

Membership Agreement International Chamber of Commerce – Qatar (“ICC-Qatar”)

PART I - INTRODUCTION

a. ICC-QATAR

ICC-Qatar is the national committee of the ICC in the State of Qatar. ICC-Qatar works to connect businesses of the country to the world – and the world to the businesses of Qatar.

Nationally, ICC-Qatar serves as a bridge between the government and businesses in Qatar.

Internationally, ICC-Qatar represents the business community in bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements with the goal of promoting trade expansion and business networking.

The ICC’s influence around the world relies upon its global network of national committees. ICC has national committees in more than 90 countries. These national bodies comprise leading companies and business associations in their countries or territories. National committees shape ICC policies and alert their governments to international business concerns.

For more info visit: <http://www.iccwbo.org/>

b. Eligibility

ICC-Qatar welcomes applications from the following persons who must be based in Qatar, or otherwise have a strong connection to Qatar:

- Corporations and companies;
- National professional and sectoral associations;
- Business and employer federations;
- Law firms and consultancies;
- Chambers of Commerce; and
- Individuals involved in international business.

c. ICC-Qatar Membership Benefits

- ICC members belong to an organization representing businesses from all sectors globally. The ICC established the World Chambers Federation (WCF) in 1951 to advocate its chamber of commerce members worldwide, representing the interests of all local, national, regional, bilateral and transnational chambers of commerce and industry. The WCF works to strengthen links between individual chambers, enabling them to improve their performance and discover new products and services to offer its members.

- ICC works for the liberalization of trade and investment within the multilateral trading system.
- ICC provides business input into the G8/G20 Summits each year as it succeeds in uniting the world's most powerful organizations. Membership will ensure your company automatically gains access to this influential global business network as ICC is also a key business partner of the World Trade Organization, helping to advance its pro-trade agenda.
- Members may submit views, opinions and positions in developing all ICC work, including rules and policies through ICC-Qatar. Being a member of ICC Qatar enables you to take part in the work of ICC's commissions and special working groups, composed of a total of more than 1000 business experts who regularly meet to scrutinize proposed international and governmental initiatives affecting their subject areas. Members of ICC learn what matters for their company at an early stage, allowing them the opportunity to make the right decisions from the start.
- Members of ICC Qatar make use of ICC's network worldwide.
- Members are provided information on all ICC-Paris and ICC-Qatar activities and
 - developments, including events, policies, codes, rules, guidelines; functions,
 - publications, etc.
- All publications of ICC-Paris and ICC-Qatar are made available for the members (annual report, handbook, promotional material, statements, etc.)
- ICC members are crucial in the development of key international trading instruments such as intercoms, uniform customs etc.
- Members have the opportunity to participate in the World Chambers Congress taking place every two years around the world

PART II - APPLICATION FORM

a. Applicant Details (the "Applicant")

[Individual]	[Corporation/ Law Firm]
Name: _____	Name of Corporation/ Law Firm: _____
_____	_____
Date of Birth: _____	Address: _____
Address: _____	_____
_____	Telephone: _____
Telephone: _____	Fax: _____
Fax: _____	Email: _____
Email: _____	Name of Representative: _____

b. Membership Fee

The annual membership fee (the "Fee") shall be as follows:

1 For individuals

First year initial fee: 7500 QAR

Renewal fee: 6750 QAR

2 For law firms:

First year initial fee: 15000 QAR

Renewal fee: 13500 QAR

3 For corporations:

First year initial fee: 20000 QAR

Renewal fee: 18000 QAR

The Fee shall be payable in advance, and is non-refundable.

ICC-Qatar may amend the annual Fee, effective from the date of any subsequent membership renewal. Applicant undertakes to pay ICC-Qatar the full Fee by means of a bank transfer to ICC-Qatar at:

Bank Name : Doha Bank

A/C Name : International Chamber of Commerce

A/C No. : 220-182796-1-10-000

Swift : DOHBQAQA

Payment of the Fee must be made within (10) working days from the date of this application.

c. Entitlements

In consideration of the Fee, the Applicant shall be entitled to receive the benefits set out in Part I (c), above. Applicants who are corporate entities shall be entitled to nominate up to four individual members to receive (where possible) the benefits to which the Applicant is entitled.

For the avoidance of doubt, upon termination or expiry of the membership, the Applicant shall cease to be entitled to any benefits provided herein, and shall have no further association with ICC-Qatar.

d. Membership Duration

Membership shall be valid for one year from receipt of payment. To renew membership, payment of the Fee must be made at least (30) days before the end of the original membership term.

ICC-Qatar reserves the right to terminate Applicant's membership at any time, if in ICC-Qatar's reasonable opinion it finds that Applicant's membership should be discontinued. In the event of such termination, the Applicant shall not be entitled to any compensation, except that ICC-Qatar may reimburse the Fee to the Applicant after prorating it against the remaining term of the membership.

If the Applicant becomes insolvent, or is otherwise dissolved, membership shall be deemed terminated effective immediately.

Unless otherwise expressly agreed, the terms of this application shall carry forward and govern any subsequent membership renewals.

e. Costs and Expenses

Applicant shall be responsible for any costs and expenses it may incur in matters and activities arising under this application or in connection with the membership.

f. Assignment

Neither this application nor any rights or obligations herein, in whole or in part, may be assigned or otherwise transferred by the Applicant.

g. No Agency

Applicant and ICC-Qatar are independent parties, and nothing herein shall be construed to create an agency, joint venture, partnership, or other form of business association between them.

h. No Warranty

Applicant acknowledges that all information provided under this membership are provided “as is” with no warranties or conditions whatsoever, whether express, implied, statutory, or otherwise, and ICC Qatar expressly disclaims any warranty or condition of security, satisfactory quality, non-infringement including non-infringement of third party intellectual property rights, or any warranty or condition otherwise arising out of any proposal, contribution, specification, or sample.

i. Limitation on Liability

In no event will ICC-Qatar be liable to the Applicant for any incidental, consequential, indirect, special or exemplary damages, whether under contract, tort, warranty, condition or otherwise, arising in any way in relation to this or any other related agreement, whether or not such party had advance notice of the possibility of such damages.

j. Trademarks

Applicant shall not use or adopt any trademark, trade name, logo, or similar right of ICC-Qatar without ICC-Qatar’s prior express, written consent.

k. Confidentiality

Applicant shall keep confidential this application and its contents.

Applicant further agrees to keep confidential all materials generated or licensed by ICC-Qatar and by fellow members on behalf of ICC-Qatar.

Notwithstanding the above, confidential information shall not include any information that is (a) rightfully in the public domain other than by a breach of a duty to the disclosing party, or (b) rightfully received from a third party without any obligation of confidentiality.

l. Governing Law and Disputes

This application shall be governed and construed in accordance with the provisions of the Qatar Laws. The Qatar International Center for Arbitration shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter related to this application.

Signed by Authorized Representative

For and on behalf of

Signatory

DATE : _____

[COMPANY STAMP]

“Company stamp is not applicable if the member is an individual”

ICC Membership Benefits

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the world's largest business organization, with a network of over 6.5 million companies, chambers of commerce and business associations in more than 130 countries.

We work to promote international trade, responsible business conduct and a global approach to regulation through a unique mix of advocacy and standard setting activities - together with market-leading dispute resolution services.

Our members include companies from all sizes and sectors, business and employers' federations, law firms and consultancies, chambers of commerce, as well as individual and experts involved in international business.

In December 2016, ICC became the only business organization to be granted "Observer Status" by the United Nations General Assembly.

Our Members enjoy a unique set of benefits, detailed below, which help them build the contacts and knowledge needed to navigate today's global markets.

By joining ICC:

- You become part of the world's largest business organization, whose members include some of the world's most influential and dynamic companies, as well leading experts in international trade and dispute resolution.
- You benefit from ICC's privileged links with major intergovernmental organizations, including the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, and the G20/B20.
- You contribute to advocating business positions which are brought to the attention of national governments worldwide through our network of National Committees in 90 countries.
- You help write the rules and standards that business uses every day to reduce costs and uncertainties in world trade, such as the incoterms Rules, the Uniforms Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (UCP) and the ICC Model Contracts.
- You stay informed of new developments in international regulations through ICC's 12 global policy commissions, covering areas such as banking, customs, intellectual property, environment, anti-corruption, taxation and the digital economy.
- You receive invitations to UN events organized by ICC.
- You build skills and extend your network by receiving member discounts on:
 - Exclusive ICC events on international trade, banking and dispute resolution (up to 20%)¹
 - ICC Academy online courses and certifications on trade finance and export/import (15%)²
 - ICC Publication, covering vital areas for international business such as arbitration, trade finance, commercial contracts and anti-corruption (20%)³.
 - ICC Hotels Corporate Rate

For Chambers of Commerce:

- You automatically become members of World Chambers Federation (WCF), the backbone of the global chamber community, that unites the network of local, regional, national and bilateral chambers. A unique and truly global platform, WCF not only helps chambers innovate, but unites them globally on issues common at the grassroots level in their respective communities and within their organizations.
- As the local voice of business, your chamber is a key ally and ICC's key point of contact in your country, helping us to ensure that the key ICC positions and policy priorities reach your local authorities, as well as disseminate ICC tools and services essential to your local business community.

1 See our calendar of events: <https://iccwbo.org/trainings-events/>

2 See the catalogue of ICC Academy's certifications and online courses: <http://icc.academy/>

3 See the catalogue of ICC Publications on the ICC Store: <http://store.iccwbo.org/>

What to expect from ICC membership

UNPARALLELED NETWORKING: ICC provides business input into the G8/G20 Summits each year as it succeeds in uniting the world's most powerful organizations. Membership will ensure your company automatically gains access to this influential global business network as ICC is also a key business partner of the World Trade Organization, helping to advance its pro-trade agenda. The ICC has also enjoyed the highest general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and its agencies since 1946.

WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATION: ICC speaks with authority on behalf of enterprise across all global business sectors. The ICC established the World Chambers Federation (WCF) in 1951 to advocate its chamber of commerce members worldwide, representing the interests of all local, national, regional, bilateral and transnational chambers of commerce and industry. The WCF works to strengthen links between individual chambers, enabling them to improve their performance and discover new products and services to offer its members.

GLOBAL INFLUENCE: ICC keeps pace with the changing business environment through the formulation of policy in various areas including, banking, commercial law, customs and trade regulation, e-business and taxation. By serving on ICC policy commissions, members contribute their own experience to ICC statements that subsequently influence governmental policy. ICC policy advocacy entails multilateral trade and investment, Intellectual Property protection and Internet governance through the Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP) and Business Action to Support the Information Society (BASIS) initiatives.

INFORMED DECISION MAKING: Governmental and intergovernmental laws and regulations ultimately wield influence on global business activity, yet they are continuously evolving. As an ICC member you will be able to make informed decisions based on the most up-to-date information through ICC Publications, the publishing arm of ICC. The content of ICC Publications is derived from the work of ICC commissions, institutions and individual international experts. It provides resources for conducting international business and is an invaluable source of information for bankers, lawyers, arbitrators and anyone else involved in cross-border trade.

EXPERT INSIGHT: ICC is a treasure trove of information and experience in all matters affecting business operation. It has an array of products and services used by millions of businesspeople. The ICC International Court of Arbitration, created in 1923, has grown to be the most experienced institution for the resolution of international business disputes. While the ICC Institute of World Business Law holds colloquia and trains jurists from around the world on the latest issues in world business law, with a focus on arbitration.

As you can see an ICC membership provides a unique opportunity to advance the success of your business, keeping you armed with the latest information and supporting your business on the international stage. Therefore, please accept my gratitude in advance for your support of this initiative, expected to propel Qatar to the forefront of the international business community.