



Thank you for your interest in becoming a Direct Member of the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU). On behalf of its Members, the World Council:

- Advocates for credit unions and other financial cooperatives in front of international standard setting bodies to reduce regulatory burden and promote growth.
- Serves as the bridge that connects all credit unions to the global movement through both face-to-face and virtual engagement and networking.
- Invests in learning opportunities for credit union professionals to share global perspectives and crowdsource relevant solutions.
- Grows financial inclusion by reaching out to underserved populations, with a focus on expanding relevance to young members and advancing gender equality and empowerment.
- Promotes shared digital platforms and solutions that address common credit union challenges.
- Harnesses the power of the global credit union movement to provide financial products and services that promote sustainable, climate-resilient communities.

Only national and regional organizations of credit unions and financial cooperatives are eligible for affiliation with the World Council as Direct Members. Annual dues are payable in US dollars and are based on the total assets of the financial cooperatives affiliated with each national or regional organization. The World Council Board of Directors reviews and votes on membership applications.

Please complete the following membership application with as much detail as possible. If a question does not apply, please write N/A (not applicable) in the space provided.

Application Checklist

In addition to the membership application form, all submissions must include the following items:

1. A letter of intent from your board of directors requesting World Council membership and certifying that:
 - a. The application was approved by a majority of your directors
 - b. Your organization will abide by the World Council Bylaws and the **WOCCU International Operating Principles**
 - c. Your organization will pay its dues in full
2. The bylaws of your organization
3. The financial statements of your organization for the last three years including balance sheets and income statements audited by an accredited accounting firm.

Instructions for Submitting the Application

Please complete the details requested on this membership application utilizing the text tools within the PDF format. Do not print or scan this document. Once complete, please email the application and all supporting documents to **CEOoffice@woccu.org**. A World Council representative will confirm receipt of the application and will provide details on the anticipated annual dues contribution for your organization.

Name of the Organization	
Address	
Phone/Cell	
E-mail	
Website	

1. General Information

Is your organization a national or regional organization that represents member-owned and controlled financial cooperatives?	
When was your organization founded?	
Are there other organizations representing credit unions or financial cooperatives in your country?	
If yes, please list the names of those national or regional organizations here.	
If yes, please describe your relationship with these organizations. For example, is your organization affiliated with them, do you compete with them, do you share some of the same affiliated cooperatives?	
Please list any other national or international organizations with which your organization is affiliated.	
Please list any external funding sources your organization utilizes for strategic projects or partnerships.	

2. Products and Services (check all that apply to your organization)

Association Services

<input type="checkbox"/>	Representation / Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Promotion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):		

Financial Services

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lending	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central finance facility (liquidity)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Investments in other businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):		

Specialized Services

<input type="checkbox"/>	Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deposit Guarantee / Stabilization Fund
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Rating Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring / Supervision / Regulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):		

3. Affiliated Credit Unions and Financial Cooperatives

Please fill out the following table with data on the credit unions / financial cooperatives **affiliated with your organization**. Please indicate figures in your local currency where applicable.

As of what date are the data noted below?	
How many credit unions / financial cooperatives are affiliated?	
Total number of members	
Total savings / deposits	
Total loans	
Total reserves / institutional capital	
Total assets	

4. National Data on Credit Unions and Financial Cooperatives

In the table below, please list the total figures for credit unions and financial cooperatives in your country, **both** affiliated and non-affiliated. Please indicate figures in your local currency where applicable.

What is the total number of credit unions / financial cooperatives?	
What is the total number of credit union members?	
What is the total of credit union savings and deposits?	
What is the total of credit union loans?	
What is the total of credit union reserves / institutional capital?	
What is the total of credit union assets?	

5. Regulatory Environment

What is the name of the institution(s) that supervises credit unions / financial cooperatives?

Under what type of law are credit unions / financial cooperatives regulated in your country? For example, is this a law specific to cooperatives, financial cooperatives or banks?

6. Organizational Contacts

Title / Position	Name	E-mail
Board Chair		
CEO or Executive Director		
Marketing		
Accounting		
Executive Assistant		