Commitments of Forus Council members and Application form

The Council is a key governing body of Forus and is elected by the members. Collectively, Forus Council members give the association its strategic direction, champion its core democratic values and ensure the effective delivery on the network’s objectives.

The Council listens in order to lead and roots its work firmly in participative and transparent processes. Forus commits itself to be an example of good governance and the Council is the custodian of the network’s mission as well as its ethical practice.

The details of the Forus Council functioning and responsibilities are described in the Forus Statutes and the Rules of Procedures.

**Forus** **Council members should:**

1. Agree to and lead in accordance with Forus’ values.
2. Have experience in and commit to contribute to strategic thinking, capacity-development and advocacy at national, regional or global levels.
3. Be willing to give time required for the functioning of the Forus Council (estimated to be approximatively 0,5 day per month on a regular basis, as well as 4 to 5 additional days per year for meetings - including travel when face-to-face meetings are possible).
4. Have knowledge of global issues, experience in participating in global fora, and expertise on Forus’ core policy issues. Ideally, Council members should also bring experience in fundraising, financial management and public speaking.
5. Commit to the mission, rights and struggle of constituencies they represent in the Forus Council.
6. Have leadership abilities, and a proven record of leading civil society organizations.
7. Have networking abilities with the capacity to involve and build bridges with diverse constituencies, engaging them for better ownership and participation.
8. Commit to engage with other Council members in democratic decision-making, and deal with preferably consensual positions, or if not majority positions while respecting minority opinions.
9. Be part of at least one thematic committee within the Council and be active in its work.
10. Be able to follow-up and deliver on decisions and agreed actions. Devote necessary time and effort to implement and follow through on agreed actions, and report back on a timely basis.
11. Understand and be committed in practice to learning and accountability in political, mobilization, organizational and financial matters.

As mentioned in Forus’ Statutes Art 7.4.b), the “members of the Council serve Forus first and not a Platform or a Regional Coalition. The representations are institutional and not of a personal nature. Each Platform needs to appoint a permanent representative and an alternate representative to the Council. The alternate member needs a proxy for the representation of the permanent member.“

**Application to become part of the Forus Council:**

1. Name, country and Region of the Platform applying to be part of the Forus Council:
2. Name, job title/position and contact details of the Permanent representative proposed for the Forus Council:
3. Please describe in less than 300 words the main motivation of the platform and its representative to become part of the Forus Council, as well as the major skills and assets that they will bring to the Council:
4. Name, job title/position and contact details of the Alternate representative proposed for the Forus Council: