



Terms of reference: CAP International membership

BECOMING A MEMBER OF CAP INTL

To become a member of CAP Intl, individual NGOs must:

- Fit with CAP Intl's **membership criteria**
- Endorse CAP Intl's nature, objectives and priorities as defined in its **Manifesto**
- Fill out the membership **application form**
- Be presented to the General Assembly by CAP Intl's Board
- Be elected by the General Assembly

NATURE AND PRINCIPLES

CAP Intl is a **coalition of frontline abolitionist NGOs**. CAP Intl and its members stand in support of all women, men and children affected by prostitution and in opposition to the system of prostitution, which exploits their precariousness and vulnerabilities.

CAP Intl's **values and principles** are defined in its **Manifesto**, which is endorsed by all its members. We recognise prostitution as:

- A violence in itself
- A fundamental obstacle to equality
- A violation of human dignity and human rights

OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

The **overall objective** of CAP Intl is to contribute to the **adoption and implementation of abolitionist policies and standards** at the domestic, continental and international level.

In order to reach this objective, CAP Intl implements **two strategic priorities**:

- 1- Reinforcing the capacities of each of its member in its own mobilisation.
- 2- Coordinating advocacy initiatives aimed at reinforcing the collective impact of its members.

COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF ABOLITIONIST POLICIES

CAP international advocates for the adoption and implementation of **abolitionist policies and standards**, which include at least the following measures:

- Suppression of repressive measures against prostituted persons;
- Criminalisation of all forms of pimping and procuring;
- Development of real alternatives and exit programmes for those in prostitution;
- Support policies for survivors of prostitution;
- Criminalisation of the purchase of a sexual act;
- Policies of prevention and education, to promote equality and struggle against the commodification of human body;
- Development of prevention policies in the countries of origin of prostituted persons;

- Training policies for all actors involved in the implementation of these measures.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

CAP Intl is a coalition of domestic abolitionist NGOs from all regions of the world.

Membership is restricted to:

- **NGOs:** individuals can support and cooperate in many ways with CAP international but cannot be members.
- **Individual NGOs:** domestic and international networks of NGOs can be strategic partners of CAP international but not members.
- **Domestic NGOs:** CAP international membership is not open to international NGOs.
- **Abolitionist NGOs:** members of CAP international endorse its values and objectives as defined in its Manifesto.

Furthermore, to be eligible for CAP international membership, NGOs must have:

- Prostitution as their main focus of action (being direct services, exiting support, prevention, training, advocacy...)
- OR
- A dedicated and permanent programme on prostitution, including direct services to those in prostitution.

Applicants must send their application form to CAP International's Board. The IB is responsible for membership decisions.