



## **GSDI Organisational Membership Application Information**

Membership in the GSDI Association as an **Organisational Member** is open to organizations, agencies and institutions with programs and missions consistent with the goals of the GSDI Association and may include:

- government agencies and government organisations\*,
- industry organisations and private companies\*,
- academic organisations and research institutions\*,
- professional, membership and other not-for-profit organisations\*, and
- organisations that are involved in the development or use of spatial data infrastructures\*.

\* at national, regional (multi-nation), and international levels.

Organisations applying for Organisational Membership must agree to pay membership fees and dues as specified by the GSDI Association Council (se Tables 1 and 2 below). Members must appoint an official Delegate and (optionally) a Deputy Delegate on acceptance of their membership application by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

### **Benefits of Joining the GSDI Association**

The benefits of joining the GSDI Association are described and discussed in *Benefits of Joining GSDI* (pdf). This document also answers many “frequently asked questions”.

### **Annual Membership Dues - (All amounts are in US Dollars)**

Dues are scaled based on approximate ability to pay as set forth in Tables 1 & 2 below. The form of the organization and the gross national income per capita for the nation (as determined by current World Bank ranking), determine the amount of annual dues that any specific organization will need to pay.

*Table 1. Dues for Government Agencies, Academic Organizations and Non-Profits*

<i>Gross National Income per Capita</i>	<i>Government Agency or Organisation</i>	<i>Academic Organization</i>	<i>Non-profit Organization</i>
High Income	\$9,000	\$500	\$1,500
Upper Middle Income	\$3,000	\$300	\$800
Lower Middle Income	\$2,000	\$200	\$500
Low Income	\$1,000	\$100	\$300

**Table 2. Dues for Private Companies and For-Profit Industry Organizations**

<i>Amount of Corporate Annual Sales in Previous Year</i>	<i>Corporate Annual Dues for Full Membership in GSDI</i>
Greater than \$10 billion	\$15,000
Greater than \$1 billion	\$12,000
Greater than \$500 million	\$10,000
Greater than \$400 million	\$9,000
Greater than \$300 million	\$8,000
Greater than \$200 million	\$7,000
Greater than \$100 million	\$6,000
Greater than \$50 million	\$5,000
Greater than \$10 million	\$4,000
Greater than \$3 million	\$2,500
Greater than \$1 million	\$1,000
Less than \$1 million	\$500

In Table 1, the form of the organization and the gross national income per capita for the nation, determine the amount of annual dues any specific organization will need to pay. To determine the row under which your nation or organization falls, GSDI uses the World Bank API for World Development Indicators (See Tables 3 and 4 – links below to download the PDF files).

These tables classify all World Bank member countries (188), and all other economies with populations of more than 30,000. For operational and analytical purposes, economies are divided among income groups according to 2014 gross national income (GNI) per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method. The groups are: low income, \$1,045 or less; lower middle income, \$1,046–4,125; upper middle income, \$4,126–12,735; and high income, \$12,736 or more. Geographic classifications in this table cover all income levels.

International and global organizations are assumed to fall in the dues paying column appropriate to their organizational form but in the row of the national income per capita of the median member of their organization.

See Tables 3 and 4 at the URLs below:

**Table 3. World Bank List of Economies (July 2015) – ordered by country name.**

**Table 4. World Bank List of Economies (July 2015) – ordered by income level.**

### **Providing Services in Lieu of Dues**

Organizations in Low or Very Low income nations may choose to provide services in lieu of membership dues. To pursue this option, send the completed application form to the Secretary-General at [SecGen@gsdi.org](mailto:SecGen@gsdi.org) for consideration, along with a statement of the services to be offered in lieu of the membership fee, with objectives, proposed dates and venues if meetings, seminars or workshops are planned, or other deliverables (e.g. studies, reports, webinars, videos, etc.).

### **Further Information or Questions**

Please direct all enquiries to either [SecGen@gsdi.org](mailto:SecGen@gsdi.org) or [President@gsdi.org](mailto:President@gsdi.org).