



FOR SME ADVANCEMENT GLOBALLY
An initiative of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), and World Chambers Federation (WCF)

Become a World SME Forum Affiliate

The World SME Forum is a private sector-led initiative that supports SME development worldwide, by providing representation in international bodies and facilitating access to finance, access to global value chains and markets.

On 16 November 2015, G20 leaders welcomed the establishment of WSF in their Antalya Summit communiqué.

WSF is the Business Network Partner for the 2016 China Business 20 (B20) SME Development Taskforce.

The World SME Forum (WSF) is:

- Not-for-profit
- Global
- Independent
- Demand-driven
- Pragmatic
- By private sector, for private sector

Who is involved in WSF?

Founding Members

- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)

Institutional Partners

- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- World Bank Group (WBG)
- International Trade Centre (ITC)

What does WSF do?

Advocacy and Research

WSF represents the interests of the global community of SMEs at international governmental bodies such as the Group of Twenty (G20), Business Twenty (B20), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); global standard setting entities and relevant United Nations bodies.

Advisory Services

WSF offers advisory services and technical assistance to chambers of commerce and SME associations on standards, certification, credit reporting and scoring, and linkages to global value chains.

eWSF - One Stop Shop for SMEs

eWSF will provide digital access to finance, markets, global value chains, networks, innovation, skills, training, expertise, and information.

Who can partner with WSF?

Affiliation is open worldwide to:

- International, Regional, National or Local Chambers
- International, Regional, National or Local SME Associations
- Organizations (NGOs) focused on SME development
- Private or Statutory Organizations, or
- Foundations focused on SME development

Private companies are welcome to partner with WSF by becoming a Corporate Supporter.



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Become a WSF Affiliate to:

Participate in activities and benefit from services under the three pillars of WSF's work program – either at no cost or for a nominal fee.

Utilize WSF as an intermediary and advisor in the interaction with international bodies and policy makers on policy issues of global or regional relevance.

Participate in WSF General Assembly meetings.

Attend WSF annual forums and exclusive conferences with other SME associations and thought leaders.

Access proprietary data and research findings available only to WSF Affiliates.

How much does it cost to become a WSF Affiliate?

Honorary Affiliation

Honorary Affiliation to the World SME Forum is free of charge. Honorary Affiliates are asked for their commitment to cooperate with WSF to:

- Facilitate WSF's engagement with their SME members
- Engage with domestic policy makers and regulators
- Provide WSF with SME data in their possession in accordance with privacy regulations

Honorary Affiliates can attend the WSF General Assembly as observers without voting rights, and are expected to become Permanent Affiliates in due course.

Permanent Affiliation

Permanent WSF Affiliates have voting rights in the WSF General Assembly and participate in the governance of the World SME Forum. Permanent Affiliates make a capital contribution to WSF.

Conversion to Permanent Affiliation is not compulsory for Honorary Affiliates. Affiliates from developing countries with no resources for the capital contribution may remain Honorary Affiliates. Affiliation status will be reviewed by the WSF Board of Trustees on a case-by-case basis.

Apply for membership

For more information on becoming a WSF Affiliate, contact us at:
info@worldsmeforum.org

The WSF will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, country or political affiliation, but it will evaluate aspiring applicant organizations based on a set of "Fit and Proper Best Practices" to guarantee the respect of its values and mandate.