



ETC Global Diaspora Convergence

Launching with GCC and Asia-Pacific
Beginning with Bahrain and Singapore

BAHRAIN

INDIA

SINGAPORE

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Membership & Fellowship Guide

For eligible Indian-citizen NRIs participating in ETC Global Diaspora Convergence across its Bahrain, Singapore and future international cohorts.

MERIT FIRST

Admission through ETC assessment

MEMBER SUPPORTED

Four annual subscription categories

EXPERT LED

Subscription-free Founding Fellows

Initial engagement: GDC Bahrain Cohort and GDC Singapore Cohort. All formal administration and institutional authority remain with ETC in India.



The purpose of GDC

A selective international engagement programme of the Economic Transformation Council, India, connecting the capabilities of its global Indian diaspora with practical economic transformation priorities.

THREE CONNECTED OBJECTIVES

01 Mobilise expertise

Engage qualified Indian-citizen NRIs from industry, research, enterprise and specialist professional fields.



02 Connect institutions

Develop credible professional dialogue and relationships among relevant stakeholders.



03 Advance initiatives

Convert knowledge and collaboration into assessed, ETC-authorised workstreams.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Individual subscribed membership is for eligible Indian citizens holding applicable non-resident status who demonstrate relevant competence, integrity, professional background and potential contribution. Admission is by assessment, not by payment alone.

INITIAL GEOGRAPHIC ENGAGEMENT

Bahrain Cohort

Initial GCC engagement network; a model for subsequent Gulf-country participation.

Singapore Cohort

Initial Asia-Pacific engagement network; prospective regional knowledge and industry collaboration.

Institutional identity: Each cohort is a geographical group of participants within ETC GDC; it is not a separately incorporated overseas organisation, chapter or branch.



Four membership categories

Membership begins with a professional assessment and ETC approval. Annual subscriptions support programme participation and institutional development; they do not purchase appointments or governance influence.

I

Associate Member

₹1,00,000

Core member network, selected knowledge sessions, EDAB insights and general industry forums.

2 expert nominations / year

II

Development Member

₹2,50,000

Additional thematic engagement, industry roundtables and ESIF opportunity screening.

5 expert nominations / year

III

Distinguished Member

₹5,00,000

Expanded EDAB and industry access, screened ESIF matching and eligibility for Deep Tech invitations.

10 expert nominations / year

IV

Patron Member

₹10,00,000

Enhanced strategic briefings, cross-industry dialogues and access to high-level approved initiatives.

20 expert nominations / year

Interpretation: Each allowance is the maximum number of expert candidates a member may nominate in a membership year. A nomination is not an appointment. Founding status is separately selected; it is not a fifth paid tier.



Founding Members & Founding Fellows

The founding structure recognises two different contributions: subscribed institutional commitment by selected members, and expert service through subscription-free appointments.

SUBSCRIBED FOUNDING STATUS

GDC Founding Member

An initial GDC member selected and recognised by ETC from **any approved subscription tier**, based on professional background and potential contribution to GDC's development.

Annual subscription: The member's existing approved tier; no additional founding fee.

Nomination allowance: The member's tier allocation (2, 5, 10 or 20 per year).

Designation: Conferred by ETC on selected initial members.

SUBSCRIPTION-FREE EXPERT STATUS

GDC Founding Fellow

An **appointed or nominated industrial expert** independently approved by ETC to contribute technical knowledge, research, industrial experience or strategic expertise during GDC's establishment.

Individual subscription: None

Entry: ETC appointment or approved nomination

Mandate: Defined expert contribution and term.

ASSESSMENT, SELECTION & INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL

Founding Member: ETC assesses professional background and contribution potential, admits the applicant under an approved membership tier, and may separately recognise selected initial members as Founding Members. No additional founding subscription applies.

Founding Fellow: ETC assesses each appointed or nominated industrial expert and issues a defined, subscription-free Fellowship appointment. A member nomination alone does not confer this status.

Important: Founding Members and Founding Fellows are different designations. Neither receives independent ETC governance, contracting, investment-allocation or overseas-representation authority. Other approved invited experts may also participate without automatically becoming Founding Fellows.



What membership provides

GDC membership is designed as an active institutional relationship that enables participation, informed dialogue and contribution to ETC-authorized economic initiatives.

CORE SERVICES FOR ALL APPROVED MEMBERS

Professional network



Eligible participation in ETC-administered member exchanges and structured introductions.

Knowledge access



Selected institutional publications, economic briefings and online knowledge sessions.

Expert nominations



Right to submit consenting expert candidates within the applicable annual allowance.

Contribution channel



Opportunity to submit professional insights, research and proposals for ETC evaluation.

HOW ENGAGEMENT DEEPENS BY CATEGORY

ASSOCIATE

Knowledge publications and open digital forums.

DEVELOPMENT

Thematic EDAB dialogue, selected roundtables and ESIF project screening.

DISTINGUISHED

Specialist consultations, industry circles, screened investment introductions and Deep Tech eligibility.

PATRON

Strategic briefings, cross-industry dialogue and selected high-level programmes.

Access does not equal appointment: Programme invitations and expert responsibilities depend on suitability, availability and ETC approval.



Institutional access by tier

The following access pathways distinguish programme visibility, participation and screening. Every specialised invitation remains subject to suitability, capacity and ETC's relevant safeguards.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

₹1 LAKH

EDAB	Published insights and open knowledge sessions
ESIF	Educational briefings; no bespoke investor matching
INDUSTRY	General cross-sector digital forums
DEEP TECH	Not included

DEVELOPMENT MEMBER

₹2.5 LAKH

EDAB	Selected thematic dialogue and expert briefings
ESIF	Eligible opportunity submission for initial screening
INDUSTRY	Sector roundtables and selected consultations
DEEP TECH	Not included

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

₹5 LAKH

EDAB	Invited specialist consultations
ESIF	Eligible for screened, curated introductions
INDUSTRY	Specialist working groups and industry circles
DEEP TECH	Invited expert sessions, subject to assessment

PATRON MEMBER

₹10 LAKH

EDAB	Invited strategic programme briefings
ESIF	Eligible for curated introductions and forums
INDUSTRY	Cross-industry strategic dialogue
DEEP TECH	Invited strategic sessions, subject to assessment

Boundaries: Access does not confer any EDAB/DTIC seat, approval to advise on investments, entitlement to investor introductions, a project allocation, assured funding or financial return.



ETC institutional channels

GDC extends professional engagement through ETC's advisory, industry, investment-connection and advanced-technology programme channels.

EDAB



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BODY

Research, economic development perspectives, policy interpretation, specialised industry assessments and consultations. Enhanced dialogue access is available by tier and individual relevance.

ESIF



ECONOMIC STRATEGIC INVESTORS FORUM

Investment opportunity intelligence, eligible project submissions and controlled matchmaking between suitable parties. Screened introductions may be considered under the applicable regulatory framework.

INDUSTRY



INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT NETWORK

Participation progresses from general forums to industry-specific roundtables, specialist working groups and approved cross-industry strategic dialogues.

DTIC



DEEP TECH INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Advanced-technology discussions, innovation research and specialist collaboration. Participation is restricted to eligible Distinguished and Patron Members, subject to invitation and review.

ESIF: CONTROLLED INVESTMENT MATCHMAKING

A potential opportunity may proceed from submission, relevance and eligibility review, and regulatory screening to an introduction by appropriately authorised parties. GDC or ESIF membership does not guarantee matchmaking, financing, investment allocation, returns or execution of a transaction.



Expert nomination privileges

Subscribed members can help build GDC's intellectual and industrial network by referring qualified professionals who consent to ETC assessment.

ASSOCIATE 2 PER YEAR	DEVELOPMENT 5 PER YEAR	DISTINGUISHED 10 PER YEAR	PATRON 20 PER YEAR
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NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS

01

Candidate recommended

An active paid member submits the credentials of a consenting professional within their allowance.

02

Independent review

ETC assesses expertise, ethical standing, fit, eligibility and the contribution required.

03

Selection and classification

ETC decides whether the individual will be an Invited Expert, Founding Fellow or other authorised specialist.

04

Defined contribution

Approved experts receive written appointment or participation terms, scope and duration.

Subscription-free expertise: Approved Founding Fellows are appointed or nominated industrial experts who do not pay an individual subscription. Not every nominated expert automatically qualifies as a Founding Fellow. ETC may appoint experts independently of paid-member nominations.

Integrity: Nominations are non-transferable, may not be sold or traded, and never guarantee admission or a position in ETC governance.



From interest to membership

Only applicants who have satisfied ETC's admission process receive an invitation to subscribe. Founding Fellows use an expert appointment route and are not required to subscribe.

01 Express interest

Supply essential identity, current residence and professional details.

02 Institutional assessment

Provide requested credentials and participate in screening or discussion.

03 Receive formal invitation

ETC confirms the approved tier, benefits, term and applicable conditions.

04 Pay and onboard

Accept the offer, remit the invoice and receive confirmation of membership.

05 Engage and renew

Participate in activities and complete the applicable annual review and renewal process.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT & PROTECTION

Banking: Approved Indian-citizen NRI members are expected to remit subscription payments from their own eligible NRE or NRO accounts to ETC's designated Indian bank account, subject to applicable banking, tax and compliance controls.

Before payment: ETC will supply the accepted offer, applicable invoice, taxes, renewal provisions, cancellation/refund terms and any separate charges. Members must use only verified official payment instructions.



How the cohorts operate

Bahrain and Singapore identify participant residence and regional engagement priorities under one India-administered ETC GDC programme.

GDC Bahrain Cohort

The initial Gulf Cooperation Council engagement network, bringing NRI industrial, technical and professional knowledge into ETC's research and economic collaboration framework.

GDC Singapore Cohort

The initial Asia-Pacific engagement network, connecting NRI expertise in industry, technology, finance, research and international trade with ETC's initiatives.

INITIAL OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS

Governance in India

Membership, appointments, official documentation, contracts and policy decisions remain with ETC in India.

In-person activity in India

Official direct meetings, institutional events and conferences are initially held in India.

Remote international participation

Global consultations, working groups and communications operate online through ETC-administered Indian channels.

Overseas activity only when authorised

Physical events, offices or other operations abroad require the applicable host-country legal structures and permissions.

Location does not imply establishment: The geographic name of a cohort does not represent a separate local legal entity or confer permission to act for ETC within the host jurisdiction.

Important questions answered

The following answers summarise participation and institutional boundaries; the formal offer and published programme policies govern specific member entitlements.

Can I join simply by paying?

No. ETC reviews eligibility, merit and institutional suitability before inviting an applicant to subscribe.

Are Founding Members and Founding Fellows the same?

No. Founding Members are selected initial members from any paid tier, recognised by ETC without an additional fee. Founding Fellows are appointed or nominated industrial experts with no individual subscription.

Does my nomination quota guarantee expert appointments?

No. It permits candidate submission only. ETC independently evaluates and classifies every candidate.

Do Founding Fellows receive member-tier commercial benefits?

No automatic paid-tier benefits follow from a subscription-free Fellowship appointment. The appointment states its own scope and privileges.

Does Distinguished or Patron status guarantee committee access?

No. EDAB and Deep Tech engagements require relevant competence and invitation; neither tier grants a committee seat.

Does ESIF membership guarantee an investor or funding?

No. Any potential introduction is subject to suitability and regulatory screening, with no guaranteed match, allocation or return.

Will cohorts organise physical overseas meetings now?

No. Direct official activities will initially be hosted in India; international participation is coordinated online through ETC channels.



Institutional status & contact

This membership information guide of ETC Global Diaspora Convergence is issued for interested applicants, enrolled members, expert nominees and institutional stakeholders.

KEY STATUS DEFINITIONS

Member

An individual approved into a defined annual subscription category.

Founding Member

An initial member recognised by ETC from any approved subscription tier, based on background and contribution potential, without an additional founding fee.

Founding Fellow

An ETC-appointed or approved nominated industrial expert who participates without an individual membership subscription.

Invited Expert

A specialist approved for a defined programme role without automatically obtaining paid membership or Founding Fellow status.

Cohort

A geographically identified participation group within the India-administered GDC programme.

Institutional safeguards: GDC programme affiliation does not itself confer statutory ETC membership, voting rights, governance authority, power to enter contracts on ETC's behalf, investment entitlement or an overseas establishment. All participation is subject to ETC policy and applicable law.

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