, and Coalition Advisors)

- The organisation’s leadership must be aware of, and supportive of, the organisation’s participation in the Coalition (where “leadership” denotes the organisation’s CEO or otherwise the highest level of decision making within the organisation);
- The organisation must not engage in direct or indirect action (either within or outside the Coalition) supporting or advocating positions that oppose or contradict the [Vision Statement](#);
- An organisation which is involved in extraction of fossil fuel hydrocarbons cannot be part of the Coalition;
- An organisation that is directly involved in the production of virgin polymers/resins (fossil fuel or bio-based) must be a signatory of the EMF Global Commitment and/or a member of WWF ReSource Plastic to demonstrate commitment and credible progress towards a circular plastics economy.
- If the organisation is involved in the conversion of virgin polymers/resins (fossil fuel or bio-based) into plastic packaging or other final products and not a member of the initiatives mentioned above, it must have a demonstrable track record of commitments and progress towards a circular economy for plastic in line with the [Vision Statement](#) of the Business Coalition, including, but not limited to, being a signatory to a relevant voluntary (sector) initiative, or corporate targets that have been communicated publicly. Membership in a national Plastics Pact that is part of the EMF Pact Network and/or is supported by WRAP (where they exist in the countries the organisation has operations) is considered to be sufficient to demonstrate such a commitment. The Secretariat will take a final decision by comparing the organisation’s corporate strategy on plastics with the type of commitments and targets that are required under the Global Commitment (see Appendix).

Additional Eligibility Criteria for Coalition Members

To join the Coalition as Member, an organisation must also:

- meet the above General Eligibility Criteria;
- endorse the [Vision Statement](#);
- agree to and comply with the Coalition Member Terms and the Ways of Working (which will be provided if the Secretariat determines that an applicant is eligible); and
- be an organisation whose business or activities lie within the plastics value chain.

In addition:

If the organisation is a **company/business**:

- the organisation’s operations must involve (as a principal material) plastic;
- the organisation must have a demonstrable track record of commitments and progress towards a circular economy for plastic, including, but not limited to, being a signatory to voluntary initiatives such as the Global Commitment or individual targets that have been communicated publicly; or

If the organisation is a **financial institution**, the organisation must:

- have a demonstrable commitment to supporting sustainable finance, and/or a commitment to engage in responsible investing, and/or a track record of activity with organisations in the plastics value chain, helping to finance reduced environmental impact; or

If the organisation is a **non-governmental organisation (NGO)**, the organisation must:

- have a dedicated business engagement team and a track record of working with business on environmental sustainability or social issues related to the plastic value chain through multi-year partnerships;

Coalition Members are eligible to apply to join the Policy Working Group, which is the group of Members working together with the Secretariat to create policy recommendations as well as on communication and advocacy plans for the Coalition, in accordance with the Coalition Ways of Working.

Any issues with applications may, in the Secretariat's discretion, be addressed bilaterally with the applicant or, if appropriate, in conjunction with the PWG.

Additional Eligibility Criteria for Coalition Supporters

To join the Coalition as a Supporter, an organisation must:

- meet the General Eligibility Criteria;
- endorse the [Vision Statement](#); and
- agree to and comply with the Supporter Terms and the Ways of Working (which will be provided if the Secretariat determines that an applicant is eligible).

Coalition Supporters are not eligible to apply to join the Policy Working Group.

Additional Eligibility Criteria for Coalition Advisors

To act as an Advisor to the Coalition, an organisation must in addition to meeting the General Eligibility Criteria be a business association, independent expert, consultancy or academic institution which is an expert and/or advisor on an element of the plastics value chain.

Coalition Advisors may be invited to attend PWG meetings by the Secretariat. The eligibility and terms for any such invitation will be agreed between the specific Coalition Advisor and the Secretariat.

APPENDIX: CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS TO MEET THE GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An organisation that is involved in the conversion of virgin polymers/resins (fossil fuel or bio-based) into plastic packaging or other final products but not a signatory of the EMF Global Commitment, or a member of WWF ReSource Plastic network, should make the following information publicly available:

- Annual weight (tonnes) of plastics use;
- Make a series of corporate commitments/ targets specific to the type of the company (see examples below);
- Commit to collaborate towards increasing reuse, recycling and/or composting rates for plastics; and
- Report on progress towards meeting these commitments.

Examples of corporate commitments/targets:

Durable goods producers

- Set an ambitious recycled content target across all plastics used in products or components.
- Report on the average percentage of recycled content, by weight, across all plastics used in products or components.
- In the case that the goods produced have also plastic packaging applied, the company should also commit and report as a 'packaged goods company' (see requirements below).

Packaged goods companies and packaging producers

1. Take action to eliminate problematic or unnecessary plastic packaging/ products:
 - a. Provide qualitative (and where relevant, quantitative) reporting on progress made and future plans;
 - b. Provide information on the elimination of a set of commonly identified problematic plastic packaging and items.
2. Take action to move from single-use towards reuse models (if applicable to your product portfolio):
 - a. Provide qualitative (and where relevant quantitative) reporting on progress made and future plans;
 - b. Provide information on the development of implementing reuse models in your company.
3. Demonstrate efforts to make all plastic packaging and products within the company's portfolio reusable, recyclable, or compostable:
 - a. Report on the percentage, by weight, of total plastic products/ packaging put on the market that is reusable or recyclable, or compostable:
 - b. Provide an overview of your assessment of your portfolio for reusability, recyclability and compostability.
4. Set an ambitious recycled content target.
5. Report on the average percentage of recycled content, by weight, across all plastic packaging and products put on the market.

All these requirements are based on a set of common definitions provided in the New Plastics Economy Definitions document developed by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation available [here](#).