**Observer Membership Application Form**

**International Association of Language Commissioners (IALC)**

Please read the following before completing the application form below.

**Criteria for Observer Membership of the IALC**

Observer Membership may be granted to institutions or organisations who have a mandate to oversee or protect language rights but are unable to fulfil all criteria for full membership set out in the IALC Rules.

Observer Membership is intended for those who have a direct mandate from their government or legislative assembly to oversee or protect language rights and whose role includes investigating, resolving, or making recommendations with regards to language rights.

**Application process**

Applications should be submitted to the secretariat of the IALC and will be reviewed by the Executive and Membership Committee. The decision on whether an applicant meets the criteria for membership will be made at the discretion of the association. The IALC shall decide on applications for membership by majority vote of the full membership of the association.

Membership will be afforded to office holders rather than individuals and afforded to one member from each jurisdiction.

If applicants are not satisfied with the decision, an appeal may be lodged to the Executive and Membership Committee.

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**A. Applicant details:**

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| **Name of applicant institution** |  |
| **Country** |  |
| **Official working languages of the institution** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |
| **E-mail address** |  |
| **Telephone number of applicant (including international dialling code)** |  |
| **Website** |  |
| **Current incumbent** |  |
| **Date of first appointment of current incumbent**  |  |
| **Expiry date of current term** |  |
| **Second point of contact if applicable** |  |
| **Legal foundation (please attach a copy of the legislation)** |  |
| **Most recent annual report (please attach a copy of or hyperlink)** |  |

**B: Description of how the applicant institution was established:**

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| Please provide a brief history describing the establishment of the institution. |
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1. **Description of the mission, vision and objectives of the applicant institution:**

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| Please describe the work of your institution and its relevance to the mission, values and objectives of the IALC Please provide examples and/or case studies where applicable.  |
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1. **Reason for application for Observer membership:**

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| Please explain why you are applying for Observer membership, while indicating which criteria for full membership set out in the IALC rules that you are unable to fulfil, and how you believe an Observer membership will benefit your institution.  |
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1. **Organisational Structure:**

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| Please provide an organisational chart of your institution.  |
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