

## Membership policy:

The Rise Coalition is a network of small and medium organisations from the Global South joining efforts to address the impact of security policies on human rights and civil society. Our strategy departs from the different experiences of our partners, allowing an all-inclusive understanding of the most pressing issues affecting vulnerable groups in our contexts. Although we embrace civil society as a vibrant, diverse and ever-expanding field of movements, our priority is the work of grassroots organisations in the Global South. This membership policy serves as a guide to those wishing to join our platform and a framework for ensuring effective engagement and meaningful participation. We value the work of each partner and strive to provide opportunities for supporting the work of each member.

### Procedure for joining:

- Direct requests: organisations can submit their interest to join Rise by filling out the membership form available on our website or sending an email to [risehumanrightscalition@gmail.com](mailto:risehumanrightscalition@gmail.com)
- Nominations: existing partners can nominate new members, in which case they will have to provide an overview of the organisation's work during general meetings.
- The Coalition leader adds an agenda item to discuss the pending application in the following general meeting.
- The Coalition Leader provides an overview of the organisation, highlighting its approach to security issues impacting human rights and civil society.
- Members discuss the application and decide over a potential membership.
- In the case of disagreement, members will vote.
- Each organisation is allowed to cast one ballot, which can be submitted at the general meeting or via email.
- A simple majority will be necessary to decide on a new membership.
- If for any reason the discussion or voting does not take place, the application will be decided over 'silent agreement'; if in 1 month no one objects to the application, membership will be granted.
- Once the membership is granted, the new member organisation must delegate one representative to attend the meetings and handle communications with the coalition.

### Conditions:

- Adopt the coalition principles.
- Attend at least three general meetings in a year.
- Abide with the Rise Coalition code of conduct.
- Members will delegate representatives with the ability to participate at the meetings and engage constructively with other members.
- Each members must ensure that their representative reflects the organisation's views over the issues discussed in the meetings.
- Partners will not be able to speak on behalf of the Coalition unless is requested and approved by the general assembly.
- For co-sponsoring events, partners should submit a request to the general assembly for the use of the Rise logo and any other image/information that reflects the collective identity of the platform.

### Benefits:

- Access to a network of collaboration at the national, local and international levels.
- Partners will be listed on the Rise Coalition website and will be invited to the Coalition events.
- Support in the definition of joint advocacy strategies in areas of Coalition competence.
- Training and other learning opportunities on digital security, human rights standards and international legal advocacy.
- Attendance to the general meetings and the yearly Rise Coalition conference to strengthen relationships between the network's members.
- Opportunities for impactful engagement with regional and international human rights bodies.

### Membership criteria:

- Be a registered charity or non-profit organisation in their country of residence (NGO).
- Be based in one country of the Global South.
- Have an interest or engagement in national security and human rights.
- The working language for the Coalition will be English.
- Organisations with no English-speaking representative can request additional support to the network, in which case the Coalition Leader will identify and ensure the adequate means to facilitate the organisation's participation.

### Type of memberships:

The Rise Coalition has two membership categories for organisations, both of which are free.

- **Voting members:** have decision capacity over the issues discussed in the coalition.
- **Collaborators:** do not have decision capacity and engage periodically with some of the events and activities of the platform.

### Responsibilities:

- Voting organisations nominate and elect members of the Steering Committee and potential new partners.
- Voting members approve the Coalition general strategy and annual plan.
- Voting members participate in the general meeting and annual assembly.
- Voting members provide periodical updates on their work.
- Members engage in various initiatives to provide input and perspective on the most pressing security-related abuses in their countries, regions, and globally.

### Procedure for dealing with international sanctions:

The sanctions paragraph is designed to protect the Coalition's reputation and ensure that the networks comply with the applicable international sanctions regime. Organisations wishing to join the coalition that are based in countries of the Global South under international sanctions will undergo a sanctions screening. The Coalition leader will conduct a sanction check using the information available on the UN's website and other relevant sources.