

What is the DRC INGO Forum?

Strengthening the voice of INGOs

Supporting the resolution of administrative issues

Improving the information sharing and coordination

The International NGO Forum has existed for years in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) with three provincial platforms (Kinshasa, Goma and Bukavu) and provincial working groups (advocacy, administrative obstacles, security, etc.). It gathers all INGOs working in DRC.

It was revived in February 2015 with the set-up of a **Secretariat** of the INGO Forum through the support of ECHO, the Swedish cooperation (SIDA), DFID and the INGOs.

The Secretariat is a **support and advice unit** for INGOs, which main goal is to strengthen the INGO coordination in DRC, to be a platform of information and expertise sharing for INGOs and to ensure the support and advocacy for INGOs administrative harassments.

Currently the INGO Forum has **105 members** but the information sharing activities benefit to all of the 180 INGOs based in DRC.

The Secretariat has **4 staff members**: a Director, an advocacy advisor, a legal expert and an assistant in the East (covering Goma and Bukavu).

The Forum is governed by an Executive Committee with 9 INGOs members from Kinshasa, Goma and Bukavu.

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Every International NGO working in DRC can benefit from the information sharing activities of the Forum and is welcome to participate in the provincial platforms and/or provincial working groups, whether they are members or not.

However, INGOs that pay a membership fee become a « **member** » of the **INGO Forum** and can benefit from the following services:

1. Support for administrative facilities: personalized advice from the legal expert, provision of a guide with legal advices for the legal management of an INGO in DRC, common advocacy for administrative harassments, exchange of experiences, free training, etc.

2. Exchange of information: mention on the INGO Forum website, access to a Dropbox with different key documents (contact lists, Newsletters, humanitarian documents...), etc.

3. Visibility/representation for members: represented voice in coordination fora, visibility of the INGO (flyer, website, etc.), participation on strategic decisions (HCT...), etc.

4. Right to vote at the General Assembly, participation to the decision and strategic orientations of the Forum.

5. Possibility to be elected to the Executive Committee of the INGO Forum for strategic orientations and to be the Chairman of the INGO Forum.

Role of the INGO Forum

- **Support to INGOs members and advocacy for solving common issues;**
- **Improvement of communication** between INGOs and other stakeholders (government, UNOCHA, UN, etc.);
- **Strengthening the voices of INGOs** in the humanitarian architecture and the development community in DRC;
- **Focal point** for INGOs and for external stakeholders;
- Ensuring a **national cohesion** of INGOs (linking Kinshasa and the other Provinces).

Members of the Forum



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