



Associate application

Associate membership is open to investment consultants, law firms, investment banks, rating agencies, and others, subject to IIGCC board approval. We encourage you to reach out if your organisation is not one of those listed above but you feel as though IIGCC membership could still be appropriate for you.

What is IIGCC?

We believe in creating change the world needs by unlocking investor action on climate change.

It's why we're focused on bringing the investment community together to make significant progress towards a net zero and climate resilient future by 2030, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Our work supports investors in generating returns for clients and beneficiaries, which in turn provides financial wellbeing for future generations. We work with our more than 400 members to address climate risk and ensure they are well-positioned to make the most of investment opportunities offered by climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, ensuring that their investments contribute towards a better world for us all to live in. We do this by bringing investors together to create practical solutions that can make a real difference in tackling climate change.

Through our leading work to drive supportive investment practices, policies and corporate behaviours, we help investors to navigate implementation of climate considerations in portfolios, advocate for a more supportive policy environment, and undertake effective stewardship and engagement with companies, and the wider market.

We believe that we can best tackle these challenges by working collaboratively across the global investment community. We have co-founded and fostered initiatives, including Climate Action 100+, the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative, Paris Aligned Asset Owners group and Nature Action 100, to catalyse progress. IIGCC membership provides investors with a route to participation in these various initiatives, as well as support in taking action towards commitments, extending our reach and amplifying our positive impact.

Disclaimer: All written materials, communications, surveys and initiatives undertaken by IIGCC are designed solely to support investors in understanding risks and opportunities associated with climate change and take action to address them. Our work is conducted in accordance with all relevant laws, including data protection, competition laws and acting in concert rules. These materials serve as a guidance only and must not be used for competing companies to reach anticompetitive agreements. IIGCC's materials and services to members do not include financial, legal or investment advice.

Our team cares deeply about making a difference. We're catalysts, pragmatists and optimists who use expertise and collaboration to bridge the gap between where investors are today and where they need to get to.

The world needs change. We are here to make it possible.

Why do we include an option for associate membership?

We aspire to bring together the investment community to achieve our stated mission. Investors will require their entire ecosystem to move in the same direction as them, from regulators and corporate investments, all the way through to investment consultants, accountants, and law firms.

Associate membership is intended to provide other stakeholders in the financial services industry the opportunity to engage with IIGCC's work and contribute towards developing a more enabling environment for investors to achieve net zero alignment.

IIGCC is, and will remain, an investor led organisation, and it is important to note that the interactions with relevant stakeholders will continue to be primarily focused on benefiting the asset owner and manager communities. We believe there is the potential to generate considerable value for investors if stakeholders are appropriately engaged, and equally these engaged stakeholders stand to benefit considerably from developing a deeper understanding of investor ambitions.

Associate membership may also be appropriate for some organisations who are information gathering as they begin developing a responsible investment strategy, but are yet to determine what direction it might take.

Benefits of associate membership

Associate members have access to all of the materials and working groups that investor members have access to, in order to ensure that there are conducive flows of information across the ecosystem.

Associate members are encouraged to actively participate in working groups that are developing further guidance for investors setting net zero targets to bring alternative perspectives and considerations into scope.

As with all members of IIGCC, participation in working groups dedicated to developing guidance is restricted on a discretionary basis to those stakeholders that are best positioned (either through technical expertise or resource availability)

to contribute to the development of the guidance itself. All members will have the capacity to feed into the guidance during a consultation phase, and have access to the final product.

In some cases, IIGCC will actively seek out relationships with relevant stakeholders where relationships would likely be mutually beneficial. Such instances might be for example when IIGCC might look to partner with industry associations to support the dissemination of climate best practices, whilst seeking to benefit from drawing in broader perspectives on net zero alignment.

IIGCC is always looking to co-host events to help support the investment community develop its climate ambitions. Associate membership is a great avenue for relevant stakeholders to help support IIGCC in this manner, demonstrate thought leadership, and deepen the climate expertise of the broader ecosystem.

Associate members are encouraged to:

We encourage associate members of IIGCC to support the sentiment of our mission statement and our objectives, as outlined in our Annual Report. IIGCC encourages associate members to promote IIGCC and its activities within the broader investment industry in order to encourage other organisations to join the IIGCC.

Our mission: We bring the investment community together in making significant progress towards a net zero and climate resilient future by 2030.

There are no reporting requirements associated with IIGCC's membership, or any expectations that an organisation must make a formal net zero commitment.

We encourage associate members to participate in IIGCC's work by attending some of the regular members' meetings and/or joining working groups and initiatives that IIGCC facilitates.

Associate members are permitted to take part in a variety of IIGCC's programmes to benefit from the expertise that IIGCC aspires to convene in its forums.

- Corporate – Focuses on developing stewardship best practices and corporate engagement
- Investor strategies – Focuses on developing guidance for net zero commitments
- Policy – Focuses on supporting investors to understand and influence regional regulation

Considerations of associate membership

There are however a few instances in which associate members might not be permitted to join a working group to avoid conflicts of interest. A few instances might include, but are not limited to:

- IIGCC operates a few working groups exclusively for asset owners which might be out of bounds to associate members subject to IIGCC director level oversight.
- IIGCC leads the most expansive engagement programmes globally for shareholders of corporations considered to be integral to the transition to net zero. As these groups are intended for shareholders of specific corporations, associate members might be limited in their capacity to contribute.

Associate members of IIGCC do not receive the same benefits as full members and are listed separately on the website. It should be noted that associate members do not have the right to vote in general meetings on IIGCC resolutions and governance.

Associate members will not have their organisation's name listed as an associate member on any of IIGCC's publications, guidance, or engagement materials unless explicitly agreed otherwise. Documents include but are not limited to: policy papers, public or private consultation documents, investment frameworks, supplementary guidance, engagement updates, and engagement initiatives.

On occasion, members have asked IIGCC to make it explicit that it is a politically agnostic organisation. IIGCC members are not associated with any IIGCC policy responses by default, members are free to associate themselves with IIGCC policy work where it is appropriate for their organisation to do so.

Membership fees

Fee level	Number of employees	Annual fee for 2023
Associate level 2	>50	£9,400
Associate level 1	<50	£4,640

Applications received part way through the year will be charged pro-rata for the remainder of that year. Membership is renewed on an annual basis and members may cancel their membership whenever they wish. IIGCC is governed by its articles of association.

Application form

Key information:

Name of organisation:	
Trading name for invoices:	
Organisation type:	
Number of full time employees:	
Address of headquarters:	
Website:	
Invoicing contact (name, email address and telephone number):	
Primary contact (if different):	
VAT registration number (non-UK organisations):	
PO number (if relevant):	

Declaration:

To be signed by the Head of Responsible Investment (or equivalent):

Name:	
Job title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

Further contact details:

If you would like additional contacts within your organisation to be able to access IIGCC's member only content and receive emails from us, please list their details:

Name	Job title	Email

Optional further information:

In order for us to provide you with the most relevant information, it is helpful to understand a bit more about your organisation. This information will not be made publicly available and is for internal use only.

Please provide an outline of the services that you provide:

Please explain why you would like to join IIGCC:

Please provide any examples of climate-related initiatives that your organisation is undertaking or intends to undertake in the future:

Please return your completed form to info@iigcc.org.