

Join your local Network Committee and become a change-maker

amfori Networks refers to a group of members from the same country that meet to exchange best practice and information. The importance of our Networks has grown year-on-year. Their role as intermediaries between members and the Secretariat has become more crucial and this has been reflected in amfori's new governance structure.

Network Committees (NCs) are a new addition to that structure. They are made up of representatives of members who engage to support amfori activities in their region.

Shaping our future: your role

National Committees have been formed in recognition of the need to mobilise countries around particular causes and/or consult members on strategic and technical issues. Committee members will also play an important role in supporting the Network Chair, Vice-Chair and Representative by identifying relevant topics for discussion and country-specific undertakings

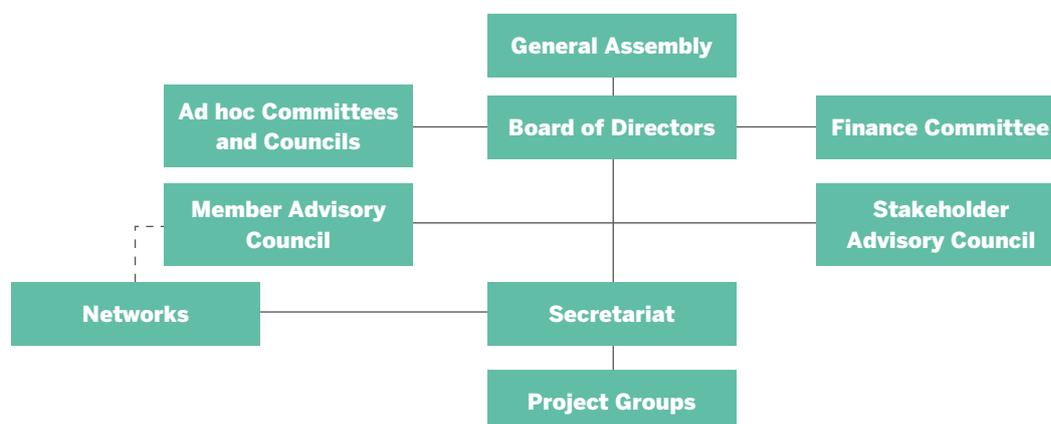
At the request of any of amfori's bodies, Network Committees will provide non-binding strategic and/or operational guidance on issues relating to open and sustainable trade. Committees will also act as go-betweens, communicating information and key messages from the amfori Secretariat to members and vice versa.

Benefits

- ✓ Participate in and inform discussions on sustainable trade issues affecting your country
- ✓ Take an active role and make your mark on amfori's activities and development
- ✓ Boost your Network's international profile
- ✓ Increase your knowledge of trade and sustainability

How are the amfori Network Committees structured and what is the criteria?

The number of members in each Network Committee will vary from one country to another, depending on the need. They will seek to reflect the diversity of our Network in terms organisation size, sector, the gender of the representatives and the amfori services they use. Candidates should be representatives of Ordinary amfori members and have expertise in trade and sustainability issues.



What is expected of a member of an amfori Network Committee?

It is expected that a Network Committee member will be aware of his/her responsibility towards all amfori members and support the interests of the association as a whole.

Members of the Network Committee will actively engage in preparing Network meetings and supporting the Network Chair and Vice-Chair on a regular basis. Given that Network meetings take place at least twice a year, and that there are various activities taking place in the meantime, candidates need to be prepared to contribute up to 4-6 days each year.



The amfori Network Switzerland has been using a member committee for four years, and it's proven to be the best way of gathering member feedback and expertise on a personal and practical level. The new amfori Network Committees are a confirmation of this method's viability and will allow other Networks to reap the same benefits that Swiss members have been experiencing

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How to apply?

Interested persons are invited to fill out the [online application](#) between 30 January and 5 March 2018. You will be asked to provide professional background information, your motivation for joining an NC, a short account of your relevant expertise and what you feel you can bring to the NC. Network Committee members will be appointed by the Secretariat later in March.

As a general rule, a member cannot be represented simultaneously in more than two bodies of the association to allow for a broad diversity of companies to participate and be represented.

Put your candidacy forward for the following Network Committees:

[Finland](#)

[France](#)

[Germany](#)

[Spain](#)



The Network Committee will provide an opportunity for amfori member representatives to delve into issues on a deeper level. The intimacy of Network Committee meetings will make them a great place for members to voice their feedback and ideas to amfori Network Representatives, allowing them to actively shape their association. I'm sure that going forward the Committee will be a dynamic hub for information sharing and support

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