

NGO FORUM

Refer to NGO Profiles section for basic organizational and contact information.

1. Briefly describe the members of your network, including any rules for membership.

NGO Forum is open to all registered civil society organizations including private sector and local government

2. Is your network more formal or informal?

- Registered under the Company Act
- Formal network
- Monthly statutory meeting of the Board of Trustees, made up of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight Trustees from various member organisations
- Meeting place and office at the Guyana Red Cross Headquarters, Eve Leary
- No paid staff at present

3. List at least two significant benefits that the network provides for its members.

- The NGO Forum network offers itself as an initial contact for other entities, and is able to update members on issues of concern to NGOs
- Cross-fertilization of ideas
- Helps NGOs to engage in dialogue with government and donor agencies

4. What special challenges have faced you as a network, and how were they overcome (or not)?

- Stability of membership
- Fundraising and financial support

5. What advice would you give to others on networking or forming/joining a network?

- Publicize your work to gain visibility and credibility.
- Improve dialogue among NGOs, e.g. by sharing newsletters

- Engage in a more active way with regard to governmental programmes, e.g. poverty alleviation, public sector training programmes

6. Is there anything else that you would like to say about networking or networks/coalitions?

Capacity building could be supported through better communication and interaction of NGOs