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FOREWORD



OUR VISION

To be a globally respected federation that drives economic growth, fosters innovation, and empowers businesses and communities worldwide.



OUR MISSION

To connect businesses, promote ethical leadership, facilitate global collaboration, and contribute to sustainable economic development through knowledge, innovation, partnerships, and responsible governance.



OUR PURPOSE

To create a dynamic platform that supports enterprises, entrepreneurs, professionals, and institutions through networking, knowledge sharing, business support services, and international cooperation.



OUR STRENGTH

A membership-based organization with 17+ countries, diverse industries, and a shared commitment to building a strong, innovative, and sustainable global business community.



OUR REACH

Connecting members, opportunities, and markets across the globe through chapters, strategic partnerships, events, publications, and digital platforms.

Economic development is the foundation of thriving communities and prosperous nations. In today's interconnected world, collaboration, knowledge, and ethical leadership are essential for sustainable growth. The **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global)** was established with a vision to create a powerful platform where businesses, professionals, and institutions come together to drive inclusive economic development and create meaningful impact.

This **Public By-Laws & Governance Manual** reflects our commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance. It outlines our principles, policies, and procedures, ensuring that every member understands the framework within which the Association operates.

Through conferences, workshops, webinars, trade shows, business forums, investor meets, networking platforms, publications, and international collaborations, FEDA Global continues to play a pivotal role in empowering members and fostering strong business ecosystems across 17+ countries.

We believe that strong governance builds trust, and trust builds lasting relationships. This manual is a guide for our members, leaders, and partners as we work together toward a common goal—economic growth, innovation, and global prosperity.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all members, leaders, volunteers, and partners whose dedication strengthens our mission and enables us to create opportunities, share knowledge, and build a better future for all.

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Together, we are building a stronger, more connected, innovative, and sustainable global business community for generations to come.



GLOBAL
NETWORK



KNOWLEDGE
SHARING



BUSINESS
COLLABORATION



ECONOMIC
GROWTH



SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT



ETHICS &
GOVERNANCE



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Members, Partners, Industry Leaders,
Entrepreneurs, and Friends,*

It is my privilege and honor to welcome you to the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** and to present this Public By-Laws & Governance Manual, which reflects our commitment to transparency, ethical governance, professionalism, and sustainable economic development.

India is one of the world's fastest-growing economies, powered by the determination of entrepreneurs, the resilience of MSMEs, the strength of its industries, and the aspirations of millions of professionals. At FEDA Global India, we believe that economic development is best achieved when businesses, institutions, government, academia, investors, and communities work together with a shared vision of inclusive and sustainable growth.

FEDA Global India serves as a national platform dedicated to strengthening the business ecosystem through collaboration, knowledge sharing, leadership development, innovation, international networking, and strategic partnerships. As an integral part of the wider **FEDA Global** network spanning 17+ countries, we are committed to creating opportunities that connect Indian enterprises with global markets, investment prospects, and international collaborations.

This Public By-Laws & Governance Manual has been prepared to provide a clear understanding of the Association's governance framework, membership principles, ethical standards, organizational structure, and operational philosophy. It establishes the guiding principles that shape our decisions and reinforces our commitment to accountability, integrity, inclusiveness, and responsible leadership.

At FEDA Global India, our mission extends beyond networking. We strive to create an ecosystem where businesses can learn, grow, collaborate, and succeed through initiatives including:

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|  Business Networking Platforms |  Conferences, Seminars & Webinars |
|  MSME Development Programs |  Trade Shows & Business Delegations |
|  Startup & Innovation Support |  Business Matchmaking |
|  International Business Forums |  Professional Publications |
|  Investor Meets |  Leadership Development |
|  Knowledge Sharing Sessions |  Policy Dialogue & Strategic Industry Collaborations |

Through our publications, including **FEDA Economist** and **FEDA Global Sources**, we aim to provide members with valuable industry insights, market intelligence, business opportunities, and a platform to showcase their achievements and innovations.

As President of FEDA Global India, I firmly believe that an organization's strength lies not only in its leadership but also in the dedication, integrity, and active participation of its members. Every entrepreneur empowered, every partnership established, every innovation encouraged, and every business opportunity created contributes to the larger vision of a stronger and more prosperous India.

This governance manual represents our promise to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, transparency, fairness, and professionalism in all our activities. It also serves as a guide for our members, office bearers, chapter leaders, volunteers, partners, and stakeholders as we work together to strengthen the Association and expand its impact across India and beyond.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Governing Council, Executive Committee, Advisory Board, State and District Chapters, volunteers, strategic partners, sponsors, and every member who continues to contribute to the success and growth of FEDA Global India. Your trust, commitment, and shared vision inspire us to pursue excellence every day.

As we move forward, let us continue to embrace innovation, strengthen collaboration, promote responsible entrepreneurship, and create lasting value for businesses, communities, and future generations.

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected, and globally competitive business community that contributes meaningfully to India's economic progress and the advancement of international cooperation.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we shape a future built on collaboration, integrity, innovation, and sustainable development.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The future of India's economic development lies in collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, and global partnerships. Together, let us build an ecosystem where every entrepreneur, every enterprise, and every community has the opportunity to thrive.”

With Warm Regards,

Dr. Murshid Sarwar

President

FEDA Global India

Together for Inclusive Growth, Responsible Leadership, and Global Business Excellence.



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ARTICLE

01

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

SHORT TITLE, COMMENCEMENT & APPLICABILITY

1.1 Short

This governing document shall be known and may be cited as the “**FEDA Global India Public By-Laws & Governance Manual – 2026**” (hereinafter referred to as the “**By-Laws**”, “**Governance Manual**”, or the “**Manual**”).

This Manual constitutes the official public governance framework of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** and establishes the guiding principles, governance structure, membership framework, ethical standards, administrative procedures, and operational policies governing the activities of the Association.

For all official communications, publications, governance matters, policy references, and administrative purposes, this publication shall be recognized as the principal governance document of the Association unless superseded by subsequent amendments approved by the competent governing authority.

1.2 Purpose of the Manual

The purpose of this Governance Manual is to establish a transparent, accountable, ethical, and professionally managed governance framework that promotes the orderly functioning of the Association while supporting its vision of advancing economic development through collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship, knowledge sharing, and international cooperation.

This Manual has been prepared to:

- a. Establish a uniform governance framework for all levels of the Association.
- b. Define the constitutional principles governing the Association.
- c. Describe the organizational structure and governance hierarchy.
- d. Define the powers, duties, responsibilities, and accountability of office bearers.
- e. Establish transparent membership policies.
- f. Promote ethical leadership and professional conduct.
- g. Ensure consistency in decision-making across all chapters.
- h. Support sustainable institutional growth.

- i. Protect the interests of members and stakeholders.
- j. Promote transparency and accountability in governance.
- k. Encourage responsible leadership and sound organizational practices.
- l. Strengthen institutional credibility before government agencies, strategic partners, corporate members, educational institutions, investors, and international stakeholders.

1.3 Nature of this Publication

This Manual is an official governance publication of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

It is intended to provide public guidance regarding the Association's governance philosophy, organizational framework, membership administration, ethical standards, operational procedures, and institutional practices.

This publication serves as a governance reference for:

- Members
- Office Bearers
- Governing Council
- Executive Committee
- Advisory Board
- State Chapters
- District Chapters
- International Chapters
- Volunteers
- Strategic Partners
- Sponsors
- Educational Institutions
- Corporate Members
- Government Authorities
- Regulatory Agencies
- Industry Associations

- Media
- General Public

1.4 Commencement

These By-Laws shall come into force on the date approved and adopted by the competent governing authority of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

Unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Governing Council, these By-Laws shall remain in force until amended, revised, repealed, or replaced in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this Manual.

Any amendment adopted under the prescribed amendment procedures shall become effective from the date of approval or such later date as may be determined by the competent authority.

1.5 Applicability

These By-Laws shall apply to all governance, administrative, operational, membership, and institutional activities undertaken in the name of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), including but not limited to:

a. National Headquarters

All operations conducted through the National Headquarters.

b. State Chapters

Every officially recognized State Chapter established under the authority of FEDA Global India.

c. District Chapters

All District Chapters and local units operating under the Association.

d. Committees

Permanent, temporary, advisory, technical, sectoral, and special committees constituted by the Association.

e. Office Bearers

All elected, appointed, nominated, or designated office bearers of the Association.

f. Members

Every category of membership recognized by the Association, irrespective of geographical location.

g. Volunteers

Volunteers, coordinators, facilitators, ambassadors, and designated representatives acting on behalf

of the Association.

h. Events

All conferences, seminars, workshops, webinars, trade shows, exhibitions, networking forums, investor meets, business delegations, and official events organized, co-organized, or endorsed by the Association.

i. Publications

All official publications, journals, newsletters, magazines, digital publications, reports, policy papers, and research documents issued by the Association.

j. Digital Platforms

All official websites, member portals, digital communities, communication platforms, online learning systems, mobile applications, and digital resources administered by the Association.

1.6 Territorial Scope

These By-Laws shall govern the operations of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) throughout the Republic of India.

Where the Association collaborates with or supports activities involving international chapters, partner organizations, or overseas stakeholders, such activities shall additionally be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the relevant jurisdiction.

Nothing in these By-Laws shall be interpreted as extending the legal jurisdiction of FEDA Global India beyond what is permitted under applicable law.

1.7 Public Nature of the Manual

This Governance Manual is intended to be a publicly available document to promote transparency, accountability, and confidence among members, partners, sponsors, public authorities, and other stakeholders.

The publication may be made available through official print and digital channels, including the Association's website and authorized publications.

However, internal operational procedures, confidential administrative instructions, financial records, personnel information, strategic plans, and other restricted materials may be maintained separately and shall not be deemed public solely by virtue of this Manual.

1.8 Relationship with Applicable Law

The provisions contained in this Manual shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with the Constitution of India and all applicable central, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and governmental directives.

In the event of any inconsistency between these By-Laws and any applicable law, the applicable law shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

Nothing contained in this Manual shall authorize, permit, or encourage any activity prohibited under applicable law.

1.9 Interpretation

These By-Laws shall be interpreted in a manner that best advances the objectives, mission, and public interest responsibilities of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

Where ambiguity arises, interpretations shall seek to promote:

- Good governance
- Transparency
- Fairness
- Accountability
- Ethical leadership
- Institutional integrity
- Sustainable economic development
- Equal opportunity
- Responsible administration

1.10 Guiding Philosophy

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) believes that enduring economic development is achieved through ethical leadership, responsible entrepreneurship, knowledge sharing, innovation, collaboration, and sustainable institutional growth.

Accordingly, these By-Laws are intended not merely as a set of administrative rules, but as a governance framework that fosters trust, professionalism, inclusiveness, and long-term value creation for members, partners, and the wider community.

The Association shall continuously review and strengthen its governance practices to align with evolving legal requirements, emerging best practices, and the changing needs of India's business ecosystem, while remaining committed to its founding principles of integrity, collaboration, and service.



Article 1 Summary

Article 1 establishes the legal identity and foundational scope of the Governance Manual by defining its title, purpose, commencement, applicability, territorial reach, public nature, relationship with applicable law, principles of interpretation, and the overarching governance philosophy that will guide the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) in all its activities. It serves as the constitutional gateway to the remaining provisions of this Manual.

ARTICLE

02

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

2.1 Purpose

This Article establishes the definitions and rules of interpretation applicable throughout the **FEDA Global India Public By-Laws & Governance Manual**. These definitions are intended to ensure consistency, clarity, transparency, and uniform application of the provisions contained herein.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Article.

2.2 Definitions

2.2.1 Association

“Association” means the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)**, including its duly constituted National Office, State Chapters, District Chapters, International Collaborations, Committees, Councils, Members, Office Bearers, and officially recognized operating units.

2.2.2 FEDA

“FEDA” refers to the **Federation of Economic Development Association**, including all officially registered entities, recognized chapters, and approved initiatives operating under the FEDA brand.

2.2.3 FEDA Global India

“FEDA Global India” refers to the Indian National Chapter responsible for coordinating and administering the Association’s activities within India while collaborating with FEDA Global Council and international chapters.

2.2.4 FEDA Global Council

“FEDA Global Council” means the international governing body responsible for promoting collaboration, strategic direction, international partnerships, and coordination among recognized FEDA chapters across different countries.

2.2.5 Governing Council

The “Governing Council” means the highest policy-making and governing authority of FEDA Global India responsible for strategic governance, institutional oversight, and long-term organizational development.

2.2.6 Executive Committee

The “Executive Committee” means the executive body responsible for implementing the policies, decisions, and resolutions approved by the Governing Council.

2.2.7 Advisory Board

The “Advisory Board” means a panel of distinguished professionals, industry experts, academicians, policymakers, and subject matter specialists appointed to provide strategic guidance and expert recommendations to the Association.

2.2.8 Office Bearers

“Office Bearers” include all elected, appointed, nominated, or designated individuals holding official positions within the Association, including but not limited to:

- President
- Vice President(s)
- Secretary General
- Joint Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Director
- National Coordinators
- State Presidents
- District Presidents
- Committee Chairs
- Other authorized officials

2.2.9 Member

A “Member” means any individual, institution, organization, company, educational institution, MSME, startup, association, professional body, or corporate entity admitted to membership in accordance with these By-Laws.

2.2.10 Chapter

A “Chapter” means an officially recognized organizational unit established by the Association to administer and promote its objectives within a defined geographical or sectoral jurisdiction.

Chapters may include:

- National Chapters
- State Chapters

- District Chapters
- International Chapters
- Sector Councils
- Professional Networks

2.2.11 Committee

A “Committee” means any permanent, standing, temporary, advisory, technical, disciplinary, or special committee constituted under the authority of the Association.

2.2.12 Council

“Council” means any officially constituted advisory or functional council established to support the objectives of the Association.

2.2.13 General Body

The “General Body” means the collective body of members entitled to participate in meetings, deliberations, and voting in accordance with these By-Laws.

2.2.14 Resolution

A “Resolution” means a formal decision adopted by the competent authority of the Association through the prescribed governance procedures.

2.2.15 Meeting

“Meeting” includes any duly convened physical, virtual, hybrid, or electronic meeting conducted by the Association or its authorized bodies.

2.2.16 Quorum

“Quorum” means the minimum number of eligible participants required for conducting valid business during any meeting.

2.2.17 Economic Development

“Economic Development” refers to initiatives that promote entrepreneurship, employment, business growth, innovation, investment, productivity, trade, skills, sustainability, and overall improvement in economic well-being.

2.2.18 Business Support Services

“Business Support Services” means educational, networking, mentoring, promotional, information-sharing, capacity-building, referral, and facilitation services intended to strengthen businesses and entrepreneurs.

These services do not include regulated professional services unless specifically delivered by appropriately licensed professionals.

2.2.19 Business Matchmaking

“Business Matchmaking” means the facilitation of introductions, networking opportunities, and business connections between members and stakeholders without guaranteeing commercial outcomes or contractual relationships.

2.2.20 Knowledge Sharing

“Knowledge Sharing” includes seminars, workshops, webinars, conferences, publications, research, mentoring, panel discussions, executive forums, and educational initiatives organized by the Association.

2.2.21 International Collaboration

“International Collaboration” means lawful cooperation between FEDA Global India and organizations, institutions, businesses, governments, or international chapters for mutually beneficial activities consistent with applicable laws.

2.2.22 Strategic Partner

A “Strategic Partner” means an organization or institution that collaborates with the Association under a formal arrangement to advance shared objectives.

2.2.23 Sponsor

A “Sponsor” means an individual or organization providing financial or non-financial support to approved programs or activities of the Association.

2.2.24 Publication

“Publication” includes books, journals, magazines, newsletters, reports, policy papers, research documents, digital publications, and official communications issued under the authority of the Association.

2.2.25 Digital Platform

“Digital Platform” includes official websites, portals, mobile applications, online communities, digital learning systems, communication channels, and other electronic resources administered by the Association.

2.2.26 Volunteer

A “Volunteer” means an individual who contributes services to the Association without entering into an employment relationship, subject to applicable policies.

2.2.27 Stakeholder

A “Stakeholder” includes members, partners, sponsors, educational institutions, government agencies, corporate entities, professional bodies, volunteers, donors, beneficiaries, and any other persons or organizations having a legitimate interest in the Association’s activities.

2.3 Rules of Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- Words importing one gender include all genders.
- References to a “person” include natural persons, legal entities, companies, partnerships, institutions, trusts, societies, and other recognized bodies.
- References to “writing” include electronic communications where legally recognized.
- References to “law” include statutes, rules, regulations, notifications, and amendments in force from time to time.
- Headings are provided for convenience and shall not affect interpretation.

2.4 Interpretation Authority

Where any ambiguity, uncertainty, or inconsistency arises regarding the interpretation of these By-Laws, the matter shall be referred to the Governing Council or such authority as may be designated under these By-Laws.

Interpretations shall be guided by:

- The objectives of the Association.
- Principles of good governance.
- Transparency and accountability.
- Equity and fairness.
- Applicable laws and regulations.
- The long-term interests of the Association.

2.5 Guiding Principles of Interpretation

These By-Laws shall always be interpreted to promote:

- Ethical governance.
- Institutional integrity.
- Responsible leadership.
- Inclusive participation.
- Sustainable economic development.
- Equal opportunity.
- Transparency.



- Professional excellence.
- Collaboration.
- Public benefit.

No provision shall be interpreted in a manner that defeats the stated objectives of the Association or permits conduct inconsistent with applicable law or the Association's Code of Ethics.

Article 2 Summary

Article 2 establishes a common legal and operational vocabulary for the Governance Manual. By defining key organizational terms and setting out consistent rules of interpretation, it ensures that every provision of the By-Laws is applied uniformly, transparently, and in alignment with the Association's objectives, governance principles, and applicable legal requirements.

ARTICLE

03

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

NATURE AND LEGAL STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

3.1 Establishment

The **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** (hereinafter referred to as the “**Association**”) is established as a membership-based professional organization dedicated to promoting economic development, entrepreneurship, innovation, business collaboration, knowledge exchange, and sustainable institutional growth.

The Association shall function in accordance with its registered constitutional documents, applicable laws, these By-Laws, and the resolutions adopted by its competent governing authorities.

3.2 Nature of the Association

FEDA Global India shall function as a voluntary membership organization established for promoting economic development through collaboration, professional networking, business support initiatives, knowledge dissemination, research, and leadership development.

The Association is formed to create an organized platform where businesses, professionals, institutions, entrepreneurs, investors, industry bodies, and policymakers may collaborate for mutual growth and national development.

The Association shall maintain a non-political, non-religious, and non-sectarian character in the conduct of its official activities.

3.3 Legal Identity

FEDA Global India shall possess its own legal identity in accordance with the applicable laws governing its registration.

The Association shall have perpetual succession, subject to applicable law and its constitutional documents, and may perform such lawful acts as are necessary to achieve its objectives.

The Association may:

- Acquire movable property.
- Hold intellectual property.
- Enter into lawful agreements.

- Open and operate bank accounts.
- Receive membership subscriptions.
- Receive grants, sponsorships, donations, and contributions permitted by law.
- Organize educational and business development programmes.
- Publish journals, magazines, reports, and educational materials.
- Conduct conferences and professional events.
- Collaborate with governmental, academic, corporate, and international organizations.
- Undertake any other lawful activity consistent with its objectives.

3.4 Independent Governance

The Association shall function independently in the administration of its affairs.

Its decisions shall be made through the governance framework established under these By-Laws and shall not be influenced by any individual, organization, political interest, or external body except where required under applicable law.

All office bearers shall discharge their responsibilities in the best interests of the Association and its members.

3.5 Public Benefit Orientation

The Association exists to advance the interests of its members while simultaneously contributing to broader economic and social development through lawful activities including:

- Business networking.
- Entrepreneurship promotion.
- MSME development.
- Startup ecosystem support.
- Leadership development.
- Knowledge sharing.
- Professional education.
- International cooperation.
- Research and publications.
- Trade facilitation.

- Innovation promotion.
- Policy dialogue.
- Capacity building.
- Sustainable business development.

The Association shall endeavor to conduct its activities in a manner that contributes positively to the economic development of India and strengthens international business relationships.

3.6 Membership-Based Organization

The Association shall operate as a membership-driven organization.

Membership shall constitute the foundation of the Association's governance, participation, and institutional development.

All eligible members shall have opportunities to participate in Association activities subject to their category of membership and the provisions of these By-Laws.

Membership categories, rights, obligations, and procedures shall be prescribed separately under the relevant Articles of this Manual.

3.7 National and International Collaboration

FEDA Global India recognizes the importance of international cooperation in achieving sustainable economic development.

Accordingly, the Association may establish lawful collaborations with:

- International business organizations.
- Chambers of commerce.
- Professional associations.
- Educational institutions.
- Universities.
- Research organizations.
- Government agencies.
- Development organizations.
- Corporate enterprises.
- Investment promotion agencies.

- International chapters of FEDA.
- Other organizations whose objectives align with those of the Association.

Such collaborations shall be undertaken only through lawful agreements and shall comply with all applicable Indian laws and, where relevant, the laws of the jurisdictions involved.

3.8 Non-Profit Distribution Principle

Unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and the Association's governing documents, no income or property of the Association shall be distributed directly or indirectly to any member, office bearer, or individual by way of profit or dividend.

Funds and resources of the Association shall be utilized solely for the furtherance of its lawful objectives, organizational development, member services, educational initiatives, publications, conferences, administrative requirements, and other approved activities.

Reasonable remuneration, reimbursements, honoraria, or contractual payments for services lawfully rendered may be made in accordance with approved policies and applicable law.

3.9 Political Neutrality

The Association shall remain politically neutral.

The Association shall not endorse political parties or candidates, nor shall its official resources be used for partisan political campaigning.

Nothing in this clause shall prevent the Association from:

- Participating in public policy consultations.
- Engaging in economic policy dialogue.
- Making representations on matters affecting business and economic development.
- Organizing forums involving public officials or policymakers in a non-partisan manner.
- Advocating for reforms consistent with its objectives and applicable law.

3.10 Religious Neutrality

The Association shall not promote, oppose, or discriminate on the basis of religion.

Membership and participation shall be open without regard to religion, caste, creed, ethnicity, language, gender, or political opinion, subject to eligibility criteria established by these By-Laws.

3.11 Professional Independence

The Association serves as a professional platform for networking, collaboration, education, and

business development.

Nothing in these By-Laws shall be construed as authorizing the Association itself to engage in regulated professions requiring statutory registration, licensing, or authorization, except through persons or entities duly qualified and licensed under applicable law.

Where members require legal, tax, accounting, regulatory, or other professional services, the Association may facilitate referrals or collaborations with appropriately qualified professionals but shall not itself provide such regulated services unless legally authorized.

3.12 Transparency and Accountability

The Association is committed to maintaining high standards of governance through:

- Transparent decision-making.
- Responsible financial management.
- Ethical conduct.
- Proper documentation.
- Institutional accountability.
- Internal controls.
- Compliance with applicable laws.
- Periodic reporting to members where appropriate.

3.13 Equality and Non-Discrimination

The Association shall promote equal opportunity and fair treatment.

No eligible person shall be denied membership, participation, or access to Association activities solely on the basis of:

- Religion.
- Caste.
- Race.
- Gender.
- Language.
- Disability.
- Ethnicity.

- Region.
- National origin.
- Social background.

This provision shall not prevent the Association from establishing objective eligibility criteria for specific membership categories, committees, awards, scholarships, leadership roles, or specialized programs.

3.14 Good Governance Commitment

The Association commits itself to the principles of internationally recognized good governance, including:

- Integrity.
- Accountability.
- Transparency.
- Rule of law.
- Ethical leadership.
- Institutional independence.
- Member participation.
- Professional excellence.
- Responsible stewardship.
- Continuous improvement.

3.15 Official Language

The official language of the Association shall be English.

The Association may issue publications, notices, educational materials, or communications in other languages as considered appropriate, provided that the official English version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency.

3.16 Institutional Philosophy

FEDA Global India believes that sustainable economic progress is achieved through responsible leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, ethical governance, international cooperation, and lifelong learning.

The Association shall continuously strengthen its governance systems to meet evolving economic,

technological, and societal needs while preserving its commitment to integrity, professionalism, and service to its members and the broader community.

Article 3 Summary

Article 3 establishes the legal and institutional character of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the Association as an independent, membership-based professional organization committed to ethical governance, economic development, knowledge sharing, and lawful national and international collaboration. It further outlines the Association's legal identity, public benefit orientation, political and religious neutrality, governance principles, and commitment to transparency, accountability, equality, and sustainable institutional growth.

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04

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

REGISTERED OFFICE, JURISDICTION & OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

4.1 Registered Office

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall maintain its Registered Office at such location within the Republic of India as may be approved by the Governing Council and recorded in accordance with applicable laws governing the Association.

The Registered Office shall serve as the principal administrative office of the Association and shall be responsible for maintaining statutory records, official correspondence, governance documents, membership records, financial documentation, and such other records as may be required under applicable law.

The Association may change the location of its Registered Office by resolution of the Governing Council and by complying with all applicable statutory requirements.

4.2 National Headquarters

The National Headquarters shall function as the principal executive and administrative center of FEDA Global India.

The National Headquarters shall be responsible for:

- Implementing the strategic decisions of the Governing Council.
- Coordinating national programmes and initiatives.
- Supervising State and District Chapters.
- Managing national membership operations.
- Maintaining institutional records.
- Coordinating national conferences, forums, exhibitions, and business events.
- Publishing official communications.
- Developing strategic partnerships.
- Monitoring governance compliance across all recognized Chapters.
- Providing administrative support to committees and councils.

4.3 Territorial Jurisdiction

FEDA Global India shall have operational jurisdiction throughout the Republic of India.

The Association may establish offices, chapters, committees, councils, representative offices, or other approved organizational units in any State or Union Territory, subject to applicable law and approval by the Governing Council.

The Association's activities shall not be limited by geographical boundaries within India where lawful expansion supports its objectives.

4.4 State Chapters

The Association may establish officially recognized State Chapters to facilitate the implementation of its objectives at the state level.

Each State Chapter shall:

- Function under the authority of FEDA Global India.
- Comply with these By-Laws.
- Adopt the governance framework prescribed by the Association.
- Promote the objectives of the Association within its jurisdiction.
- Submit reports as required.
- Maintain transparency and accountability in its operations.

No State Chapter shall represent itself as an independent legal entity unless separately constituted and expressly authorized under applicable law.

4.5 District Chapters

To strengthen grassroots engagement and improve accessibility for members, the Association may establish District Chapters across India.

District Chapters shall:

- Promote membership growth.
- Organize local networking activities.
- Conduct knowledge-sharing programmes.
- Facilitate member engagement.
- Coordinate local business forums.
- Support MSME development initiatives.

- Promote entrepreneurship.
- Encourage collaboration among local businesses and institutions.

District Chapters shall function under the supervision of their respective State Chapters or directly under the National Headquarters where no State Chapter has been established.

4.6 International Presence

Recognizing the importance of global economic cooperation, FEDA Global India may collaborate with the **FEDA Global Council** and officially recognized international chapters to strengthen cross-border business relationships and knowledge exchange.

International collaborations may include:

- Joint conferences.
- Business delegations.
- Trade missions.
- Academic partnerships.
- Research collaborations.
- International business forums.
- Investor networking.
- Professional exchange programmes.
- Global leadership initiatives.
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation projects.

Such collaborations shall be undertaken in compliance with the applicable laws of India and the relevant foreign jurisdictions.

4.7 International Chapters

International Chapters may be established by or in coordination with the FEDA Global Council in accordance with approved governance policies.

International Chapters shall:

- Promote the objectives of FEDA within their respective countries.
- Support international networking.
- Facilitate trade and investment opportunities.

- Encourage knowledge sharing.
- Strengthen global business relationships.
- Coordinate with FEDA Global India where appropriate.

Each International Chapter shall operate in accordance with:

- Applicable local laws.
- Approved governance guidelines.
- Policies issued by the FEDA Global Council.
- Relevant provisions of these By-Laws where applicable.

4.8 Representative Offices

The Association may establish representative offices, liaison offices, or regional coordination centres wherever necessary to facilitate:

- Membership services.
- International cooperation.
- Business promotion.
- Government relations.
- Institutional partnerships.
- Event coordination.
- Administrative support.

Representative Offices shall not possess independent decision-making authority unless expressly delegated by the Governing Council.

4.9 Digital Presence

FEDA Global India recognizes digital platforms as essential tools for communication, governance, education, and member engagement.

Accordingly, the Association may establish and maintain:

- Official Website.
- Member Portal.
- Online Learning Platform.
- Knowledge Resource Centre.

- Business Directory.
- Digital Publications.
- Mobile Applications.
- Virtual Conference Platforms.
- Online Communities.
- Official Social Media Channels.
- Digital Collaboration Platforms.

Digital platforms shall be managed in accordance with the Association's policies relating to privacy, cybersecurity, transparency, and responsible digital governance.

4.10 Official Publications

The Association may publish official magazines, journals, newsletters, reports, books, policy papers, research documents, and digital resources for the benefit of its members and the wider business community.

Such publications may include, but are not limited to:

- **FEDA Economist**
- **FEDA Global Sources**
- Annual Reports
- Industry Reports
- Policy Briefs
- Business Directories
- Conference Proceedings
- Research Publications
- Governance Manuals
- Educational Resources

These publications shall serve as platforms for knowledge sharing, thought leadership, and dissemination of information relevant to economic development.

4.11 Areas of Operational Presence

The operational activities of FEDA Global India may include, subject to applicable law:

Economic Development

Promoting initiatives that contribute to sustainable economic growth.

Business Networking

Facilitating networking among businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, and institutions.

Entrepreneurship Development

Supporting entrepreneurship through awareness, mentoring, and capacity-building programmes.

MSME Development

Strengthening the growth and competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Startup Promotion

Encouraging innovation, startup ecosystems, and entrepreneurial excellence.

International Business

Promoting international collaboration, trade facilitation, and global business connectivity.

Knowledge Sharing

Conducting conferences, seminars, workshops, webinars, executive forums, and educational programmes.

Research & Publications

Publishing research, policy papers, journals, and professional resources.

Leadership Development

Promoting ethical leadership, governance excellence, and professional development.

Business Matchmaking

Facilitating lawful introductions and business collaboration opportunities between members and stakeholders without guaranteeing commercial outcomes.

Government Compliance Awareness

Conducting awareness programmes and educational initiatives relating to regulatory and compliance matters and facilitating access to qualified professionals where required.

4.12 Expansion of Operations

The Association may expand its operations into new sectors, regions, or countries whenever such expansion:

- Aligns with the objectives of the Association.
- Supports member interests.
- Complies with applicable laws.
- Is approved by the Governing Council.
- Is financially sustainable.
- Strengthens institutional development.

Expansion decisions shall be based upon strategic planning, governance considerations, and long-term organizational sustainability.

4.13 Official Representation

Only individuals duly authorized by the Governing Council or other competent authority may officially represent the Association before:

- Government Authorities.
- Courts or Tribunals (where legally permissible and through authorized representatives).
- International Organizations.
- Corporate Partners.
- Educational Institutions.
- Industry Associations.
- Media Organizations.
- Public Forums.
- Diplomatic Missions.
- Regulatory Authorities.

No member shall claim to represent the Association without appropriate authorization.

4.14 Institutional Identity

The official name, logo, emblems, trademarks, and branding elements of the Association shall remain the exclusive intellectual property of FEDA Global India and shall be used only in accordance with approved branding and communication policies.

Unauthorized use of the Association's identity, name, or logo is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action and such legal remedies as may be available under applicable law.



Article 4 Summary

Article 4 establishes the geographical and administrative framework of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the role of the Registered Office, National Headquarters, State and District Chapters, representative offices, digital platforms, international collaborations, and operational presence. It also outlines the Association's authority to expand its activities, manage official publications, safeguard its institutional identity, and ensure that all operations are conducted through an accountable governance structure consistent with its objectives and applicable laws.

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FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION



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05

FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION VISION

5.1 Purpose

The Vision of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) expresses the long-term aspiration of the Association and serves as the guiding direction for its governance, programmes, strategic initiatives, partnerships, and member engagement.

The Vision shall inspire every office bearer, member, committee, chapter, and strategic partner to work collectively towards strengthening economic development through collaboration, innovation, responsible leadership, and sustainable growth.

5.2 Vision Statement

“To become one of the world’s most respected membership-based economic development organizations by connecting businesses, empowering entrepreneurs, strengthening MSMEs, promoting ethical leadership, facilitating international collaboration, and creating sustainable opportunities that contribute to inclusive economic growth and global prosperity.”

5.3 Long-Term Vision

FEDA Global India envisions a future where businesses of every size—from emerging startups to multinational corporations—can access opportunities for growth through collaboration, knowledge sharing, innovation, strategic partnerships, and responsible governance.

The Association aspires to build a vibrant ecosystem in which entrepreneurs, investors, educational institutions, professionals, policymakers, and industry leaders work together to create sustainable economic value for society.

5.4 Strategic Vision Pillars

The Association shall pursue its Vision through the following strategic pillars:

5.4.1 Economic Development

Promote sustainable economic growth by encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation, productivity, investment, and responsible business practices.

5.4.2 Business Excellence

Support businesses in improving competitiveness, operational excellence, governance, leadership, and long-term sustainability.

5.4.3 Entrepreneurship

Encourage the creation and growth of entrepreneurial ventures through mentoring, networking, capacity building, and knowledge-sharing initiatives.

5.4.4 MSME Empowerment

Strengthen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises by providing platforms for learning, collaboration, market access, partnerships, and professional development.

5.4.5 Innovation

Promote innovation by encouraging the adoption of emerging technologies, research, digital transformation, and creative business models.

5.4.6 Knowledge Economy

Develop a culture of lifelong learning through conferences, workshops, executive forums, publications, webinars, research initiatives, and professional education.

5.4.7 International Collaboration

Create opportunities for cross-border partnerships, international trade relationships, investment promotion, educational collaboration, and cultural understanding.

5.4.8 Ethical Leadership

Promote integrity, transparency, accountability, fairness, and responsible governance throughout the Association and among its members.

5.4.9 Sustainable Development

Encourage business practices that contribute to economic growth while respecting environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and long-term community development.

5.4.10 Inclusive Growth

Promote equal opportunities for entrepreneurs, women-led enterprises, youth, startups, professionals, educational institutions, and businesses from all regions and sectors.

5.5 Vision for Members

The Association envisions becoming the preferred professional home for its members by providing:

- Access to national and international business networks.
- Professional development opportunities.
- Leadership platforms.

- Business collaboration opportunities.
- Knowledge-sharing resources.
- Market intelligence.
- International exposure.
- Business visibility.
- Strategic partnerships.
- Thought leadership opportunities.

5.6 Vision for Industry

FEDA Global India seeks to become a trusted institutional partner for industry by:

- Supporting responsible business practices.
- Encouraging innovation and competitiveness.
- Facilitating policy dialogue.
- Promoting investment.
- Encouraging industry collaboration.
- Strengthening business ecosystems.
- Supporting skill development.
- Promoting research and knowledge exchange.

5.7 Vision for Society

The Association believes that sustainable economic development contributes directly to national prosperity and social well-being.

Accordingly, the Association aspires to:

- Encourage responsible entrepreneurship.
- Promote ethical business practices.
- Strengthen employment generation.
- Support innovation-driven growth.
- Encourage lifelong learning.
- Foster collaboration between business and academia.

- Promote inclusive economic participation.
- Contribute to sustainable community development.

5.8 Vision for International Engagement

As part of the wider FEDA Global network, the Association envisions strengthening India's engagement with the global economy through:

- International business forums.
- Bilateral and multilateral collaborations.
- Global trade promotion.
- International conferences.
- Business delegations.
- Cross-border networking.
- Investment dialogues.
- Research partnerships.
- Educational collaborations.
- Exchange of best practices.

5.9 Institutional Aspirations

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) aspires to be recognized as:

- A respected professional membership organization.
- A trusted platform for business collaboration.
- A leading knowledge-sharing institution.
- A catalyst for entrepreneurship and MSME growth.
- A promoter of ethical governance.
- A facilitator of international partnerships.
- A contributor to public policy dialogue.
- A center for professional excellence.
- A champion of sustainable economic development.

- A globally connected organization serving businesses and communities.

5.10 Commitment to Continuous Improvement

The Association recognizes that the needs of businesses, entrepreneurs, industries, and economies continue to evolve.

Accordingly, FEDA Global India commits to continuously reviewing its strategies, programmes, governance systems, and member services to ensure they remain relevant, innovative, effective, and aligned with emerging national and global developments.

Continuous improvement shall remain a core principle guiding every level of the Association.

5.11 Vision in Practice

The Association shall pursue its Vision through lawful activities including, but not limited to:

- Business networking.
- Knowledge sharing.
- Leadership development.
- Professional education.
- Conferences and forums.
- Trade and investment facilitation.
- Research and publications.
- Business matchmaking.
- Industry collaboration.
- Digital transformation initiatives.
- Entrepreneurship development.
- Innovation promotion.
- Capacity-building programmes.
- Strategic partnerships.
- Member engagement initiatives.

These activities shall always be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and the governance principles established by these By-Laws.



5.12 Vision Motto

“Connecting Businesses • Empowering Entrepreneurs • Advancing Economic Development • Creating Global Opportunities.”

Article 5 Summary

Article 5 defines the long-term Vision of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It establishes the Association’s aspiration to become a globally respected membership organization dedicated to advancing economic development through collaboration, entrepreneurship, innovation, ethical governance, knowledge sharing, and international cooperation. The Vision provides the strategic direction that guides all governance decisions, programmes, partnerships, and member services undertaken by the Association, ensuring that every initiative contributes to sustainable economic growth and public benefit.

ARTICLE

06

FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION MISSION

6.1 Purpose

The Mission of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** defines the Association's present purpose, strategic priorities, and operational commitments. It serves as the foundation for all programmes, governance decisions, partnerships, member services, and institutional initiatives undertaken by the Association.

The Mission translates the Association's Vision into practical actions that create measurable value for members, businesses, institutions, and society.

6.2 Mission Statement

"To promote sustainable economic development by creating a dynamic membership-based platform that connects businesses, empowers entrepreneurs, strengthens MSMEs, facilitates knowledge sharing, encourages ethical leadership, fosters innovation, promotes international collaboration, and delivers value-driven opportunities for members through professional networking, education, research, business development, and strategic partnerships."

6.3 Core Mission Objectives

The Association shall pursue the following mission objectives:

6.3.1 Promote Economic Development

Support initiatives that contribute to national and international economic growth through entrepreneurship, innovation, productivity enhancement, investment promotion, business collaboration, and responsible governance.

6.3.2 Empower Businesses

Assist businesses of all sizes by providing access to professional networks, educational resources, strategic partnerships, business forums, and growth opportunities.

6.3.3 Strengthen MSMEs

Support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through capacity building, mentoring, networking, knowledge exchange, and market connectivity to improve competitiveness and sustainable growth.

6.3.4 Support Entrepreneurs

Encourage entrepreneurship by creating an ecosystem that nurtures innovation, business leadership, startup development, and long-term enterprise success.

6.3.5 Build a Knowledge Society

Promote continuous professional learning through:

- Workshops
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Webinars
- Executive Forums
- Industry Dialogues
- Research Publications
- Leadership Development Programmes
- Digital Learning Platforms

6.3.6 Facilitate National & International Business Networking

Provide structured platforms where members can establish meaningful relationships with:

- Business Leaders
- Entrepreneurs
- Investors
- Industry Experts
- Educational Institutions
- Government Representatives
- International Organizations
- Professional Associations
- Strategic Partners

6.3.7 Encourage Ethical Leadership

Promote values of:

- Integrity
- Accountability

- Transparency
- Professional Excellence
- Responsible Governance
- Mutual Respect
- Social Responsibility
- Fair Business Practices

6.3.8 Promote International Cooperation

Develop strategic collaborations that strengthen international business relationships, knowledge exchange, investment opportunities, educational partnerships, and economic cooperation.

6.3.9 Advance Innovation

Support innovation by encouraging:

- Technology Adoption
- Digital Transformation
- Artificial Intelligence Awareness
- Research & Development
- Business Modernization
- Future Skills
- Knowledge-Based Enterprises

6.3.10 Create Sustainable Member Value

Deliver practical value to members through professional services, networking opportunities, publications, leadership platforms, business visibility, and educational initiatives.

6.4 Strategic Areas of Mission

The Association shall focus on the following strategic areas:

Business Development

Supporting sustainable business growth through collaboration, education, mentoring, and networking.

Entrepreneurship

Encouraging entrepreneurial thinking and enterprise creation.

Investment Promotion

Facilitating lawful dialogue between businesses and investors while promoting investment awareness and opportunities.

International Trade

Encouraging responsible international trade relationships, market access, and cross-border business collaboration.

Professional Development

Enhancing leadership, governance, management, and professional competencies.

Research & Publications

Developing and disseminating research, policy papers, journals, business insights, and educational resources.

Innovation & Technology

Promoting awareness and adoption of emerging technologies that improve competitiveness and productivity.

Knowledge Sharing

Creating opportunities for continuous learning and exchange of ideas among members and stakeholders.

6.5 Mission Through Member Services

To fulfill its mission, the Association may provide or facilitate the following services, subject to applicable laws:

- Membership Networking
- Business Forums
- Industry Roundtables
- Conferences
- Trade Shows
- Webinars
- Workshops
- Leadership Summits
- Investor Forums
- Business Matchmaking

- Trade Delegations
- Research Publications
- Business Directories
- Market Intelligence
- Business Visibility Platforms
- Learning & Development Programmes
- Professional Certifications (where offered through authorized institutions)
- Referral and Information Services
- Government Compliance Awareness Programmes
- International Collaboration Initiatives

Where services involve regulated professions (such as legal, tax, accounting, financial, or immigration advice), the Association shall facilitate access to appropriately qualified professionals rather than provide such services directly unless authorized by law.

6.6 Mission Towards Members

The Association is committed to helping its members:

- Expand professional networks.
- Improve business knowledge.
- Develop leadership capabilities.
- Access business opportunities.
- Enhance organizational visibility.
- Build strategic partnerships.
- Strengthen governance practices.
- Explore domestic and international collaborations.
- Participate in industry discussions.
- Contribute to economic development.

6.7 Mission Towards Society

The Association recognizes its broader responsibility to society and shall endeavor to:

- Promote ethical entrepreneurship.
- Encourage responsible corporate citizenship.
- Support employment generation.
- Foster innovation.
- Promote education and lifelong learning.
- Encourage sustainable development.
- Facilitate collaboration between industry, academia, and government.
- Contribute to economic resilience and inclusive growth.

6.8 Mission Towards Government & Institutions

The Association shall seek constructive engagement with government agencies, regulatory authorities, educational institutions, research organizations, and industry bodies by:

- Participating in policy dialogue.
- Sharing industry perspectives.
- Supporting skill development initiatives.
- Encouraging public-private collaboration.
- Promoting best governance practices.
- Contributing to economic development initiatives consistent with applicable law.

6.9 Mission Towards International Collaboration

As part of the wider FEDA network, the Association shall encourage:

- International business cooperation.
- Cross-border networking.
- Bilateral business forums.
- Educational partnerships.
- International conferences.
- Trade promotion initiatives.
- Investment dialogue.
- Exchange of knowledge and best practices.

- Global entrepreneurship development.

6.10 Institutional Commitment

FEDA Global India commits to carrying out its Mission through:

- Transparency.
- Accountability.
- Professionalism.
- Inclusiveness.
- Innovation.
- Collaboration.
- Ethical leadership.
- Responsible governance.
- Financial prudence.
- Continuous improvement.

Every programme, initiative, publication, partnership, and activity undertaken by the Association shall seek to advance this Mission while serving the best interests of its members and the wider community.

6.11 Mission Motto

“Together We Build Stronger Businesses, Stronger Communities, and a Stronger Economy.”

Article 6 Summary

Article 6 defines the Mission of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It establishes the Association’s commitment to promoting sustainable economic development through business networking, entrepreneurship, MSME support, knowledge sharing, ethical leadership, innovation, and international collaboration. The Mission provides the operational framework for the Association’s programmes, partnerships, and member services, ensuring that every initiative contributes to long-term institutional excellence and inclusive economic growth.

ARTICLE 07

FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION *CORE VALUES*

7.1 Purpose

The Core Values of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** represent the fundamental principles that guide every aspect of the Association's governance, leadership, decision-making, professional conduct, member engagement, and organizational culture.

These values establish the ethical foundation upon which the Association operates and shall be observed by all members, office bearers, committees, chapters, employees (where applicable), volunteers, strategic partners, and representatives acting on behalf of the Association.

7.2 Value Statement

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to conducting all its activities with integrity, professionalism, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, innovation, collaboration, and respect for the rule of law.

Every decision made by the Association shall reflect these values and contribute to sustainable economic development, institutional excellence, and public trust.

7.3 Core Values

7.3.1 Integrity

Integrity shall remain the cornerstone of the Association.

The Association shall conduct its affairs honestly, ethically, fairly, and responsibly.

All members and office bearers shall:

- Act truthfully.
- Avoid unethical conduct.
- Honor commitments.
- Protect the reputation of the Association.
- Demonstrate honesty in all professional dealings.

Integrity shall take precedence over personal or organizational gain.

7.3.2 Transparency

The Association believes that transparency strengthens confidence among members and stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Association shall strive to:

- Maintain transparent governance.
- Communicate decisions clearly.
- Maintain proper records.
- Follow documented procedures.
- Ensure openness in organizational administration.
- Publish appropriate reports and information.

Transparency shall always be balanced with legitimate requirements relating to confidentiality, privacy, and legal obligations.

7.3.3 Accountability

Every office bearer, committee, chapter, and member entrusted with responsibility shall remain accountable for their actions and decisions.

Accountability includes:

- Responsible decision-making.
- Proper use of Association resources.
- Compliance with approved policies.
- Timely reporting.
- Ethical conduct.
- Acceptance of responsibility for outcomes.

The Association shall promote a culture where accountability is viewed as a leadership responsibility rather than merely a compliance requirement.

7.3.4 Professionalism

Members and representatives of the Association shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects professionalism, competence, courtesy, respect, and excellence.

Professionalism includes:

- Respectful communication.
- Timely commitments.

- Competence in assigned responsibilities.
- Appropriate behavior during official activities.
- Respect for diversity.
- Maintaining high standards of work.

7.3.5 Ethical Leadership

Leadership within the Association shall be based upon service rather than authority.

Office bearers shall:

- Lead by example.
- Promote fairness.
- Encourage participation.
- Demonstrate integrity.
- Inspire confidence.
- Place organizational interests above personal interests.

Leadership positions shall always carry corresponding responsibilities toward members and society.

7.3.6 Collaboration

The Association recognizes that sustainable economic development requires cooperation among businesses, institutions, governments, academia, investors, professionals, and civil society.

Accordingly, the Association shall encourage:

- Teamwork.
- Strategic partnerships.
- Knowledge exchange.
- Cross-sector collaboration.
- International cooperation.
- Collective problem solving.

7.3.7 Inclusiveness

The Association values diversity and equal opportunity.

Membership and participation shall be encouraged irrespective of:

- Gender.

- Religion.
- Language.
- Region.
- Ethnicity.
- Age.
- Disability.
- Business size.
- Professional background.

The Association believes that diversity strengthens innovation and institutional excellence.

7.3.8 Innovation

Innovation is essential for long-term economic growth.

The Association shall encourage:

- Creative thinking.
- Digital transformation.
- Emerging technologies.
- Research.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Modern business practices.
- Continuous improvement.

Members shall be encouraged to embrace innovation while respecting ethical standards and applicable laws.

7.3.9 Excellence

The Association shall pursue excellence in:

- Governance.
- Programmes.
- Member Services.
- Publications.
- Conferences.

- Research.
- Training.
- Partnerships.
- Communications.
- Institutional development.

Continuous improvement shall remain an organizational priority.

7.3.10 Respect

The Association shall promote mutual respect among all stakeholders.

Every individual shall be treated with dignity irrespective of position, background, nationality, or opinion.

Disagreement shall be managed professionally and constructively.

Harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and abusive conduct shall not be tolerated.

7.3.11 Responsibility

The Association acknowledges its responsibility towards:

- Members.
- Society.
- Business Community.
- Government Institutions.
- Future Generations.
- International Partners.

Every programme shall seek to create long-term positive impact.

7.3.12 Sustainability

Economic growth must be balanced with responsible social and environmental practices.

The Association shall encourage members to adopt sustainable approaches to:

- Business.
- Innovation.
- Resource utilization.
- Community engagement.

- Corporate governance.

7.3.13 Lifelong Learning

Knowledge remains the foundation of progress.

The Association shall continuously promote:

- Professional education.
- Executive learning.
- Research.
- Knowledge exchange.
- Leadership development.
- Skill enhancement.
- Institutional learning.

7.3.14 Service Before Self

The Association believes that leadership is ultimately measured by service.

Every office bearer and member entrusted with responsibility shall work towards advancing the collective interests of the Association, its members, and society with dedication, humility, and professionalism.

7.4 Application of Core Values

These Core Values shall guide:

- Governance decisions.
- Strategic planning.
- Membership administration.
- Committee operations.
- Conferences and events.
- Publications.
- Partnerships.
- Communications.
- Financial management.
- International collaborations.

- Recruitment of volunteers and representatives.
- Recognition and awards.
- Conflict resolution.

Every organizational activity shall be evaluated against these values.

7.5 Institutional Culture

The Association seeks to build an institutional culture characterized by:

- Trust.
- Cooperation.
- Innovation.
- Ethical leadership.
- Respect.
- Accountability.
- Excellence.
- Learning.
- Service.
- Global outlook.

This culture shall define the identity of FEDA Global India and distinguish it as a trusted professional organization.

7.6 Commitment

Every member, office bearer, volunteer, committee member, and representative of the Association is expected to uphold these Core Values and actively contribute to preserving the integrity, reputation, and long-term sustainability of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

Failure to uphold these values may result in appropriate action in accordance with the disciplinary provisions of these By-Laws.

7.7 Core Values Statement

“Integrity in Governance. Excellence in Service. Innovation in Action. Collaboration for Growth. Responsibility towards Society.”



Article 7 Summary

Article 7 establishes the ethical and cultural foundation of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). These Core Values provide the guiding principles for governance, leadership, decision-making, member engagement, partnerships, and institutional development. By embedding integrity, transparency, accountability, professionalism, collaboration, inclusiveness, innovation, excellence, and service into every aspect of its operations, the Association affirms its commitment to responsible governance and sustainable economic development for the benefit of its members and the broader community.

ARTICLE

08

FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION *GUIDING PRINCIPLES*

8.1 Purpose

The Guiding Principles of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** establish the fundamental standards that shall govern the Association's strategic direction, governance practices, operational activities, decision-making processes, member engagement, partnerships, and institutional development.

These principles shall serve as the foundation for every programme, initiative, collaboration, publication, event, and governance decision undertaken by the Association.

8.2 Principle of Good Governance

The Association shall conduct its affairs in accordance with internationally recognized principles of good governance.

Accordingly, the Association shall strive to ensure:

- Ethical leadership.
- Transparent administration.
- Responsible decision-making.
- Institutional accountability.
- Professional management.
- Effective oversight.
- Fair representation.
- Sustainable organizational growth.

Governance shall always prioritize the long-term interests of the Association and its members.

8.3 Principle of Rule of Law

The Association shall conduct all its activities in full compliance with the Constitution of India and all applicable central, state, and local laws.

Where the Association undertakes international collaborations, such activities shall also comply with the laws of the relevant jurisdictions.

No programme, initiative, agreement, or decision shall knowingly contravene applicable law.

8.4 Principle of Integrity

Integrity shall remain the highest standard governing the conduct of the Association.

Every office bearer, committee member, volunteer, representative, and member shall perform their responsibilities honestly, fairly, ethically, and in good faith.

The Association shall reject all forms of fraud, corruption, dishonesty, unethical conduct, or misuse of authority.

8.5 Principle of Transparency

The Association recognizes transparency as essential for maintaining public confidence.

Accordingly, the Association shall promote:

- Open governance.
- Clear communication.
- Proper documentation.
- Responsible reporting.
- Transparent financial practices.
- Fair administrative procedures.

Transparency shall be exercised while respecting confidentiality, privacy obligations, and legal requirements.

8.6 Principle of Accountability

Every individual entrusted with authority within the Association shall remain accountable for the proper exercise of that authority.

Accountability includes responsibility for:

- Decisions.
- Financial stewardship.
- Programme implementation.
- Governance compliance.

- Ethical conduct.
- Member services.
- Protection of Association assets.

The Association shall maintain systems that promote accountability at every organizational level.

8.7 Principle of Member-Centric Governance

Members are the foundation of the Association.

All governance decisions shall seek to:

- Promote member interests.
- Encourage member participation.
- Deliver meaningful value.
- Maintain fairness.
- Protect member rights.
- Strengthen member engagement.
- Encourage active contribution to the Association.

The Association shall continuously improve its services based on member needs and evolving economic realities.

8.8 Principle of Inclusiveness

The Association believes that economic development must benefit all sectors of society.

Accordingly, it shall encourage participation from:

- Entrepreneurs.
- MSMEs.
- Corporates.
- Startups.
- Professionals.
- Educational Institutions.
- Researchers.
- Investors.

- Industry Associations.
- Women Entrepreneurs.
- Youth Leaders.
- Social Enterprises.
- International Business Communities.

Every eligible member shall be treated fairly and with equal respect.

8.9 Principle of Collaboration

The Association recognizes collaboration as a catalyst for economic growth.

The Association shall actively encourage cooperation among:

- Businesses.
- Government institutions.
- Educational institutions.
- Industry bodies.
- Professional associations.
- Investors.
- International organizations.
- Research institutions.
- Development agencies.

Collaborative engagement shall always be based on mutual respect, shared objectives, and lawful practices.

8.10 Principle of Innovation

Innovation shall be encouraged throughout the Association.

The Association shall promote:

- Emerging technologies.
- Digital transformation.
- Artificial Intelligence awareness.
- Research and development.

- Business modernization.
- Entrepreneurial creativity.
- Continuous organizational improvement.

Innovation shall always be pursued responsibly and ethically.

8.11 Principle of Knowledge Sharing

Knowledge is a strategic asset.

The Association shall facilitate the exchange of ideas, expertise, research, and practical experience through:

- Conferences.
- Seminars.
- Workshops.
- Webinars.
- Executive Forums.
- Research Publications.
- Professional Journals.
- Leadership Programmes.
- Digital Learning Platforms.
- Business Networking Events.

Knowledge sharing shall remain a central component of the Association's mission.

8.12 Principle of Professional Excellence

The Association shall pursue excellence in every aspect of its operations.

Professional excellence shall include:

- High-quality governance.
- Effective administration.
- Well-organized events.
- Credible publications.
- Reliable member services.

- Strategic partnerships.
- Continuous organizational improvement.

Members and office bearers shall be encouraged to maintain the highest professional standards.

8.13 Principle of Sustainability

The Association recognizes that economic development should contribute to long-term prosperity while respecting environmental, social, and governance considerations.

The Association shall encourage sustainable practices in:

- Business development.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Innovation.
- Resource utilization.
- Community engagement.
- Institutional management.

8.14 Principle of Independence

The Association shall maintain institutional independence in governance and decision-making.

No individual, organization, sponsor, donor, or external stakeholder shall improperly influence the decisions of the Association.

All decisions shall be made objectively and in the best interests of the Association.

8.15 Principle of Ethical Partnerships

The Association shall establish partnerships only with organizations and institutions whose objectives are consistent with:

- Applicable laws.
- Ethical business practices.
- Professional standards.
- Institutional integrity.
- Responsible governance.

Partnerships shall be governed by appropriate agreements and mutual respect.

8.16 Principle of Responsible Communication

The Association shall communicate responsibly with members, stakeholders, media, and the public.

Official communications shall be:

- Accurate.
- Timely.
- Respectful.
- Transparent.
- Fact-based.
- Consistent with approved policies.

The Association shall discourage misinformation, defamatory statements, and unauthorized public representations.

8.17 Principle of Continuous Improvement

The Association shall continuously review and improve:

- Governance systems.
- Membership services.
- Educational programmes.
- Publications.
- Events.
- Digital platforms.
- Administrative processes.
- Strategic initiatives.

Continuous improvement shall be guided by member feedback, benchmarking, emerging best practices, technological advancements, and changing economic conditions.

8.18 Principle of National Development with Global Engagement

FEDA Global India is committed to contributing to India's economic growth while strengthening international cooperation.

The Association shall encourage initiatives that:

- Support national development priorities.
- Enhance India's global business engagement.
- Promote international partnerships.
- Strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation.
- Encourage responsible global trade and investment.
- Build long-term economic relationships across borders.

8.19 Guiding Principle Statement

“Every decision, programme, partnership, and initiative undertaken by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be guided by integrity, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, innovation, collaboration, professionalism, sustainability, and unwavering respect for the rule of law.”

Article 8 Summary

Article 8 establishes the guiding principles that underpin every aspect of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). These principles provide the ethical and operational framework for governance, leadership, partnerships, member engagement, programme delivery, and institutional growth. By adhering to these principles, the Association seeks to build a trusted, transparent, and forward-looking organization that promotes sustainable economic development, responsible entrepreneurship, and meaningful national and international collaboration.

ARTICLE

09

FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION *OBJECTIVES OF FEDA GLOBAL INDIA*

9.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is established with the objective of contributing to sustainable economic development by creating an inclusive, professional, and globally connected membership platform that supports businesses, entrepreneurs, institutions, professionals, investors, and policymakers through collaboration, knowledge sharing, innovation, and responsible leadership.

The objectives set forth in this Article define the scope of activities that the Association may lawfully undertake in pursuit of its Vision and Mission.

9.2 Principal Objectives

The principal objectives of the Association shall be to:

9.2.1 Promote Economic Development

Promote sustainable economic growth by encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation, investment, productivity, responsible business practices, and collaboration among businesses, institutions, and stakeholders.

9.2.2 Strengthen MSMEs

Support the growth and competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through networking, capacity building, awareness programmes, professional development, market access initiatives, and strategic collaborations.

9.2.3 Encourage Entrepreneurship

Promote entrepreneurship by encouraging enterprise creation, innovation, leadership, mentoring, and the development of sustainable business ecosystems.

9.2.4 Support Startup Development

Encourage startups by facilitating networking opportunities, knowledge exchange, innovation forums, business visibility, and collaboration with ecosystem partners.

9.2.5 Facilitate Business Networking

Provide structured opportunities for members to establish meaningful professional relationships through networking events, business forums, CEO roundtables, chapter meetings, and industry

interactions.

9.2.6 Promote International Business Collaboration

Encourage lawful international collaboration by facilitating dialogue, partnerships, trade networking, educational cooperation, and business exchange between Indian enterprises and international stakeholders.

9.2.7 Encourage Ethical Business Practices

Promote integrity, professionalism, transparency, accountability, and responsible corporate conduct among members and partner organizations.

9.3 Knowledge & Professional Development Objectives

The Association shall strive to promote continuous learning by organizing and facilitating:

- Conferences
- International Conferences
- Business Summits
- Leadership Forums
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Webinars
- Executive Development Programmes
- Panel Discussions
- Industry Roundtables
- Research Forums
- Professional Networking Events
- Capacity Building Programmes

These activities shall aim to enhance knowledge, leadership capabilities, governance practices, innovation, and business competitiveness.

9.4 Research & Publications

The Association shall encourage research, documentation, and dissemination of knowledge relating to:

- Economic Development

- Entrepreneurship
- Business Innovation
- Corporate Governance
- International Trade
- Emerging Technologies
- MSME Development
- Public Policy
- Sustainable Business Practices
- Leadership
- Industry Trends

The Association may publish:

- **FEDA Economist**
- **FEDA Global Sources**
- Research Journals
- Business Directories
- Annual Reports
- Policy Papers
- White Papers
- Conference Proceedings
- Industry Reports
- Educational Publications

9.5 Business Support Objectives

The Association may facilitate business support initiatives including:

- Business Networking
- Business Visibility
- Business Matchmaking
- Business Referral Opportunities

- Market Information Sharing
- Industry Collaboration
- Capacity Building
- Leadership Development
- Business Mentoring
- Trade Promotion Activities

The Association shall facilitate introductions and opportunities without guaranteeing commercial outcomes or contractual success.

9.6 Investor & Business Collaboration

The Association shall encourage dialogue and networking between entrepreneurs, businesses, investors, incubators, accelerators, financial institutions, and strategic partners through lawful platforms and professional events.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed as authorizing the Association to provide regulated investment advisory or financial intermediary services unless specifically authorized by applicable law.

9.7 International Cooperation

The Association shall encourage international cooperation through:

- Bilateral Business Forums
- Multilateral Partnerships
- International Conferences
- Global Business Delegations
- Educational Collaborations
- Research Partnerships
- Cross-border Knowledge Exchange
- International Networking Events
- Professional Exchange Programmes

Such activities shall always comply with applicable laws and international obligations.

9.8 Government & Institutional Engagement

The Association may engage constructively with:

- Government Departments
- Regulatory Authorities
- Public Institutions
- Universities
- Research Organizations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Industry Associations
- Professional Bodies
- Development Organizations

for the purpose of promoting economic development, entrepreneurship, innovation, policy dialogue, and capacity building.

Such engagement shall remain non-partisan and consistent with applicable law.

9.9 Government Compliance Awareness

The Association may organize educational programmes and awareness initiatives relating to statutory, regulatory, business registration, taxation, intellectual property, labour compliance, corporate governance, environmental obligations, and other compliance matters.

Where regulated professional advice is required, the Association may facilitate access to qualified and licensed professionals but shall not itself provide regulated legal, tax, accounting, or other professional services unless authorized under applicable law.

9.10 Digital Knowledge & Information Platforms

The Association may establish and maintain digital platforms including:

- Member Portal
- Business Directory
- Learning Management Systems
- Knowledge Resource Centre
- Digital Publications
- Webinar Platforms
- Business Collaboration Platforms

- Mobile Applications
- Online Communities

to enhance member engagement and access to information.

9.11 Recognition & Awards

The Association may institute awards, recognitions, fellowships, citations, and honours to acknowledge excellence in:

- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- MSME Leadership
- Corporate Governance
- Sustainability
- Social Impact
- Business Excellence
- Research
- Education
- Public Service
- International Cooperation

Selection processes shall be transparent, objective, and based on published criteria.

9.12 Capacity Building

The Association shall promote skill enhancement through leadership development, executive education, mentoring, industry interaction, and professional learning programmes for members and stakeholders.

9.13 Sustainable Development

The Association shall encourage sustainable business practices that support:

- Economic Growth
- Environmental Responsibility
- Social Inclusion

- Ethical Governance
- Long-term Institutional Development

9.14 Women & Youth Entrepreneurship

The Association shall encourage programmes that promote entrepreneurship and leadership among women, youth, and emerging business leaders by providing networking opportunities, mentorship, knowledge-sharing, and professional development initiatives.

9.15 Sectoral Development

The Association may establish councils, forums, and initiatives dedicated to supporting various sectors of the economy, including but not limited to:

- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Education
- Healthcare
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Infrastructure
- Renewable Energy
- Financial Services
- Retail & E-commerce
- Logistics & Supply Chain
- Creative Industries

9.16 International Representation

The Association may represent the interests of its members before appropriate national and international forums through lawful participation in conferences, consultations, exhibitions, trade delegations, and collaborative initiatives.

9.17 Public Interest Commitment

In pursuing its objectives, the Association shall strive to:

- Promote responsible entrepreneurship.

- Encourage ethical leadership.
- Strengthen economic resilience.
- Foster innovation.
- Enhance professional knowledge.
- Support inclusive growth.
- Facilitate meaningful collaboration.
- Build trusted business communities.

9.18 Limitation of Objectives

Nothing contained in this Article shall authorize the Association to undertake activities that are prohibited by applicable law or require statutory licensing unless such authorization has been lawfully obtained.

The Association's role shall primarily be to facilitate, educate, connect, promote, coordinate, advocate, and support lawful economic development initiatives.

9.19 Statement of Institutional Purpose

“The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) exists to build a globally connected, ethically governed, knowledge-driven business community that empowers entrepreneurs, strengthens enterprises, promotes innovation, and contributes to sustainable economic development through collaboration, education, leadership, and responsible partnerships.”

Article 9 Summary

Article 9 defines the comprehensive objectives of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). These objectives establish the Association's mandate to promote economic development, entrepreneurship, MSME growth, professional networking, research, knowledge sharing, innovation, international collaboration, and institutional excellence. They also clarify the lawful scope of the Association's activities while emphasizing ethical governance, public benefit, and compliance with applicable laws.

PART - III

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES



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ARTICLE

10

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES *BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES*

10.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that sustainable economic development is achieved by strengthening businesses through knowledge, collaboration, innovation, professional networking, and institutional support.

Accordingly, the Association shall establish and facilitate various Business Support Services designed to assist entrepreneurs, startups, MSMEs, corporations, educational institutions, professionals, investors, and industry stakeholders in improving their capabilities, expanding opportunities, and contributing to economic growth.

The Association's role shall primarily be that of a **facilitator, connector, educator, promoter, and coordinator**, and shall not extend to providing regulated professional services except where lawfully authorized.

10.2 Objectives of Business Support Services

The Business Support Services of the Association shall seek to:

- a. Promote entrepreneurship and enterprise development.
- b. Strengthen MSMEs and family-owned businesses.
- c. Facilitate business networking and collaboration.
- d. Encourage innovation and competitiveness.
- e. Support professional growth and leadership development.
- f. Promote responsible corporate governance.
- g. Improve market access opportunities.
- h. Encourage international business cooperation.
- i. Enhance business knowledge through continuous learning.
- j. Create opportunities for sustainable economic development.

10.3 Scope of Business Support Services

Subject to applicable laws, the Association may organize, facilitate, coordinate, promote, or support the following categories of business support activities.

10.3.1 Business Advisory & Information Support

The Association may provide general business information and educational guidance relating to:

- Business planning
- Entrepreneurship awareness
- Business strategy
- Market trends
- Industry developments
- Export awareness
- Import awareness
- Business growth planning
- Digital transformation awareness
- Innovation ecosystems
- Sustainability practices

Such information shall be educational in nature and shall not constitute professional legal, tax, accounting, financial, or investment advice.

10.3.2 Business Networking Services

The Association shall facilitate networking opportunities by organizing:

- Business Networking Meets
- CEO Forums
- Business Breakfast Meetings
- Entrepreneurs' Meetups
- Industry Roundtables
- Sectoral Networking Sessions
- State-Level Networking Events
- National Networking Conferences

- International Business Networking Forums

The objective shall be to strengthen professional relationships among members and stakeholders.

10.3.3 Business Matchmaking

The Association may facilitate business introductions between:

- Buyers and Sellers
- Manufacturers and Distributors
- Exporters and Importers
- Investors and Entrepreneurs
- Educational Institutions and Industry
- Technology Providers and Businesses
- Corporate Members
- Strategic Partners

The Association shall facilitate introductions only and shall not guarantee commercial transactions, contracts, financial returns, or business outcomes.

10.3.4 Business Visibility Programmes

To enhance the visibility of members and their enterprises, the Association may provide opportunities through:

- Business Directories
- Member Profiles
- Corporate Showcases
- Industry Features
- Digital Business Listings
- Business Success Stories
- Awards and Recognition
- Exhibition Participation
- Product Demonstrations
- Promotional Campaigns
- Corporate Interviews

- Thought Leadership Articles

Participation shall be governed by transparent policies established by the Association.

10.3.5 Business Development Programmes

The Association may organize initiatives that promote:

- Business Expansion
- Market Development
- Strategic Partnerships
- Customer Engagement
- International Business Development
- Supply Chain Networking
- Vendor Development
- Franchise Awareness
- Licensing Opportunities
- Collaborative Projects

These programmes shall focus on capacity building rather than commercial brokerage.

10.3.6 International Business Facilitation

To promote global business engagement, the Association may facilitate:

- International Business Forums
- Cross-border Networking
- Trade Delegations
- International Buyer–Seller Meets
- Export Promotion Awareness
- Global Market Information Sessions
- International Partnership Meetings
- Country Business Forums

All international activities shall comply with applicable Indian laws and the laws of the relevant jurisdictions.

10.3.7 Capacity Building

The Association shall support the professional development of members through:

- Executive Education
- Business Leadership Programmes
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Digital Skills Awareness
- Innovation Workshops
- Governance Training
- Corporate Excellence Programmes
- Communication Skills
- Negotiation Skills
- Leadership Development

10.3.8 Market Information

The Association may disseminate general market information relating to:

- Emerging Industries
- Business Opportunities
- Government Schemes (publicly available information)
- Trade Opportunities
- Industry Reports
- Economic Trends
- Technology Updates
- International Markets
- Business Research

The Association shall make reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of publicly sourced information but shall not warrant its completeness or suitability for any specific commercial purpose.

10.3.9 Digital Business Support

The Association may develop digital platforms including:

- Member Portal

- Business Directory
- Knowledge Portal
- Digital Marketplace Listings
- Webinar Platforms
- Virtual Networking Systems
- Learning Management Systems
- Business Resource Centre

These platforms shall enhance accessibility and member engagement.

10.3.10 Business Referral Network

The Association may maintain a professional referral ecosystem enabling members to identify potential collaborators and service providers.

Referrals shall be based on voluntary participation and shall not constitute endorsement, certification, or guarantee of quality or performance by the Association.

10.4 Strategic Business Support Initiatives

The Association may establish specialized initiatives for:

- MSME Growth
- Startup Ecosystem Development
- Women Entrepreneurship
- Youth Entrepreneurship
- Rural Enterprise Development
- Innovation Promotion
- Export Readiness Awareness
- Digital Business Transformation
- Sustainable Business Practices
- Leadership Excellence

10.5 Sector-Specific Business Support

The Association may establish dedicated forums for sectors including:

- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Healthcare
- Education
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Construction
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Retail
- E-commerce
- Logistics
- Renewable Energy
- Financial Services
- Professional Services
- Creative Industries

Each sector forum may organize activities relevant to its members and industry.

10.6 Collaboration with Institutions

To strengthen business ecosystems, the Association may collaborate with:

- Universities
- Research Institutions
- Chambers of Commerce
- Trade Associations
- Government Bodies
- Development Agencies
- Industry Councils
- Professional Organizations
- Incubators

- Accelerators

Such collaborations shall be governed by formal agreements where appropriate.

10.7 Ethical Standards

Business Support Services shall be delivered in accordance with the Association's Core Values.

Accordingly:

- No member shall receive preferential treatment without transparent justification.
- Conflicts of interest shall be disclosed.
- Confidential business information shall be respected.
- Business opportunities shall be communicated fairly where practicable.
- Members shall interact professionally and ethically.

10.8 Limitation of Services

The Association shall not:

- Guarantee business success.
- Guarantee investments or profits.
- Guarantee contracts or procurement opportunities.
- Guarantee visas or immigration approvals.
- Guarantee government approvals or registrations.
- Provide legal representation.
- Provide regulated financial or investment advice.
- Provide tax or accounting advice except through qualified professionals where appropriate.

The Association's primary role is to facilitate knowledge sharing, networking, collaboration, and business development opportunities.

10.9 Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

The Governing Council shall periodically review the effectiveness of Business Support Services to ensure they remain relevant to members' needs and aligned with the Association's Vision and Mission.

Member feedback, industry developments, and emerging economic trends shall be considered in improving these services.

10.10 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to creating a trusted ecosystem where businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, and institutions can connect, learn, collaborate, and grow responsibly.

Through its Business Support Services, the Association seeks to strengthen enterprise development, encourage innovation, foster ethical business practices, and contribute to sustainable economic growth for India and the global business community.

Business Support Principle

“Our role is to connect, educate, facilitate, and empower—enabling businesses to grow through collaboration, knowledge, and opportunity while respecting the boundaries of applicable law and professional regulation.”

Article 10 Summary

Article 10 establishes the framework for the Business Support Services of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the Association’s role as a facilitator of networking, education, business visibility, collaboration, and capacity building, while clearly distinguishing these activities from regulated professional services. The Article reinforces FEDA’s commitment to supporting sustainable enterprise growth, ethical business practices, and inclusive economic development through lawful and transparent initiatives.

ARTICLE

11

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

KNOWLEDGE SHARING PLATFORMS

11.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that knowledge is one of the most valuable resources for sustainable economic development. The Association believes that informed entrepreneurs, skilled professionals, responsible business leaders, and well-connected institutions contribute significantly to national prosperity and global competitiveness.

Accordingly, the Association shall establish and promote structured Knowledge Sharing Platforms that facilitate the exchange of ideas, experiences, research, innovations, best practices, and emerging trends among members and stakeholders.

These platforms shall serve as a bridge between industry, academia, government, entrepreneurs, investors, and professionals, enabling lifelong learning and collaborative growth.

11.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Knowledge Sharing Platforms shall be to:

- a. Promote continuous professional learning.
- b. Encourage innovation and creativity.
- c. Facilitate exchange of knowledge and experience.
- d. Strengthen leadership capabilities.
- e. Enhance business competitiveness.
- f. Support evidence-based decision-making.
- g. Promote research and industry collaboration.
- h. Encourage lifelong learning.
- i. Improve institutional capacity.
- j. Foster a culture of knowledge sharing across industries and countries.

11.3 Scope of Knowledge Sharing

The Association may organize, facilitate, coordinate, or support educational and professional activities including, but not limited to:

- Conferences
- International Conferences
- Leadership Forums
- Executive Summits
- Business Forums
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Webinars
- Panel Discussions
- CEO Roundtables
- Industry Dialogues
- Technical Sessions
- Masterclasses
- Professional Development Programmes
- Research Presentations
- Innovation Forums
- Networking Events
- Mentoring Sessions
- Knowledge Exchange Missions

11.4 Professional Development

The Association shall encourage continuous professional development by organizing programmes that enhance knowledge and practical skills in areas including:

- Business Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Corporate Governance

- Strategic Management
- Innovation
- Artificial Intelligence Awareness
- Digital Transformation
- International Business
- Export Awareness
- Marketing
- Human Resource Management
- Finance Awareness
- Sustainability
- ESG Awareness
- Emerging Technologies
- Risk Management
- Business Ethics
- Public Policy
- Economic Development

11.5 Workshops

The Association may organize workshops designed to provide practical learning and skill enhancement.

Workshops may include:

- Industry-specific workshops.
- Leadership workshops.
- Entrepreneurship development workshops.
- MSME capacity-building workshops.
- Startup development workshops.
- Digital business workshops.
- Innovation workshops.
- Governance workshops.

- Technology awareness programmes.
- Professional skills workshops.

Participation may be open to members and, where appropriate, to non-members.

11.6 Seminars

Seminars shall provide opportunities for members and experts to discuss current issues affecting business, industry, governance, and economic development.

Seminars may address topics including:

- Economic policy.
- Industry trends.
- Regulatory developments.
- International markets.
- Innovation.
- Sustainable development.
- Leadership.
- Business excellence.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Professional ethics.

11.7 Webinars

The Association may organize webinars using digital platforms to enhance accessibility for members located across India and internationally.

Webinars may include:

- Educational presentations.
- Panel discussions.
- Industry briefings.
- Expert interviews.
- Professional learning sessions.
- Product awareness programmes.

- International knowledge exchange.

Webinars shall encourage interactive participation and knowledge dissemination.

11.8 Conferences

The Association may organize regional, national, and international conferences that provide platforms for:

- Knowledge sharing.
- Policy dialogue.
- Business networking.
- Research presentations.
- Industry collaboration.
- Leadership development.
- Innovation showcases.

Conferences may include keynote addresses, panel discussions, exhibitions, networking sessions, and technical presentations.

11.9 Executive Forums

Executive Forums shall provide confidential and structured environments where senior executives, business leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals may exchange ideas relating to strategic leadership and emerging opportunities.

These forums shall encourage constructive dialogue while respecting confidentiality and professional ethics.

11.10 Research & Thought Leadership

The Association shall encourage research and thought leadership through:

- Research projects.
- Industry surveys.
- Economic studies.
- Policy discussions.
- White papers.
- Position papers.

- Case studies.
- Best practice documentation.
- Knowledge reports.
- Business insights.

Research undertaken or supported by the Association shall aim to contribute to informed decision-making and public discourse.

11.11 Knowledge Partnerships

The Association may collaborate with:

- Universities.
- Educational Institutions.
- Research Centres.
- Professional Bodies.
- Government Agencies.
- International Organizations.
- Industry Associations.
- Think Tanks.
- Innovation Centres.
- Corporate Knowledge Partners.

Such collaborations shall strengthen the quality and reach of the Association's educational initiatives.

11.12 Digital Learning Platforms

The Association may establish digital learning resources including:

- E-Learning Portals.
- Online Knowledge Libraries.
- Learning Management Systems.
- Digital Resource Centres.
- Video Learning Platforms.
- Recorded Webinars.

- Online Certification Support (through authorized partners where applicable).
- Research Databases.
- Digital Publications.

These platforms shall enhance accessibility and promote continuous learning among members.

11.13 Knowledge Resource Library

The Association may maintain physical and digital libraries containing:

- Books.
- Research Publications.
- Industry Reports.
- Business Journals.
- Economic Studies.
- Professional Magazines.
- Government Publications.
- International Reports.
- Market Intelligence Resources.
- Educational Materials.

Access may be provided in accordance with membership policies.

11.14 Speaker & Expert Network

The Association may maintain a network of distinguished speakers, industry experts, researchers, academicians, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and professionals who may contribute to its knowledge-sharing initiatives.

Participation shall be based on expertise, experience, and relevance to the objectives of the Association.

11.15 Knowledge Exchange Across Chapters

The Association shall encourage regular knowledge exchange among:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.

- International Chapters.
- Sector Councils.
- Committees.
- Partner Organizations.

This exchange shall promote consistency, innovation, and institutional learning across the Association.

11.16 Knowledge Sharing Principles

Knowledge-sharing activities shall be guided by the principles of:

- Accuracy.
- Professionalism.
- Respect.
- Inclusiveness.
- Intellectual honesty.
- Responsible communication.
- Ethical conduct.
- Evidence-based discussion.
- Continuous learning.
- Collaboration.

The Association shall encourage constructive dialogue while respecting diverse viewpoints.

11.17 Intellectual Property

Speakers, authors, researchers, and contributors shall retain intellectual property rights in accordance with applicable law and any agreements entered into with the Association.

Where content is published or distributed by the Association, appropriate permissions and acknowledgements shall be obtained.

11.18 Continuous Improvement

The Association shall periodically review its knowledge-sharing programmes to ensure they remain relevant, accessible, and responsive to the evolving needs of members and the broader business community.

Member feedback, technological advancements, industry developments, and emerging educational

practices shall inform continuous improvement.

11.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) believes that knowledge empowers individuals, strengthens institutions, and drives sustainable economic development.

Through its Knowledge Sharing Platforms, the Association is committed to fostering a culture of learning, innovation, collaboration, and professional excellence that enables members to adapt, grow, and lead in a rapidly changing global economy.

Knowledge Sharing Principle

“Knowledge shared responsibly creates stronger leaders, stronger enterprises, stronger institutions, and a stronger economy.”

Article 11 Summary

Article 11 establishes the framework for the Knowledge Sharing Platforms of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It outlines the Association’s commitment to lifelong learning through conferences, workshops, seminars, webinars, research, publications, digital learning, and strategic partnerships. By promoting professional development, thought leadership, and collaborative learning, the Association seeks to equip its members and stakeholders with the knowledge and capabilities needed to contribute to sustainable economic development and organizational excellence.

ARTICLE

12

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCES, TRADE SHOWS, BUSINESS FORUMS & CORPORATE EVENTS

12.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that conferences, trade exhibitions, business forums, leadership summits, networking events, and corporate engagement programmes play a vital role in promoting economic development, strengthening business ecosystems, encouraging innovation, facilitating investment, and fostering meaningful collaboration among businesses, institutions, governments, academia, and professionals.

Accordingly, the Association shall organize, facilitate, coordinate, support, or collaborate in conducting national and international events that advance its Vision, Mission, and Objectives while creating measurable value for its members and stakeholders.

12.2 Objectives

The objectives of organizing conferences and business events shall be to:

- a. Promote economic development.
- b. Encourage business networking.
- c. Facilitate knowledge exchange.
- d. Strengthen international cooperation.
- e. Promote entrepreneurship.
- f. Encourage innovation.
- g. Support MSME growth.
- h. Facilitate investment dialogue.
- i. Promote responsible corporate leadership.
- j. Strengthen collaboration between industry, academia, and government.
- k. Showcase emerging business opportunities.
- l. Enhance the global visibility of Indian businesses.

12.3 Scope of Events

The Association may organize, sponsor, endorse, co-host, or participate in the following categories of events:

- International Conferences
- National Conferences
- Economic Development Summits
- Business Conferences
- Leadership Summits
- Corporate Forums
- CEO Forums
- Investor Forums
- Startup Summits
- MSME Conclaves
- Business Excellence Conferences
- International Trade Forums
- Sector-Specific Conferences
- Policy Dialogues
- Industry Roundtables
- Executive Networking Events
- Business Awards
- Product Launch Platforms
- Trade Exhibitions
- Business Expositions
- International Delegations
- Country Business Forums
- Business Meetups

12.4 International Conferences

The Association may organize International Conferences to encourage dialogue among:

- Business Leaders
- Entrepreneurs
- Investors
- Government Representatives
- International Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Industry Associations
- Researchers
- Policy Experts
- Professionals

International Conferences may include:

- Keynote Addresses
- Panel Discussions
- Business Networking Sessions
- Country Presentations
- Investment Forums
- B2B Meetings
- Industry Exhibitions
- Cultural Exchange Activities
- Research Presentations
- Leadership Forums

12.5 National Conferences

National Conferences shall provide platforms for discussing matters relating to:

- Economic Development
- MSME Growth

- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- Digital Economy
- Corporate Governance
- Sustainable Development
- Skill Development
- Industry Transformation
- Public Policy
- International Trade

12.6 Business Forums

Business Forums shall facilitate structured interaction among members, business leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, professionals, and institutions.

Business Forums may include:

- CEO Roundtables
- Industry Dialogues
- Leadership Forums
- Business Breakfast Meetings
- Executive Networking Sessions
- Corporate Meetups
- Innovation Forums
- Business Strategy Discussions

12.7 Trade Shows & Business Exhibitions

The Association may organize or support Trade Shows, Business Expos, and Industry Exhibitions for the purpose of:

- Showcasing products and services.
- Promoting innovation.
- Encouraging international trade.

- Facilitating buyer-seller interaction.
- Supporting export awareness.
- Creating business visibility.
- Strengthening market access.

Participation shall be governed by transparent policies approved by the Association.

12.8 Corporate Events

Corporate Events organized or supported by the Association may include:

- Corporate Networking Evenings
- Business Leadership Awards
- Annual General Meetings
- Corporate Partnership Meets
- Member Appreciation Programmes
- Product Demonstrations
- Industry Recognition Ceremonies
- Anniversary Celebrations
- Business Excellence Awards
- Professional Fellowship Programmes

12.9 Investor Forums

The Association may organize Investor Forums that facilitate interaction between entrepreneurs, businesses, financial institutions, venture ecosystem participants, and strategic stakeholders.

These forums shall be intended for networking and information exchange and shall not constitute investment solicitation, financial advisory, or securities-related activities unless conducted in compliance with applicable laws.

12.10 Business Delegations

The Association may organize domestic and international business delegations to:

- Promote trade.
- Encourage business collaboration.

- Explore investment opportunities.
- Facilitate institutional partnerships.
- Promote educational exchange.
- Strengthen international relationships.

Delegations shall be conducted in accordance with applicable travel, immigration, trade, and regulatory requirements.

12.11 Awards & Recognition Events

To recognize excellence in business and professional achievement, the Association may organize awards programmes in areas including:

- Entrepreneurship
- MSME Excellence
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Corporate Governance
- Sustainability
- Export Promotion
- Education
- Healthcare
- Technology
- Women Entrepreneurship
- Youth Leadership
- Social Impact

Selection criteria shall be transparent, objective, and publicly communicated.

12.12 Educational Events

The Association may organize educational events such as:

- Masterclasses
- Executive Training

- Professional Workshops
- Technical Sessions
- Certification Awareness Programmes
- Leadership Development Courses
- Skill Enhancement Programmes
- Industry Awareness Sessions

Educational events may be conducted independently or in collaboration with recognized institutions.

12.13 Digital & Hybrid Events

Recognizing the importance of technology, the Association may organize:

- Virtual Conferences
- Online Webinars
- Hybrid Conferences
- Digital Trade Shows
- Virtual Networking Events
- Online Business Forums
- Live Panel Discussions
- Global Digital Summits

Digital events shall seek to maximize accessibility while maintaining professional standards.

12.14 Event Governance

Every event organized by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with approved governance policies.

Event planning shall include:

- Defined objectives.
- Approved budgets.
- Risk assessment.
- Speaker selection.
- Participant management.

- Sponsorship guidelines.
- Health and safety considerations.
- Documentation and reporting.
- Compliance with applicable laws.

12.15 Sponsorship & Partnerships

The Association may accept sponsorships and collaborate with organizations for conducting events, provided that:

- Sponsorship arrangements are transparent.
- Sponsors do not compromise the independence of the Association.
- Sponsorships comply with applicable laws.
- Ethical standards are maintained.
- Sponsorship agreements are documented.

12.16 Code of Conduct During Events

All participants shall conduct themselves professionally.

The Association may establish event guidelines relating to:

- Respectful communication.
- Equal participation.
- Professional behavior.
- Non-discrimination.
- Anti-harassment.
- Responsible networking.
- Protection of confidential information.

The Association reserves the right to remove participants whose conduct materially disrupts the event or violates published event rules, subject to fair procedures where appropriate.

12.17 Media & Public Communication

The Association may invite media representatives to cover events.

Official media communications shall be issued only by authorized spokespersons or designated

representatives.

Photography, videography, and promotional materials may be used for documentation and communication purposes in accordance with applicable laws and published event notices.

12.18 Monitoring & Evaluation

The Association shall periodically evaluate its conferences and events through:

- Participant feedback.
- Event reports.
- Performance indicators.
- Financial review.
- Impact assessment.
- Lessons learned.

These evaluations shall support continuous improvement in programme quality and member value.

12.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to organizing high-quality conferences, forums, trade shows, and corporate events that encourage meaningful dialogue, professional networking, knowledge exchange, and collaborative action.

Through these platforms, the Association seeks to strengthen India's business ecosystem, support entrepreneurship, foster international partnerships, and contribute to sustainable economic development.

Event Excellence Principle

“Every conference, forum, exhibition, and networking event organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be conducted with professionalism, integrity, inclusiveness, and a commitment to creating lasting value for members, partners, and society.”

Article 12 Summary

Article 12 establishes the governance framework for conferences, trade shows, business forums, and corporate events organized or supported by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, scope, governance standards, sponsorship principles, participant expectations, and continuous improvement mechanisms that ensure these events serve as effective platforms for knowledge sharing, business collaboration, investment dialogue, and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

13

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS NETWORKING PLATFORMS

13.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that meaningful business relationships are fundamental to economic growth, innovation, entrepreneurship, investment, and sustainable enterprise development.

Accordingly, the Association shall establish structured Business Networking Platforms that encourage professional interaction, collaboration, knowledge exchange, strategic partnerships, and long-term business relationships among its members and stakeholders.

These networking platforms shall serve as one of the Association's primary mechanisms for connecting businesses locally, nationally, and internationally.

13.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Business Networking Platforms shall be to:

- a. Facilitate professional networking among members.
- b. Encourage collaboration between businesses and institutions.
- c. Promote entrepreneurship and innovation.
- d. Support MSMEs and startups.
- e. Strengthen domestic and international business relationships.
- f. Encourage responsible business partnerships.
- g. Promote leadership and knowledge exchange.
- h. Create opportunities for strategic collaborations.
- i. Increase business visibility for members.
- j. Foster long-term professional relationships.

13.3 Scope of Networking Activities

The Association may organize and facilitate networking activities including, but not limited to:

- Business Networking Meetings
- CEO Roundtables
- Corporate Networking Forums
- Entrepreneurs' Meetups
- Industry Networking Sessions
- Investor Networking Forums
- Startup Networking Events
- Business Breakfast Meetings
- Business Luncheons
- Evening Networking Receptions
- International Networking Forums
- Country Business Forums
- Women Entrepreneurs Networking
- Young Leaders Networking
- Professional Networking Events
- Sector-Specific Networking Sessions

13.4 National Networking Platform

The Association shall establish a National Business Networking Platform to connect members from different regions of India.

The platform shall facilitate:

- Business introductions.
- Professional relationships.
- Cross-state collaborations.
- Industry networking.
- Knowledge exchange.

- Strategic partnerships.
- Business visibility.

13.5 International Networking Platform

Through collaboration with the **FEDA Global Council** and recognized international chapters, the Association may facilitate international networking opportunities between members and overseas businesses, institutions, and organizations.

Such initiatives may include:

- Global Business Forums.
- International Networking Conferences.
- Cross-border Business Meetings.
- International Delegations.
- Country Partnership Forums.
- International Trade Networking.
- Global Leadership Summits.
- International Member Exchanges.

13.6 Industry Networking Councils

The Association may establish Industry Networking Councils dedicated to specific sectors, including:

- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Education
- Healthcare
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Construction
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Renewable Energy
- Retail & E-commerce

- Financial Services
- Logistics
- Professional Services
- Creative Industries

Each council shall facilitate networking and collaboration among members within its sector.

13.7 Member Networking Benefits

Subject to membership category and applicable policies, members may receive opportunities to:

- Connect with business leaders.
- Participate in networking events.
- Access business forums.
- Join industry councils.
- Meet strategic partners.
- Explore collaboration opportunities.
- Share expertise.
- Promote their businesses.
- Participate in international forums.
- Expand professional relationships.

The availability of specific benefits shall be determined by the Association's approved membership framework.

13.8 Digital Networking Platforms

To enhance accessibility and member engagement, the Association may establish digital networking platforms including:

- Member Portal.
- Online Business Directory.
- Digital Networking Communities.
- Industry Discussion Forums.
- Virtual Business Matching Sessions.

- Online CEO Forums.
- Mobile Networking Applications.
- Professional Collaboration Platforms.

These platforms shall support secure and responsible communication among members.

13.9 Networking Etiquette

All networking activities conducted under the Association shall promote:

- Professional respect.
- Honest communication.
- Ethical business conduct.
- Inclusiveness.
- Confidentiality where appropriate.
- Constructive engagement.
- Mutual benefit.
- Responsible representation of businesses.

Members shall refrain from misleading representations, harassment, or conduct that could adversely affect the reputation of the Association.

13.10 Business Introductions

The Association may facilitate introductions between members based on expressed interests, industry sectors, or collaboration opportunities.

Such introductions shall:

- Be made in good faith.
- Respect privacy and confidentiality.
- Not constitute endorsements.
- Not guarantee commercial success.
- Be subject to the willingness of the parties involved.

The Association shall not be responsible for commercial decisions or agreements entered into by members following such introductions.

13.11 Strategic Collaboration Opportunities

Networking initiatives may encourage collaboration in areas including:

- Joint Ventures.
- Research Projects.
- Educational Partnerships.
- Technology Collaboration.
- Supply Chain Development.
- Market Expansion.
- Innovation Projects.
- Export Promotion.
- Capacity Building.
- Community Development.

Participation in collaborative projects shall remain voluntary and subject to agreements between the participating parties.

13.12 International Business Missions

The Association may organize or participate in business missions to strengthen international engagement.

These missions may include:

- Business Delegations.
- Trade Networking Visits.
- Industry Study Tours.
- International Exhibitions.
- Bilateral Business Meetings.
- Government-Industry Interaction.
- Investment Promotion Forums.

Participation shall be governed by transparent eligibility criteria and applicable travel and legal requirements.

13.13 Diversity & Inclusion

Networking opportunities shall be designed to encourage participation from:

- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Women Entrepreneurs.
- Young Professionals.
- Corporate Members.
- Educational Institutions.
- Social Enterprises.
- International Members.
- Industry Associations.
- Professionals from diverse sectors.

The Association shall promote equal opportunity and inclusive participation.

13.14 Confidentiality

Members participating in networking activities shall respect confidential information shared during meetings or discussions.

Confidential information obtained through Association activities shall not be disclosed or used improperly without the consent of the relevant party, except where disclosure is required by law.

13.15 Code of Conduct

Participants in networking events shall:

- Conduct themselves professionally.
- Respect differing opinions.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Comply with Association policies.
- Refrain from discriminatory or offensive conduct.
- Protect the reputation of the Association.
- Promote ethical business relationships.

The Association may establish additional networking guidelines where appropriate.

13.16 Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

The Association shall periodically review its networking initiatives by considering:

- Member participation.
- Satisfaction surveys.
- Partnership outcomes.
- Industry trends.
- Digital engagement.
- Feedback from chapters.
- Emerging networking practices.

Continuous improvement shall ensure that networking platforms remain valuable, relevant, and responsive to member needs.

13.17 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to building one of India's most trusted business networking ecosystems, where entrepreneurs, professionals, institutions, investors, and business leaders can establish meaningful relationships, share knowledge, create opportunities, and contribute to sustainable economic development.

The Association believes that strong professional networks are built on trust, integrity, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to creating value for members and society.

Business Networking Principle

“Every professional connection has the potential to create opportunity, strengthen enterprise, inspire innovation, and contribute to economic development. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) exists to facilitate those connections through ethical, inclusive, and professionally governed networking platforms.”

Article 13 Summary

Article 13 establishes the governance framework for the Business Networking Platforms of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, scope, ethical standards, and operational principles governing networking activities at the local, national, and international levels. By promoting responsible collaboration, professional engagement, and meaningful business relationships, the Association seeks to create a trusted ecosystem that supports entrepreneurship, enterprise growth, innovation, and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

14

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES *INVESTOR FORUM & BUSINESS MATCHMAKING*

14.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that access to strategic partnerships, investment opportunities, business collaborations, and professional networks plays an essential role in accelerating entrepreneurship, strengthening enterprises, promoting innovation, and supporting sustainable economic development.

Accordingly, the Association may establish an **Investor Forum** and **Business Matchmaking Platform** to facilitate meaningful interactions among entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, corporations, investors, educational institutions, government agencies, professional organizations, and international business communities.

The Association's role shall be limited to facilitating introductions, networking, information exchange, and collaboration opportunities and shall not extend to acting as an investment advisor, broker, intermediary, portfolio manager, merchant banker, crowdfunding platform, or financial institution unless separately authorized under applicable law.

14.2 Objectives

The Investor Forum and Business Matchmaking Platform shall seek to:

- a. Encourage responsible business collaboration.
- b. Facilitate professional introductions.
- c. Promote entrepreneurship and innovation.
- d. Strengthen MSMEs and startups.
- e. Encourage investment awareness.
- f. Promote strategic partnerships.
- g. Facilitate domestic and international business cooperation.
- h. Encourage technology transfer and innovation.
- i. Strengthen business ecosystems.
- j. Support sustainable economic development.

14.3 Scope of Activities

The Association may organize and facilitate activities including:

- Investor Forums
- Startup Showcase Events
- Business Matchmaking Sessions
- B2B Meetings
- B2G Networking Forums
- Corporate Partnership Meetings
- Strategic Alliance Forums
- Industry Connect Programmes
- International Business Matching Sessions
- Business Delegations
- Investor Awareness Programmes
- Innovation Showcase Events
- Sector-Specific Business Meets
- Cross-Border Collaboration Forums

14.4 Investor Forum

The Association may establish an Investor Forum as a professional platform where entrepreneurs, businesses, and investors can engage in discussions relating to:

- Business Opportunities
- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- Emerging Industries
- Economic Development
- Strategic Collaboration
- Business Expansion
- Sustainable Growth

- Market Trends
- Industry Insights

The Investor Forum shall serve as a networking and knowledge-sharing platform rather than a fundraising or securities marketplace.

14.5 Business Matchmaking

The Association may facilitate Business Matchmaking by introducing members and stakeholders whose interests may align for potential collaboration.

Business Matchmaking may include introductions between:

- Buyers and Suppliers
- Manufacturers and Distributors
- Exporters and Importers
- MSMEs and Corporates
- Startups and Industry Partners
- Educational Institutions and Industry
- Technology Providers and Businesses
- Research Organizations and Enterprises
- Service Providers and Clients
- Domestic and International Businesses

The Association shall not guarantee that introductions will result in commercial agreements or business transactions.

14.6 Startup & Innovation Platform

The Association may organize dedicated programmes to support startups and innovators by providing opportunities for:

- Business Presentations
- Innovation Showcases
- Industry Networking
- Mentorship Sessions
- Knowledge Exchange

- Corporate Interaction
- Ecosystem Collaboration
- Business Visibility

Such programmes shall focus on learning, networking, and collaboration.

14.7 Strategic Partnership Facilitation

The Association may facilitate discussions between members seeking strategic partnerships in areas including:

- Joint Ventures
- Research Collaboration
- Technology Cooperation
- Market Expansion
- Distribution Networks
- Manufacturing Partnerships
- Educational Collaboration
- International Cooperation
- Professional Services
- Sustainability Projects

Participation shall remain voluntary and governed by agreements between the participating organizations.

14.8 International Business Collaboration

In coordination with the FEDA Global Council and recognized international chapters, the Association may facilitate cross-border collaboration through:

- International Business Forums
- Country Partnership Meetings
- Global Trade Networking
- International Delegations
- Export Awareness Programmes
- International Buyer–Seller Meets

- Bilateral Business Dialogues
- International Industry Partnerships

All international activities shall comply with the applicable laws of India and the relevant foreign jurisdictions.

14.9 Investor Awareness Programmes

The Association may organize educational programmes to improve understanding of:

- Investment Ecosystems
- Startup Financing Concepts
- Venture Development
- Business Valuation Awareness
- Corporate Governance
- Business Planning
- Financial Literacy
- Risk Awareness
- Capital Raising Frameworks (Educational Purpose)

These programmes shall be educational in nature and shall not constitute investment solicitation or regulated financial advice.

14.10 Business Referral Network

The Association may facilitate referrals among members to encourage lawful business opportunities and professional collaboration.

Participation in the referral network shall be voluntary and based on mutual consent.

The Association shall not endorse or certify the competence, financial stability, or performance of any member or organization participating in the referral network.

14.11 Confidentiality

Information exchanged during Investor Forums or Business Matchmaking activities shall be treated responsibly.

Participants shall respect confidentiality and intellectual property rights.

The Association may require participants to comply with confidentiality policies where appropriate.

14.12 Due Diligence Responsibility

The Association may facilitate introductions but shall not undertake commercial due diligence on behalf of members.

Every participant shall remain solely responsible for conducting independent verification before entering into:

- Business Agreements
- Commercial Contracts
- Investments
- Joint Ventures
- Strategic Alliances
- Supply Arrangements
- Service Contracts

The Association accepts no responsibility for decisions made by participants following introductions facilitated through its platforms.

14.13 Conflict of Interest

Office bearers and committee members involved in Investor Forums or Business Matchmaking shall disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest.

No individual shall improperly influence introductions or business opportunities for personal benefit.

The Association shall promote fairness and equal opportunity in facilitating business interactions.

14.14 Ethical Standards

All participants shall:

- Act honestly.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Avoid misleading representations.
- Comply with applicable laws.
- Conduct negotiations professionally.
- Respect intellectual property.
- Promote ethical business relationships.

The Association may suspend participation where conduct materially violates these standards.

14.15 Digital Matchmaking Platform

The Association may establish digital systems enabling members to:

- Create Business Profiles.
- Publish Business Interests.
- Identify Collaboration Opportunities.
- Request Introductions.
- Participate in Virtual Networking.
- Access Business Directories.
- Connect with International Members.

Digital platforms shall operate in accordance with applicable privacy, cybersecurity, and data protection requirements.

14.16 Monitoring & Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review the effectiveness of Investor Forum and Business Matchmaking initiatives by considering:

- Member participation.
- Partnership outcomes.
- Feedback.
- Programme quality.
- Industry developments.
- International best practices.

Recommendations shall be used to strengthen future initiatives.

14.17 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to creating a trusted platform where entrepreneurs, businesses, institutions, investors, and professionals can connect responsibly, explore opportunities, exchange knowledge, and build long-term partnerships that contribute to sustainable economic development.

The Association shall remain committed to neutrality, transparency, and ethical facilitation while respecting the legal boundaries applicable to investment-related activities.



Investor Forum & Business Matchmaking Principle

“The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) connects opportunities with people—not as a commercial intermediary, but as a trusted facilitator of collaboration, innovation, responsible partnerships, and sustainable economic growth.”

Article 14 Summary

Article 14 establishes the governance framework for the Investor Forum and Business Matchmaking initiatives of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the Association’s role as a neutral facilitator of networking, collaboration, strategic partnerships, and educational engagement while expressly distinguishing these activities from regulated investment, brokerage, financial advisory, or intermediary services. Through structured and ethically governed interactions, the Association seeks to foster innovation, enterprise growth, and national and international business cooperation in support of its broader mission of sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE 15

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES *INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT*

15.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that international cooperation and responsible global engagement are essential drivers of economic growth, business competitiveness, innovation, investment, and sustainable development.

Accordingly, the Association shall facilitate international business cooperation by creating structured platforms that encourage lawful collaboration among businesses, entrepreneurs, institutions, professional organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and international partners.

The Association shall function as a facilitator of dialogue, networking, knowledge sharing, trade promotion awareness, and institutional collaboration while respecting the legal and regulatory frameworks governing international business activities.

15.2 Objectives

The objectives of International Business Cooperation shall be to:

- a. Promote responsible international business collaboration.
- b. Encourage cross-border partnerships.
- c. Strengthen India's global business engagement.
- d. Facilitate business networking with international organizations.
- e. Promote international trade awareness.
- f. Encourage foreign market exposure.
- g. Support knowledge exchange between countries.
- h. Promote technology collaboration.
- i. Encourage educational partnerships.
- j. Strengthen economic diplomacy through business cooperation.

15.3 Scope of International Activities

The Association may organize, facilitate, support, or participate in international initiatives including:

- International Business Forums
- International Trade Delegations
- Bilateral Business Meetings
- Multilateral Business Conferences
- International CEO Forums
- Cross-Border Business Networking
- International Exhibitions
- Global Investment Dialogues
- International Knowledge Exchange Programmes
- Country Business Forums
- Trade Promotion Awareness Sessions
- International Partnership Meetings
- Business Diplomacy Forums
- Global Innovation Forums
- International Leadership Summits

15.4 International Chapters

The Association may collaborate with the **FEDA Global Council** and officially recognized international chapters to promote global cooperation.

International Chapters may:

- Promote FEDA's Vision and Mission.
- Support international networking.
- Encourage business collaboration.
- Facilitate professional exchanges.
- Coordinate international programmes.
- Promote ethical business practices.

- Strengthen member engagement.

Each International Chapter shall operate in accordance with its local legal requirements and the governance framework approved by the FEDA Global Council.

15.5 International Business Forums

The Association may organize international business forums to encourage dialogue among:

- Entrepreneurs
- Corporate Leaders
- MSMEs
- Startups
- Investors
- Educational Institutions
- Government Representatives
- Industry Associations
- Trade Organizations
- Professional Bodies

The purpose of such forums shall be to promote collaboration, innovation, and mutual understanding rather than commercial brokerage.

15.6 Global Trade Facilitation

The Association may promote awareness and networking relating to international trade by:

- Organizing Export Awareness Programmes.
- Conducting Import Awareness Sessions.
- Facilitating Buyer–Seller Meetings.
- Sharing General Market Information.
- Introducing International Business Contacts.
- Organizing Trade Networking Events.
- Encouraging International Market Exploration.

The Association shall not act as an importer, exporter, customs broker, freight forwarder, or commercial trading intermediary unless separately authorized under applicable law.

15.7 International Business Delegations

The Association may organize business delegations to foreign countries for purposes including:

- Business Networking.
- Trade Promotion.
- Investment Awareness.
- Industry Visits.
- Educational Collaboration.
- Institutional Partnerships.
- Innovation Exchange.
- Market Exposure.

Participation in delegations shall be governed by transparent eligibility criteria and compliance with applicable travel, immigration, and regulatory requirements.

15.8 International Partnerships

The Association may enter into lawful partnerships with:

- Chambers of Commerce.
- Trade Promotion Organizations.
- Universities.
- Professional Associations.
- Industry Bodies.
- Government Institutions.
- Research Organizations.
- Business Councils.
- International NGOs.
- Development Agencies.

Such partnerships shall be formalized through written agreements where appropriate and shall support the Association's objectives.

15.9 Educational Collaboration

Recognizing the importance of education in economic development, the Association may facilitate collaboration with educational institutions for:

- Academic Exchange.
- Industry–Academia Interaction.
- Research Collaboration.
- Leadership Development.
- Skill Development.
- Entrepreneurship Education.
- Innovation Programmes.
- International Learning Opportunities.

These activities shall comply with applicable educational and regulatory requirements.

15.10 International Knowledge Exchange

The Association shall encourage the exchange of:

- Best Practices.
- Business Innovations.
- Research Findings.
- Economic Insights.
- Policy Experiences.
- Industry Trends.
- Leadership Perspectives.
- Technology Developments.

Knowledge exchange programmes shall seek to strengthen institutional learning and global competitiveness.

15.11 Global Business Directory

The Association may maintain a Global Business Directory containing information voluntarily provided by members for networking and collaboration purposes.

The directory may include:

- Company Profiles.
- Industry Classification.
- Business Interests.
- Geographic Presence.
- Products and Services.
- Collaboration Interests.

The use of personal and business information shall be governed by the Association's privacy and data protection policies.

15.12 International Conferences

The Association may organize or participate in international conferences addressing:

- Economic Development.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Global Trade.
- Investment.
- Technology.
- Innovation.
- Sustainable Development.
- Corporate Governance.
- International Education.
- Leadership.

These conferences shall encourage professional dialogue and international cooperation.

15.13 Government & Diplomatic Engagement

Where appropriate and in accordance with applicable law, the Association may engage with:

- Diplomatic Missions.
- Trade Offices.
- Investment Promotion Agencies.
- Export Promotion Councils.

- Government Ministries.
- International Organizations.

Such engagement shall be conducted in a non-partisan and professional manner to promote the Association's objectives.

15.14 Ethical International Engagement

All international activities shall be guided by the principles of:

- Mutual Respect.
- Cultural Sensitivity.
- Transparency.
- Fairness.
- Responsible Representation.
- Compliance with Applicable Laws.
- Respect for Sovereignty.
- Professional Conduct.

Members representing the Association internationally shall uphold its reputation and values at all times.

15.15 Compliance with International Laws

International cooperation activities shall be undertaken in compliance with:

- Indian laws and regulations.
- Applicable foreign laws.
- International trade regulations.
- Immigration requirements.
- Sanctions and export control laws where applicable.
- Anti-corruption legislation.
- Data protection obligations.

The Association shall not facilitate activities that violate applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

15.16 Limitations

The Association shall not:

- Conduct international commercial trading on behalf of members.
- Act as a customs broker.
- Guarantee international contracts.
- Guarantee export or import approvals.
- Provide regulated legal or customs advisory services.
- Guarantee visas or immigration approvals.
- Act as a financial intermediary in cross-border transactions.

Its role shall remain one of facilitation, networking, education, coordination, and collaboration.

15.17 Monitoring & Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review the Association's international initiatives by evaluating:

- Member participation.
- Partnership outcomes.
- International engagement.
- Programme effectiveness.
- Strategic impact.
- Compliance with governance standards.

Recommendations shall guide the future development of international programmes.

15.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to strengthening India's engagement with the global business community by promoting lawful international cooperation, responsible trade awareness, institutional partnerships, and cross-border knowledge exchange.

Through its international initiatives, the Association seeks to create opportunities that benefit members while contributing to sustainable economic development and stronger international business relationships.

International Cooperation Principle

“Global partnerships are built on trust, mutual respect, knowledge, and responsible collaboration. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to connecting Indian enterprises with global opportunities while upholding the highest standards of ethics, governance, and legal compliance.”

Article 15 Summary

Article 15 establishes the governance framework for International Business Cooperation and Global Trade Facilitation within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It outlines the Association’s role in fostering lawful international collaboration, trade awareness, educational partnerships, business networking, and institutional engagement while clearly defining the limits of its activities. The Article reinforces FEDA’s commitment to ethical global engagement, regulatory compliance, and sustainable international economic cooperation in support of its Vision and Mission.

ARTICLE

16

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES

16.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that the creation, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge are fundamental to sustainable economic development, informed decision-making, institutional excellence, and responsible leadership.

Accordingly, the Association shall establish and maintain official publications, research initiatives, knowledge resources, and communication platforms that contribute to professional development, business awareness, policy dialogue, and the exchange of ideas among members and the wider business community.

The Association shall encourage evidence-based knowledge, responsible communication, and intellectual collaboration while maintaining high standards of editorial integrity and professional ethics.

16.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Association's publications and knowledge resources shall be to:

- a. Promote economic and business knowledge.
- b. Encourage research and innovation.
- c. Disseminate industry information.
- d. Support professional development.
- e. Promote entrepreneurship and MSME growth.
- f. Encourage ethical business leadership.
- g. Showcase member achievements.
- h. Facilitate policy dialogue.
- i. Strengthen institutional knowledge.
- j. Build an internationally respected knowledge platform.

16.3 Official Publications

The Association may publish, maintain, and distribute official publications including, but not limited to:

- **FEDA Economist**
- **FEDA Global Sources**
- Annual Reports
- Quarterly Business Reviews
- Economic Development Reports
- Industry Reports
- Business Directories
- Conference Proceedings
- Governance Manuals
- Research Journals
- Newsletters
- Policy Briefs
- White Papers
- Position Papers
- Business Case Studies
- Educational Handbooks
- Digital Magazines
- Annual Business Outlook Reports

The Governing Council may approve additional publications from time to time.

16.4 FEDA Economist

The **FEDA Economist** shall serve as the Association's flagship publication dedicated to advancing knowledge on economic development, entrepreneurship, business strategy, governance, innovation, trade, and public policy.

The publication may include:

- Economic Analysis

- Industry Insights
- Business Trends
- Policy Discussions
- Leadership Articles
- Expert Opinions
- Entrepreneurship Stories
- International Business Perspectives
- Research Summaries
- Interviews with Industry Leaders

Editorial independence shall be maintained while ensuring that published content aligns with the Association's values and objectives.

16.5 FEDA Global Sources

FEDA Global Sources shall function as a business information and networking publication designed to promote member visibility and facilitate commercial awareness.

Subject to applicable policies, it may include:

- Company Profiles
- Product & Service Listings
- Business Directories
- Industry Features
- Market Opportunities
- Trade Information
- Supplier Showcases
- Buyer Information
- Export Readiness Resources
- Business Success Stories

Publication in **FEDA Global Sources** shall not constitute endorsement or certification by the Association.

16.6 Research Initiatives

The Association may undertake or support research relating to:

- Economic Development
- Entrepreneurship
- MSMEs
- Innovation
- International Trade
- Corporate Governance
- Digital Economy
- Artificial Intelligence
- Sustainability
- Education
- Skill Development
- Investment Climate
- Public Policy
- Industry Competitiveness
- Emerging Technologies

Research shall seek to contribute to informed public discourse and institutional learning.

16.7 Knowledge Resources

The Association may develop and maintain knowledge resources including:

- Digital Libraries
- Research Databases
- Industry Reports
- Policy Documents
- Learning Resources
- Educational Videos
- Business Templates

- Governance Resources
- Market Intelligence Publications
- Best Practice Guides

These resources shall support continuous learning among members.

16.8 Editorial Standards

All official publications shall adhere to high standards of:

- Accuracy.
- Objectivity.
- Professionalism.
- Editorial Integrity.
- Respect for Intellectual Property.
- Responsible Communication.
- Ethical Journalism.
- Proper Attribution.
- Fact Verification.

Where opinions are expressed, they shall be clearly identified as such.

16.9 Contributions

Members, researchers, academicians, industry experts, professionals, and invited contributors may submit articles, research papers, case studies, and opinion pieces for consideration.

Acceptance for publication shall be based on editorial review and relevance to the Association's objectives.

The Association reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity, style, grammar, and consistency while preserving the intended meaning.

16.10 Intellectual Property

Unless otherwise agreed in writing:

- Authors shall retain ownership of their original works.
- Contributors grant the Association a non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce, archive, and distribute accepted content through its official platforms.

- Proper acknowledgment shall be provided to authors.
- Third-party copyrighted material shall not be published without appropriate permission where required.

16.11 Digital Publications

The Association may publish content through:

- Official Website.
- Mobile Applications.
- Digital Magazine Platforms.
- Member Portals.
- Email Newsletters.
- Online Journals.
- Social Media Channels.
- Digital Libraries.
- Learning Platforms.

Digital publications shall be accessible in accordance with the Association's communication and information management policies.

16.12 Business Directories

The Association may publish member directories and sector-specific business directories to facilitate networking and business visibility.

Directory information shall be based on information voluntarily provided by members and may include:

- Company Name.
- Industry Sector.
- Business Profile.
- Products & Services.
- Geographic Presence.
- Contact Information (with consent).
- Collaboration Interests.

The Association shall respect applicable privacy and data protection requirements.

16.13 Media Relations

The Association may engage with print, digital, broadcast, and online media to communicate its activities, publications, events, and public initiatives.

Official statements shall be issued only by authorized spokespersons or designated representatives.

Media engagement shall be conducted responsibly and in a manner consistent with the Association's values.

16.14 Archives & Documentation

The Association shall maintain archives of significant publications, research reports, conference proceedings, governance documents, and institutional records to preserve organizational knowledge.

Where appropriate, historical materials may be made available for educational and research purposes.

16.15 Knowledge Partnerships

The Association may collaborate with:

- Universities.
- Research Institutions.
- Think Tanks.
- Professional Associations.
- Industry Bodies.
- Government Agencies.
- International Organizations.
- Publishers.
- Academic Journals.
- Knowledge Networks.

Such collaborations shall support research, publication, and knowledge dissemination.

16.16 Ethical Publishing

The Association shall discourage:

- Plagiarism.

- Fabrication of information.
- Defamation.
- Misrepresentation.
- Copyright infringement.
- Discriminatory content.
- Unethical promotional practices.

Content that materially violates applicable law or the Association's ethical standards may be rejected or withdrawn.

16.17 Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

The Editorial Board or designated authority shall periodically review:

- Publication quality.
- Reader engagement.
- Editorial processes.
- Research impact.
- Digital accessibility.
- Member feedback.
- International best practices.

Recommendations shall be implemented to improve the Association's publications and knowledge resources.

16.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to becoming a trusted source of business knowledge, economic insight, research, and professional learning.

Through its publications and knowledge platforms, the Association seeks to strengthen informed leadership, encourage responsible entrepreneurship, showcase member achievements, and contribute meaningfully to national and international economic development.

Knowledge Publication Principle

“Knowledge creates opportunity, research inspires progress, and responsible communication builds trust. Through its official publications, the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to advancing informed leadership, ethical business practices, and sustainable economic development.”



Article 16 Summary

Article 16 establishes the governance framework for the official publications, research activities, and knowledge resources of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the purpose, editorial standards, publication types, intellectual property principles, research initiatives, and communication practices that guide the Association's role as a trusted source of business knowledge and professional development. By maintaining high standards of accuracy, integrity, and ethical publishing, the Association seeks to support informed decision-making, foster innovation, and strengthen the business community through accessible and credible knowledge.

ARTICLE

17

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL PLATFORMS & MEMBER SERVICES

17.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that digital technologies play a critical role in strengthening member engagement, improving governance, facilitating communication, promoting knowledge sharing, and enhancing the delivery of services.

Accordingly, the Association shall establish, develop, and maintain secure digital platforms that support collaboration, learning, networking, communication, administration, and business development while ensuring responsible governance and compliance with applicable laws.

Digital platforms shall complement the Association's physical programmes and enable members across India and internationally to participate in the activities of the Association irrespective of geographical location.

17.2 Objectives

The Digital Platforms and Member Services shall seek to:

- a. Improve member engagement.
- b. Enhance communication.
- c. Facilitate knowledge sharing.
- d. Promote business networking.
- e. Support digital learning.
- f. Improve governance efficiency.
- g. Provide easy access to Association resources.
- h. Increase transparency.
- i. Encourage collaboration.
- j. Deliver value-added services to members.

17.3 Official Digital Platforms

The Association may establish and maintain the following official digital platforms:

- Official Website
- Member Portal
- Digital Business Directory
- Learning Management System (LMS)
- Mobile Application
- Webinar Platform
- Online Event Registration Portal
- Digital Knowledge Library
- Discussion Forums
- Online Community Platforms
- Digital Publication Portal
- E-Newsletter Platform
- Business Matchmaking Portal
- Online Help Desk
- Member Support Centre

Additional digital platforms may be introduced as approved by the Governing Council.

17.4 Official Website

The Association's official website shall serve as the primary public communication platform.

The website may include:

- About the Association
- Vision & Mission
- Governance Information
- Membership Information
- Events Calendar
- Publications

- Business Directory
- Research Resources
- News & Announcements
- Partner Information
- Chapter Information
- Contact Details
- Online Membership Applications
- Event Registrations
- Digital Downloads

The website shall be updated regularly to ensure that information remains accurate and relevant.

17.5 Member Portal

The Association may establish a secure Member Portal providing access to:

- Membership Profile
- Membership Status
- Digital Membership Certificate
- Event Registrations
- Learning Resources
- Publications
- Business Directory
- Networking Opportunities
- Discussion Forums
- Committee Information
- Member Benefits
- Digital ID Cards
- Downloadable Resources

Access shall be governed by the member's category and authorization level.

17.6 Digital Learning Platform

The Association may establish an online learning environment to provide members with access to:

- Recorded Webinars
- Online Workshops
- Leadership Courses
- Professional Development Programmes
- Knowledge Resources
- Industry Reports
- Business Templates
- Educational Videos
- Executive Learning Modules
- Research Publications

Where certificates are offered, they shall only be issued in accordance with applicable policies and any necessary institutional partnerships.

17.7 Digital Business Directory

The Association may maintain an online directory of members for networking and collaboration purposes.

The directory may include:

- Company Name
- Business Category
- Products & Services
- Geographic Location
- Website
- Business Contact Details (with consent)
- Areas of Collaboration
- Membership Status

Information shall be displayed in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection requirements.

17.8 Digital Communication

The Association may communicate with members through:

- Email
- SMS
- Mobile Notifications
- WhatsApp Channels (where appropriate)
- Official Social Media Platforms
- Mobile Applications
- Website Announcements
- Digital Newsletters

Official communications shall be issued only through authorized channels.

17.9 Online Networking

The Association may facilitate online networking through:

- Virtual Networking Sessions
- Industry Discussion Groups
- CEO Forums
- Business Matchmaking Platforms
- International Networking Meetings
- Online Community Forums
- Professional Discussion Boards

Online interactions shall be conducted professionally and in accordance with the Association's Code of Conduct.

17.10 Member Support Services

The Association may provide digital member support including:

- Membership Assistance
- Event Support
- Technical Support

- Information Requests
- Publication Access
- Training Assistance
- Chapter Information
- Referral Guidance
- General Administrative Support

Response times and service standards may be established by administrative policy.

17.11 Digital Governance

The Association shall encourage the responsible use of digital technologies for governance purposes, including:

- Virtual Meetings
- Electronic Notices
- Online Consultations
- Digital Documentation
- Electronic Record Keeping
- Committee Collaboration
- Online Surveys
- Member Feedback Systems

Electronic governance processes shall be implemented in accordance with applicable laws and approved governance procedures.

17.12 Data Privacy & Security

The Association shall take reasonable administrative and technical measures to protect personal information collected through its digital platforms.

The Association shall endeavor to:

- Protect member data.
- Maintain secure systems.
- Prevent unauthorized access.
- Respect privacy rights.

- Limit access to authorized personnel.
- Maintain appropriate data management practices.

The collection, use, storage, and processing of personal information shall be governed by applicable laws and the Association's privacy policies.

17.13 Acceptable Use

Members using the Association's digital platforms shall:

- Use platforms lawfully.
- Respect other users.
- Avoid abusive conduct.
- Protect login credentials.
- Refrain from unauthorized commercial solicitation.
- Respect intellectual property rights.
- Avoid uploading harmful software or malicious content.
- Comply with the Association's digital policies.

The Association may suspend or restrict access where there is a material violation of these requirements.

17.14 Social Media

The Association may maintain official accounts on appropriate social media platforms for:

- Member Engagement
- Event Promotion
- Knowledge Sharing
- Public Awareness
- Professional Networking
- Business Promotion
- Institutional Communication

Only authorized representatives may issue official statements on behalf of the Association.

Personal opinions expressed by members on their own accounts shall not be interpreted as official positions of the Association unless expressly authorized.

17.15 Digital Accessibility

The Association shall endeavor to make its digital platforms reasonably accessible and user-friendly.

Continuous improvements may be made to:

- Website usability.
- Mobile responsiveness.
- Learning accessibility.
- Member experience.
- Digital content organization.
- Search functionality.

17.16 Technology Innovation

The Association may adopt emerging technologies to improve member services, including:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems.
- Digital collaboration platforms.
- Online event management systems.
- Data analytics.
- Knowledge management systems.
- Secure cloud-based solutions.

Technology adoption shall be guided by considerations of effectiveness, security, privacy, and compliance.

17.17 Digital Record Management

The Association may maintain digital records relating to:

- Membership.
- Governance.
- Financial administration.
- Publications.
- Events.

- Partnerships.
- Committees.
- Chapters.
- Communications.

Records shall be maintained securely and retained in accordance with applicable legal and organizational requirements.

17.18 Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

The Association shall periodically review its digital platforms and member services by evaluating:

- Member Satisfaction.
- Platform Usage.
- Technical Performance.
- Security Measures.
- Service Quality.
- Accessibility.
- Emerging Technologies.
- Industry Best Practices.

Recommendations shall be implemented to improve the quality, security, and effectiveness of digital services.

17.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to building a modern digital ecosystem that connects members, strengthens governance, facilitates knowledge sharing, and enhances business collaboration.

Through secure, accessible, and innovative digital platforms, the Association seeks to provide meaningful services that empower members, improve institutional efficiency, and contribute to sustainable economic development.

Digital Transformation Principle

“Technology is an enabler of collaboration, knowledge, transparency, and opportunity. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall leverage digital innovation responsibly to strengthen member engagement, institutional excellence, and sustainable economic development.”

Article 17 Summary

Article 17 establishes the governance framework for the digital platforms and member services of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, scope, governance standards, privacy principles, acceptable use requirements, and continuous improvement mechanisms that support the Association's digital transformation. By providing secure and accessible digital services, the Association aims to enhance communication, learning, networking, governance, and member value while maintaining high standards of professionalism, security, and legal compliance.

PART - IV

MEMBERSHIP



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ARTICLE

18

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

18.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is a membership-based professional organization founded on the principles of collaboration, inclusiveness, responsible leadership, and sustainable economic development.

Membership forms the foundation of the Association and represents a commitment to actively participate in advancing its Vision, Mission, Objectives, and Core Values.

This Article establishes the categories of membership, eligibility framework, rights of admission, and general principles governing membership within the Association.

18.2 Membership Philosophy

The Association believes that economic development is strengthened when individuals and organizations from diverse backgrounds collaborate through a structured and professionally governed membership network.

Accordingly, membership shall be open to eligible persons and organizations that support the objectives of the Association and agree to abide by its Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, and applicable policies.

Membership in the Association is a privilege and not an inherent right.

18.3 Principles of Membership

Membership shall be governed by the following principles:

- Voluntary participation.
- Equal opportunity.
- Transparency.
- Professionalism.
- Ethical conduct.
- Inclusiveness.

- Mutual respect.
- Responsible leadership.
- Compliance with applicable laws.
- Commitment to the objectives of the Association.

18.4 Membership Categories

The Association may establish the following categories of membership.

18.4.1 Individual Membership

Individual Membership shall be available to professionals, entrepreneurs, consultants, educators, executives, researchers, freelancers, and individuals who support the objectives of the Association.

Individual Members shall have access to membership benefits as determined by the Association.

18.4.2 Student Membership

Student Membership may be offered to students enrolled in recognized educational institutions.

The objective is to encourage leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, professional networking, and career development among future business leaders.

Student Members shall enjoy benefits specifically designed for student engagement.

18.4.3 Startup Membership

Startup Membership shall be available to startup enterprises seeking networking opportunities, business visibility, mentorship, learning resources, and collaboration.

The Association may define eligibility criteria for startup membership through separate policy guidelines.

18.4.4 MSME Membership

MSME Membership shall be available to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises operating in accordance with applicable laws.

The Association shall encourage active participation by MSMEs through networking, capacity-building programmes, business visibility initiatives, and knowledge-sharing platforms.

18.4.5 Corporate Membership

Corporate Membership shall be available to companies, business enterprises, multinational corporations, institutions, and organizations interested in supporting the objectives of the Association.

Corporate Members may nominate representatives to participate in Association activities in accordance with applicable policies.

18.4.6 Institutional Membership

Institutional Membership may be granted to:

- Universities
- Colleges
- Educational Institutions
- Research Organizations
- Professional Bodies
- Chambers of Commerce
- Industry Associations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Development Institutions

Institutional Members shall participate through authorized representatives.

18.4.7 Government & Public Institution Membership

Where permitted by applicable law and relevant governmental policies, government departments, public sector organizations, statutory bodies, and public institutions may participate in appropriate categories of institutional engagement or membership as approved by the Association.

Such participation shall not affect the independence of the Association.

18.4.8 International Membership

International Membership may be granted to individuals, businesses, institutions, and organizations located outside India that wish to collaborate with the Association.

International Members shall enjoy such rights and benefits as determined by the Governing Council, subject to applicable laws.

18.4.9 Associate Membership

Associate Membership may be granted to individuals or organizations interested in participating in selected programmes or activities of the Association without enjoying all privileges available to regular members.

The rights and limitations of Associate Membership shall be determined by the Association's membership policies.

18.4.10 Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership may be conferred upon distinguished individuals who have rendered exceptional service to:

- Economic Development

- Business Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Education
- Public Service
- Innovation
- Industry
- Society

Honorary Membership shall be conferred by resolution of the Governing Council.

Honorary Membership shall be honorary in nature and shall not automatically confer governance or voting rights unless expressly provided.

18.4.11 Life Membership

The Association may establish a Life Membership category for eligible individuals who fulfill the prescribed criteria and make the applicable one-time membership contribution.

Life Members shall enjoy such benefits as approved by the Governing Council.

18.4.12 Patron Membership

Patron Membership may be granted to individuals or organizations making significant contributions toward the advancement of the Association's objectives.

Patron Membership shall recognize exceptional institutional support while maintaining the independence of the Association's governance.

18.4.13 Strategic Partner Membership

The Association may establish a category for strategic partner organizations collaborating on long-term initiatives.

Strategic Partner Membership shall be governed by separate partnership agreements approved by the Governing Council.

18.5 Membership Rights

Subject to the provisions of these By-Laws and the applicable membership category, members may be eligible to:

- Participate in Association activities.
- Attend conferences and networking events.
- Access knowledge resources.

- Receive official publications.
- Participate in workshops and webinars.
- Access digital member services.
- Join committees where eligible.
- Participate in chapter activities.
- Vote and hold office where specifically authorized by the Association's governing documents.
- Access additional member benefits approved by the Governing Council.

The detailed rights applicable to each category shall be specified under Article 21 and relevant membership policies.

18.6 Membership Obligations

Every member shall:

- Support the Vision and Mission of the Association.
- Comply with these By-Laws.
- Uphold the Code of Ethics.
- Maintain professional conduct.
- Respect fellow members.
- Protect the reputation of the Association.
- Pay applicable membership fees where required.
- Cooperate with the Association's governance framework.

18.7 Membership Classification

For administrative purposes, the Association may classify members according to:

- Membership Category.
- Geographic Region.
- Chapter.
- Industry Sector.
- Membership Duration.
- Professional Interest.

- Organization Type.

Such classification shall facilitate administration and programme planning and shall not create discriminatory treatment.

18.8 Membership Records

The Association shall maintain accurate records relating to:

- Membership Number.
- Name.
- Membership Category.
- Contact Information.
- Chapter Affiliation.
- Membership Status.
- Renewal Information.
- Authorized Representatives (where applicable).

Such records shall be maintained in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy requirements.

18.9 Membership Certificate

The Association may issue membership certificates, membership cards, or digital membership credentials to eligible members.

Such certificates remain the property of the Association and may be withdrawn upon suspension or termination of membership.

18.10 Use of Membership Status

Members may indicate their membership in the Association in a truthful and appropriate manner.

No member shall:

- Misrepresent the extent of their authority.
- Suggest endorsement of products or services by the Association without authorization.
- Use the Association's name or logo contrary to published branding policies.
- Claim to represent the Association without written authorization.

18.11 Equal Opportunity

Membership shall not be denied on the basis of religion, caste, race, ethnicity, language, gender, disability, or region, provided the applicant satisfies the eligibility requirements and agrees to comply with the Association's governing documents.

18.12 Membership Policy

The Governing Council may adopt detailed Membership Policies governing:

- Membership Fees.
- Benefits.
- Renewals.
- Digital Access.
- Category Criteria.
- Member Services.
- Administrative Procedures.

Such policies shall remain consistent with these By-Laws.

18.13 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to building a vibrant, diverse, and professionally governed membership community that promotes collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship, responsible leadership, and sustainable economic development.

Membership shall remain the cornerstone of the Association's strength, enabling individuals and organizations to contribute collectively toward national prosperity and global business cooperation.

Membership Principle

“Membership is more than enrollment—it is a commitment to collaboration, ethical leadership, lifelong learning, and the shared pursuit of sustainable economic development.”

Article 18 Summary

Article 18 establishes the framework for membership within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the various categories of membership, the guiding principles governing admission, the general rights and obligations of members, and the administrative framework for maintaining membership records. By creating an inclusive and professionally managed membership structure, the Association seeks to foster active participation, strengthen institutional governance, and build a dynamic network of individuals and organizations committed to advancing economic development and responsible business leadership.

ARTICLE

19

MEMBERSHIP *ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP*

19.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) welcomes individuals and organizations that share its Vision, Mission, Objectives, and Core Values.

This Article establishes the eligibility criteria, qualifications, standards, and general requirements governing admission to membership in the Association.

The eligibility framework seeks to ensure that membership remains professional, ethical, transparent, inclusive, and aligned with the objectives of the Association.

19.2 General Eligibility

Membership may be granted to any individual or organization that:

- a. Supports the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Association.
- b. Agrees to comply with these By-Laws and other governing policies.
- c. Demonstrates professional integrity and ethical conduct.
- d. Meets the eligibility requirements prescribed for the relevant membership category.
- e. Submits the prescribed membership application.
- f. Pays the applicable membership fee, where required.
- g. Is approved in accordance with the Association's membership procedures.

Admission to membership shall remain subject to approval by the competent authority designated by the Association.

19.3 Individual Eligibility

An individual may be eligible for membership if the applicant:

- Is of legal age to enter into contractual obligations under applicable law.
- Demonstrates an interest in economic development, entrepreneurship, business, education, research, innovation, professional development, or related fields.

- Agrees to uphold the Association's ethical standards.
- Is willing to actively participate in the activities of the Association.

19.4 Business & Corporate Eligibility

Businesses and corporate entities may be eligible for membership if they:

- Are lawfully established under applicable laws.
- Conduct legitimate business activities.
- Support responsible business practices.
- Agree to comply with the Association's governance framework.
- Nominate authorized representatives to interact with the Association where applicable.

19.5 MSME Eligibility

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that are operating lawfully may apply for membership.

Eligible MSMEs may participate in:

- Networking programmes.
- Capacity-building initiatives.
- Knowledge-sharing platforms.
- Business visibility programmes.
- Conferences.
- Industry forums.
- Member services.

The Association may request appropriate business information or documentation for administrative purposes.

19.6 Startup Eligibility

Startups may be admitted to membership if they:

- Operate as a lawful business or entrepreneurial venture.
- Demonstrate innovation or business potential.
- Seek collaboration, networking, learning, or professional development.

- Agree to comply with the Association's governance framework.

The Association may establish separate guidelines defining startup eligibility.

19.7 Institutional Eligibility

Educational institutions, universities, colleges, research organizations, professional associations, chambers of commerce, non-profit organizations, and similar institutions may be eligible for Institutional Membership.

Such institutions shall nominate authorized representatives to engage with the Association.

19.8 International Eligibility

Individuals and organizations located outside India may apply for International Membership provided that:

- Their participation is consistent with applicable Indian laws.
- They comply with the legal requirements applicable in their own jurisdictions.
- They support the objectives of the Association.
- They agree to abide by the Association's governing documents where applicable.

19.9 Government & Public Institution Participation

Government departments, statutory bodies, public sector undertakings, and public institutions may participate through appropriate institutional arrangements where permitted by applicable law.

Such participation shall not compromise the independence, neutrality, or governance of the Association.

19.10 Professional Eligibility

Professionals from any lawful occupation may become members, including but not limited to:

- Entrepreneurs
- Business Owners
- Executives
- Consultants
- Academicians
- Researchers
- Chartered Professionals

- Engineers
- Doctors
- Lawyers
- Architects
- Designers
- Scientists
- IT Professionals
- Trainers
- Financial Professionals
- Development Professionals

Professional qualifications shall not guarantee membership and shall remain subject to the Association's approval procedures.

19.11 Student Eligibility

Students enrolled in recognized educational institutions may apply for Student Membership.

Student Members shall be encouraged to participate in:

- Leadership programmes.
- Entrepreneurship initiatives.
- Professional networking.
- Learning platforms.
- Workshops.
- Conferences.
- Innovation programmes.

19.12 Ethical Eligibility

Applicants shall demonstrate conduct consistent with the Association's Core Values.

The Association may decline membership where there are reasonable grounds to believe that admission would materially conflict with:

- The objectives of the Association.

- Ethical standards.
- Applicable laws.
- Institutional integrity.
- The reputation of the Association.

Any such decision shall be made fairly and in accordance with the Association's membership procedures.

19.13 Non-Discrimination

The Association shall not discriminate against eligible applicants on the basis of:

- Religion.
- Caste.
- Race.
- Gender.
- Language.
- Ethnicity.
- Region.
- Disability.
- National Origin.
- Political Opinion.

This principle shall not prevent the Association from applying objective eligibility criteria relevant to a particular membership category.

19.14 Documentation

Applicants may be requested to provide information reasonably necessary to process their application, such as:

- Completed Membership Application Form.
- Identity Information.
- Contact Details.
- Organization Details (where applicable).
- Business Profile (where applicable).

- Professional Profile (where applicable).
- Proof of Student Status (for Student Membership, where applicable).
- Other information reasonably required for membership administration.

The Association shall collect and process such information in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection laws.

19.15 Membership Screening

The Association may conduct an administrative review of membership applications to verify:

- Completeness of the application.
- Eligibility under the relevant membership category.
- Compliance with membership requirements.
- Accuracy of information provided, where reasonably practicable.

The review process shall be objective, transparent, and proportionate.

19.16 Approval Authority

Membership applications shall be considered by the Membership Committee or such other authority as may be designated by the Governing Council.

The approving authority may:

- Approve the application.
- Request additional information.
- Defer consideration pending clarification.
- Decline the application in accordance with these By-Laws.

Applicants whose membership is declined may be informed of the decision in accordance with the Association's policies, subject to legal and confidentiality considerations.

19.17 Continuing Eligibility

Members shall continue to satisfy the eligibility requirements throughout the duration of their membership.

Where a member ceases to meet the applicable eligibility requirements or materially violates these By-Laws, the Association may take appropriate action in accordance with the provisions relating to suspension or termination of membership.

19.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining an inclusive, ethical, and professionally governed membership community.

Membership eligibility shall be applied fairly, consistently, and transparently, ensuring that individuals and organizations admitted to the Association contribute positively to its Vision, Mission, and Objectives while upholding the highest standards of integrity and responsible conduct.

Membership Eligibility Principle

“Membership in the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is founded upon integrity, professionalism, shared purpose, and a commitment to advancing sustainable economic development through lawful collaboration and responsible leadership.”

Article 19 Summary

Article 19 establishes the eligibility framework for membership in the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the qualifications, admission standards, documentation requirements, approval procedures, and ethical expectations applicable to prospective members. By ensuring that membership is open to eligible individuals and organizations on a fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory basis, the Association strengthens its governance, protects its institutional integrity, and fosters a diverse community dedicated to economic development and professional excellence.

ARTICLE 20 MEMBERSHIP *MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION PROCEDURE*

20.1 Purpose

This Article establishes the official procedures governing the admission of members into the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)**.

The admission process is intended to ensure fairness, transparency, consistency, accountability, and compliance with the Association's governance framework while welcoming eligible individuals and organizations into the FEDA community.

Membership admission shall be conducted professionally and without discrimination, in accordance with these By-Laws and applicable laws.

20.2 Membership by Application

Membership in the Association shall be obtained only through the prescribed application process.

No individual or organization shall be considered a member unless:

- A completed application has been submitted;
- The application has been reviewed in accordance with these By-Laws;
- Membership has been approved by the competent authority; and
- Applicable membership fees have been received, where required.

20.3 Membership Application

Every applicant shall submit the prescribed Membership Application Form through one of the following official channels:

- Online Member Portal
- Official Website
- National Headquarters
- State Chapter
- District Chapter

- Authorized Membership Representative
- Other officially approved digital or physical channels

Applications submitted through unofficial channels shall not be considered valid.

20.4 Information Required

Applicants may be required to provide information reasonably necessary for membership administration, including:

Individual Applicants

- Full Name
- Date of Birth (where required)
- Address
- Mobile Number
- Email Address
- Occupation
- Professional Profile
- Organization Name (if applicable)
- Area of Interest
- Preferred Chapter
- Declaration of Compliance

Organizational Applicants

- Organization Name
- Registration Details (where applicable)
- Registered Address
- Business Profile
- Industry Sector
- Authorized Representative
- Contact Information
- Official Email

- Website (if available)
- Declaration of Compliance

The Association shall request only such information as is reasonably necessary for processing membership applications.

20.5 Declaration

Every applicant shall declare that:

- The information provided is true and accurate.
- The applicant agrees to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.
- The applicant supports the Vision and Mission of the Association.
- The applicant agrees to uphold the Code of Ethics.
- The applicant agrees to comply with applicable membership policies.

Knowingly providing false or misleading information may result in rejection or termination of membership.

20.6 Administrative Review

Upon receipt of the application, the Association shall conduct an administrative review to verify:

- Completeness of the application.
- Eligibility.
- Membership category.
- Required documentation.
- Payment status (where applicable).
- Compliance with membership requirements.

The Association may request clarification or additional information where reasonably necessary.

20.7 Membership Committee

Applications shall be reviewed by the Membership Committee or any other authority designated by the Governing Council.

The reviewing authority may:

- Approve the application.

- Seek additional information.
- Recommend an alternative membership category.
- Defer consideration pending clarification.
- Decline the application in accordance with these By-Laws.

20.8 Approval Process

Membership shall become effective only after:

- Formal approval by the competent authority.
- Completion of administrative requirements.
- Payment of applicable membership fees (where required).
- Recording of membership in the Association's membership register.

No person shall represent themselves as a member before completion of these steps.

20.9 Membership Number

Upon approval, every member shall be assigned a unique Membership Identification Number.

The Membership Number shall be used for:

- Membership records.
- Event registrations.
- Voting (where applicable).
- Digital access.
- Membership renewals.
- Official correspondence.

20.10 Membership Certificate

Approved members may receive:

- Membership Certificate.
- Digital Membership Certificate.
- Membership Card.
- Digital Member Identification.

- Welcome Kit.

The format and issuance process shall be determined by administrative policy.

20.11 Membership Effective Date

Membership shall commence on the date recorded by the Association following approval and completion of applicable administrative requirements.

Membership validity shall be governed by the applicable membership category and renewal policies.

20.12 Orientation

The Association may conduct a Member Orientation Programme to familiarize new members with:

- Vision & Mission.
- Organizational Structure.
- Governance Framework.
- Membership Benefits.
- Member Responsibilities.
- Code of Ethics.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Digital Platforms.
- Upcoming Events.

Orientation may be conducted physically or digitally.

20.13 Membership Register

The Association shall maintain an official Membership Register containing:

- Membership Number.
- Member Name.
- Membership Category.
- Chapter Affiliation.
- Membership Status.
- Date of Admission.
- Renewal Status.

- Contact Information.

The Membership Register shall be maintained securely and updated periodically.

20.14 Membership Renewal

Where applicable, membership shall be renewed in accordance with the Association's Membership Renewal Policy.

Members shall be responsible for:

- Renewing membership within prescribed timelines.
- Updating contact information.
- Maintaining eligibility.
- Paying applicable renewal fees.

Renewal procedures shall be transparent and uniformly applied.

20.15 Change of Membership Category

Members may request a change of membership category where they satisfy the eligibility criteria for the proposed category.

Such requests shall be reviewed by the competent authority.

Approval shall be subject to:

- Eligibility.
- Documentation.
- Applicable fees.
- Administrative requirements.

20.16 Transfer Between Chapters

Members relocating to another State, District, or recognized Chapter may request transfer of membership.

The Association shall establish administrative procedures to facilitate such transfers while ensuring continuity of membership.

20.17 Membership Records & Privacy

The Association shall protect personal information collected during the admission process.

Member information shall be:

- Used only for legitimate Association purposes.
- Protected against unauthorized access.
- Managed in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection laws.
- Shared only where authorized or legally required.

20.18 Rejection of Application

Where an application is not approved, the applicant may be informed of the outcome in accordance with the Association's policies.

The Association reserves the right to decline membership where:

- Eligibility requirements are not met.
- Required information is materially incomplete.
- False information has been knowingly provided.
- Admission would materially conflict with the Association's objectives, ethical standards, or applicable law.

Decisions shall be made fairly and without discrimination.

20.19 Appeals

Where the Association provides an appeal process, an applicant whose membership application has been declined may submit a written request for reconsideration within the time prescribed by the Association.

Appeals shall be reviewed by the authority designated by the Governing Council.

The decision on appeal shall be final unless otherwise provided by the Association's governing documents.

20.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a professional, transparent, efficient, and member-friendly admission process.

Every eligible applicant shall be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and membership decisions shall be made objectively, consistently, and in accordance with these By-Laws.

The Association shall continuously improve its admission procedures to enhance accessibility, administrative efficiency, and member experience while safeguarding institutional integrity.



Membership Admission Principle

“Every membership application shall be considered fairly, transparently, and consistently, ensuring that the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) remains an inclusive, ethical, and professionally governed community committed to advancing economic development and responsible leadership.”

Article 20 Summary

Article 20 establishes the official Membership Admission Procedure for the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the process for applying, reviewing, approving, recording, and administering membership while ensuring transparency, fairness, consistency, and compliance with the Association’s governance framework. The Article also outlines procedures for orientation, membership records, renewals, transfers, privacy, and appeals, reinforcing the Association’s commitment to professional administration and an inclusive membership experience.

ARTICLE

21

MEMBERSHIP *RIGHTS & PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS*

21.1 Purpose

Membership in the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** provides individuals and organizations with the opportunity to participate in a professional ecosystem dedicated to economic development, entrepreneurship, business collaboration, knowledge sharing, innovation, leadership, and sustainable growth.

This Article establishes the rights and privileges of members while recognizing that certain rights may vary according to the applicable membership category, governance policies, and eligibility criteria established by the Association.

21.2 General Rights

Subject to these By-Laws and the applicable membership category, every member shall have the right to:

- a. Participate in the activities of the Association.
- b. Access approved member services.
- c. Attend eligible conferences, forums, seminars, workshops, and webinars.
- d. Receive official communications of the Association.
- e. Participate in networking initiatives.
- f. Access digital platforms and knowledge resources made available to members.
- g. Be treated fairly, respectfully, and without unlawful discrimination.
- h. Participate in programmes designed for their membership category.

21.3 Right to Membership Recognition

Every approved member shall be entitled to official recognition as a member of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) during the period of active membership.

Members may receive:

- Membership Certificate.
- Digital Membership Certificate.
- Membership Identification Number.
- Digital Membership Card.
- Member Login Credentials.
- Membership Welcome Kit.

Such recognition remains valid only while the membership is active and in good standing.

21.4 Right to Participate

Members may participate in:

- Business Networking Events.
- Conferences.
- International Conferences.
- Trade Shows.
- Business Forums.
- Investor Forums.
- CEO Roundtables.
- Workshops.
- Seminars.
- Webinars.
- Leadership Programmes.
- Committee Activities (where eligible).
- Chapter Meetings.
- Professional Development Initiatives.

Participation shall be subject to event-specific eligibility, registration requirements, and capacity limitations.

21.5 Right to Access Knowledge Resources

Members may access Association resources including:

- Research Publications.
- FEDA Economist.
- FEDA Global Sources.
- Business Reports.
- Governance Resources.
- Digital Library.
- Recorded Webinars.
- Educational Materials.
- Industry Reports.
- Business Templates.
- Professional Articles.

Access shall depend upon the member's category and the Association's publication policies.

21.6 Right to Networking Opportunities

Members may participate in networking opportunities designed to facilitate:

- Business Relationships.
- Professional Connections.
- Industry Collaboration.
- Strategic Partnerships.
- International Networking.
- Knowledge Exchange.
- Entrepreneurial Collaboration.
- Business Matchmaking.
- Leadership Interaction.

The Association facilitates networking but does not guarantee commercial outcomes.

21.7 Right to Business Visibility

Eligible members may receive opportunities for business visibility through:

- Business Directories.
- Corporate Profiles.
- Member Spotlights.
- Industry Publications.
- Event Participation.
- Business Showcases.
- Product Displays.
- Speaker Opportunities.
- Knowledge Contributions.
- Thought Leadership Articles.

Participation shall be governed by transparent editorial and programme guidelines.

21.8 Right to Digital Services

Members may access approved digital services including:

- Member Portal.
- Mobile Application.
- Online Learning Platform.
- Digital Business Directory.
- Event Registration System.
- Webinar Platforms.
- Discussion Forums.
- Digital Publications.
- Online Support Services.

Access rights shall be governed by membership status and applicable policies.

21.9 Right to Vote

Where provided by the Constitution, By-Laws, or election rules of the Association, eligible members may exercise voting rights in matters submitted for decision.

Voting eligibility shall be determined based on:

- Membership Category.
- Membership Status.
- Membership Duration (if applicable).
- Good Standing.
- Compliance with applicable policies.

Not all categories of membership shall automatically possess voting rights.

21.10 Right to Hold Office

Eligible members may seek election or appointment to leadership positions within the Association subject to:

- Eligibility criteria.
- Election Rules.
- Governance Policies.
- Membership Status.
- Code of Ethics.
- Applicable qualifications.

The Governing Council may prescribe additional eligibility requirements for specific offices.

21.11 Right to Committee Participation

Eligible members may serve on:

- Standing Committees.
- Advisory Committees.
- Sector Councils.
- Working Groups.
- Task Forces.
- Event Committees.
- Editorial Boards.

Appointments shall be made in accordance with the Association's governance procedures.

21.12 Right to Information

Members may receive timely information relating to:

- Official Programmes.
- Events.
- Publications.
- Membership Benefits.
- Educational Opportunities.
- Chapter Activities.
- Policy Announcements.
- Governance Updates.
- Official Communications.

The Association shall communicate through authorized channels.

21.13 Right to Equal Treatment

Every member shall be entitled to:

- Respect.
- Courtesy.
- Fair Treatment.
- Equal Opportunity.
- Professional Conduct.
- Transparent Administration.

No member shall receive preferential treatment except where expressly provided under approved policies applicable to a specific membership category or programme.

21.14 Right to Submit Suggestions

Members may submit:

- Recommendations.
- Policy Suggestions.
- Programme Ideas.

- Event Proposals.
- Research Contributions.
- Feedback.
- Member Experience Reports.

The Association shall establish appropriate mechanisms for receiving and considering member feedback.

21.15 Right to Professional Development

Members may participate in professional development initiatives including:

- Leadership Training.
- Executive Education.
- Skill Development.
- Innovation Programmes.
- Entrepreneurship Workshops.
- Industry Masterclasses.
- Governance Training.
- International Learning Opportunities.

Participation may be subject to programme-specific requirements.

21.16 Right to International Opportunities

Subject to eligibility and applicable laws, members may participate in:

- International Conferences.
- Business Delegations.
- Global Networking.
- International Business Forums.
- Cross-Border Knowledge Exchange.
- International Chapter Activities.

Participation shall remain voluntary and subject to programme requirements.

21.17 Right to Recognition

The Association may recognize members for contributions relating to:

- Leadership.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Innovation.
- Community Service.
- Professional Excellence.
- Economic Development.
- Volunteer Service.
- Institutional Contribution.

Recognition shall be based on objective and transparent criteria.

21.18 Limitation of Rights

Membership rights shall be exercised responsibly and in accordance with:

- These By-Laws.
- Membership Policies.
- Code of Ethics.
- Event Rules.
- Committee Guidelines.
- Applicable Laws.

Rights may be temporarily restricted where a member is under suspension or subject to disciplinary proceedings in accordance with due process.

21.19 No Proprietary Interest

Membership shall not create any ownership interest in the assets, funds, intellectual property, or property of the Association.

Members shall not acquire any proprietary rights solely by virtue of membership.

21.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to ensuring



that every member receives meaningful opportunities for professional growth, business networking, leadership development, knowledge sharing, and active participation in the Association's programmes.

The Association shall continuously enhance member benefits while maintaining fairness, transparency, accountability, and equal opportunity for all eligible members.

Members' Rights Principle

"Membership in the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) provides opportunities for participation, learning, networking, leadership, and professional growth. These rights shall be exercised responsibly, ethically, and in a manner that advances the collective interests of the Association and its members."

Article 21 Summary

Article 21 defines the rights and privileges of members of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It establishes the framework for member participation, access to services, networking opportunities, governance involvement, professional development, digital resources, and recognition, while clarifying that such rights are subject to membership category, eligibility requirements, and the Association's governing documents. The Article reinforces the Association's commitment to fairness, transparency, inclusiveness, and meaningful member engagement.

ARTICLE 22

MEMBERSHIP *RESPONSIBILITIES & OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS*

22.1 Purpose

Membership in the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** carries not only rights and privileges but also important responsibilities toward the Association, fellow members, stakeholders, and society.

This Article establishes the ethical, professional, and organizational responsibilities that every member shall observe in order to uphold the integrity, reputation, and objectives of the Association.

Every member shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of professionalism, accountability, collaboration, integrity, and responsible leadership.

22.2 General Responsibilities

Every member shall:

- a. Support the Vision, Mission, Objectives, and Core Values of the Association.
- b. Comply with these By-Laws and other approved policies.
- c. Conduct themselves ethically and professionally.
- d. Respect the rights and dignity of fellow members.
- e. Protect the reputation of the Association.
- f. Participate responsibly in Association activities.
- g. Promote collaboration and mutual respect.
- h. Uphold the highest standards of integrity.

22.3 Compliance with Governing Documents

Members shall comply with:

- Constitution of the Association.
- Public By-Laws & Governance Manual.

- Code of Ethics.
- Membership Policies.
- Committee Guidelines.
- Event Regulations.
- Digital Platform Policies.
- Decisions lawfully adopted by the Governing Council.

Failure to comply may result in appropriate action under these By-Laws.

22.4 Ethical Conduct

Every member shall:

- Act honestly.
- Maintain professional integrity.
- Avoid fraudulent conduct.
- Avoid misleading representations.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Promote responsible business practices.
- Treat others fairly.
- Conduct business ethically.

Members shall not engage in conduct that could reasonably bring the Association into disrepute.

22.5 Professional Behaviour

Members shall maintain professional standards during:

- Meetings.
- Conferences.
- Business Forums.
- Networking Events.
- Committee Activities.
- Digital Communications.

- International Programmes.
- Public Engagements.

Professional behaviour includes:

- Courtesy.
- Respect.
- Constructive communication.
- Cooperation.
- Punctuality.
- Responsible representation.

22.6 Respect for Fellow Members

Members shall:

- Treat every individual with dignity.
- Encourage respectful dialogue.
- Avoid harassment.
- Avoid discrimination.
- Encourage collaboration.
- Respect cultural diversity.
- Promote inclusive participation.

The Association shall encourage an environment where differing views may be expressed respectfully.

22.7 Protection of Reputation

Members shall avoid actions that materially damage the reputation of:

- The Association.
- Fellow Members.
- Office Bearers.
- Committees.
- Chapters.

- Strategic Partners.

Constructive criticism shall be encouraged through appropriate internal governance mechanisms.

22.8 Participation

Members are encouraged to actively participate in:

- Conferences.
- Workshops.
- Webinars.
- Networking Events.
- Committee Activities.
- Chapter Meetings.
- Research Initiatives.
- Business Forums.
- Community Programmes.

Active participation strengthens both the member and the Association.

22.9 Financial Responsibilities

Members shall:

- Pay applicable membership fees.
- Renew memberships within prescribed timelines.
- Settle approved programme fees where applicable.
- Comply with financial obligations voluntarily undertaken with the Association.

Financial obligations shall be administered transparently.

22.10 Accurate Information

Members shall provide accurate information relating to:

- Contact Details.
- Organization Information.
- Membership Records.

- Authorized Representatives.
- Other information reasonably required by the Association.

Members shall promptly notify the Association of significant changes affecting membership records.

22.11 Confidentiality

Members shall respect confidential information obtained through Association activities.

Confidential information shall not be disclosed without authorization except where disclosure is required by law.

Examples include:

- Committee deliberations.
- Membership information.
- Internal governance matters.
- Strategic discussions.
- Confidential reports.

22.12 Responsible Use of Association Name

Members shall not:

- Represent themselves as official spokespersons without authorization.
- Use the Association's logo without permission.
- Misrepresent membership status.
- Suggest Association endorsement where none exists.
- Use the Association's identity for unlawful or misleading purposes.

The Association's branding policies shall be observed at all times.

22.13 Conflict of Interest

Members shall disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest when participating in:

- Governance Decisions.
- Committee Activities.
- Procurement Processes.
- Partnership Discussions.

- Award Selection.
- Membership Review.
- Event Organization.

Where appropriate, members may be required to recuse themselves from related decisions.

22.14 Compliance with Laws

Members shall conduct all activities associated with the Association in compliance with:

- Applicable Indian Laws.
- Relevant State Laws.
- Regulatory Requirements.
- International Laws where applicable.
- Ethical Standards.
- Association Policies.

The Association does not authorize members to engage in unlawful conduct.

22.15 Responsible Communication

Members shall communicate responsibly through:

- Meetings.
- Email.
- Social Media.
- WhatsApp Groups.
- Online Forums.
- Public Presentations.
- Publications.

Members shall avoid:

- Defamatory Statements.
- False Information.
- Hate Speech.

- Personal Attacks.
- Harassment.
- Offensive Language.
- Unauthorized Public Statements.

22.16 Responsible Digital Conduct

Members using the Association's digital platforms shall:

- Respect other users.
- Protect login credentials.
- Avoid unauthorized commercial solicitation.
- Respect intellectual property.
- Use digital resources lawfully.
- Maintain professional online behaviour.

The Association may establish additional digital conduct policies.

22.17 Volunteer Responsibilities

Members serving as:

- Office Bearers.
- Committee Members.
- Chapter Leaders.
- Volunteers.
- Coordinators.
- Ambassadors.
- Event Organizers.

shall discharge their responsibilities diligently, impartially, and in the best interests of the Association.

22.18 Promotion of the Association

Members are encouraged to promote the objectives of the Association by:

- Encouraging responsible membership growth.

- Participating in Association programmes.
- Sharing knowledge.
- Supporting networking initiatives.
- Promoting ethical business practices.
- Strengthening collaboration within the business community.

Such promotion shall always be truthful and consistent with approved Association communications.

22.19 Breach of Responsibilities

Failure to comply with the responsibilities set out in this Article may result in action including:

- Advisory Communication.
- Written Warning.
- Temporary Restriction of Privileges.
- Suspension of Membership.
- Termination of Membership.
- Other disciplinary measures as provided under these By-Laws.

Disciplinary action shall be taken only after following the procedures established elsewhere in this Manual and in accordance with principles of fairness and due process.

22.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) believes that a strong membership community is built upon shared responsibility, ethical leadership, professionalism, and mutual respect.

Every member contributes to the credibility, reputation, and long-term success of the Association. By fulfilling these responsibilities, members strengthen not only the Association but also the wider business ecosystem and the communities it serves.

Member Responsibility Principle

“Every member is an ambassador of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). Through integrity, professionalism, respect, and responsible participation, members contribute to an organization that promotes trust, collaboration, and sustainable economic development.”



Article 22 Summary

Article 22 establishes the responsibilities and obligations of members of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the ethical, professional, legal, and organizational standards expected of every member, including compliance with governing documents, responsible communication, confidentiality, conflict of interest management, financial obligations, and protection of the Association's reputation. By emphasizing accountability and active participation, this Article reinforces the shared responsibility of members in advancing the Association's Vision, Mission, and commitment to sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

23

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FEES, RENEWALS & FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

23.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is a membership-based professional organization that relies upon transparent, accountable, and sustainable financial practices to support its governance, programmes, member services, publications, educational initiatives, conferences, and institutional development.

This Article establishes the principles governing membership fees, renewals, voluntary financial contributions, and related administrative matters.

The Association shall administer all membership-related financial matters in accordance with applicable laws, sound financial management practices, and the principles of transparency and accountability.

23.2 Membership Fee Policy

The Association may prescribe membership fees for different categories of membership.

Membership fees shall be determined by the Governing Council and may be revised from time to time based upon:

- Organizational requirements.
- Programme development.
- Member services.
- Administrative costs.
- Strategic priorities.
- Financial sustainability.

The applicable fee schedule shall be published separately through official notifications or membership policy documents.

23.3 Categories of Membership Fees

Membership fees may include, where applicable:

- Individual Membership Fee
- Student Membership Fee
- Startup Membership Fee
- MSME Membership Fee
- Corporate Membership Fee
- Institutional Membership Fee
- International Membership Fee
- Associate Membership Fee
- Life Membership Contribution
- Patron Membership Contribution

The Governing Council may introduce additional membership categories as necessary.

23.4 Admission Fee

The Association may prescribe a one-time admission or registration fee for new members.

Such fee, if applicable, shall be determined by the Governing Council and communicated through official membership guidelines.

23.5 Annual Membership Fee

Members holding annual memberships shall pay the prescribed annual membership fee before the renewal due date.

Annual membership shall remain valid for the period specified by the Association.

23.6 Life Membership

The Association may offer Life Membership upon payment of a one-time membership contribution determined by the Governing Council.

Life Membership shall remain subject to continued compliance with these By-Laws and shall not exempt the member from complying with future governance requirements adopted by the Association.

23.7 Renewal of Membership

Members shall renew their membership within the period prescribed by the Association.

Renewal shall generally require:

- Confirmation of continued eligibility.
- Updating membership information where necessary.
- Payment of applicable renewal fees.
- Compliance with these By-Laws.

The Association may issue renewal reminders through official communication channels.

23.8 Lapse of Membership

Where a member fails to renew membership within the prescribed period, membership may lapse in accordance with the Association's Membership Policy.

The Association may provide a reasonable grace period before administrative action is taken.

A lapsed member may lose access to certain membership benefits until renewal requirements have been fulfilled.

23.9 Reinstatement

A former member whose membership has lapsed due to non-renewal may apply for reinstatement in accordance with the procedures established by the Association.

The Governing Council or designated authority may prescribe:

- Reinstatement procedures.
- Outstanding fee requirements.
- Administrative formalities.
- Eligibility conditions.

Reinstatement shall not be automatic.

23.10 Voluntary Contributions

Members, organizations, institutions, philanthropists, and well-wishers may voluntarily contribute to support the lawful objectives of the Association.

Such voluntary contributions may include:

- Donations.
- Sponsorships.
- Grants.
- Endowments.

- Programme Support.
- Event Sponsorship.
- Educational Initiatives.
- Research Support.

Acceptance of contributions shall remain subject to applicable laws and the Association's financial policies.

23.11 Sponsorship

The Association may receive sponsorships for conferences, publications, educational programmes, networking events, research initiatives, and other approved activities.

Sponsorship arrangements shall:

- Be transparent.
- Be documented appropriately.
- Preserve the independence of the Association.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Comply with applicable laws.

Sponsors shall not influence the governance decisions of the Association.

23.12 Financial Transparency

The Association shall administer membership funds responsibly.

Membership fees and other lawful contributions shall be utilized solely for purposes consistent with:

- The Vision and Mission of the Association.
- Approved programmes.
- Member services.
- Publications.
- Governance.
- Administration.
- Educational activities.
- Institutional development.

The Association shall maintain appropriate financial records and internal controls.

23.13 Receipts

Official receipts shall be issued for membership fees and other financial contributions received by the Association.

Receipts may be issued in physical or electronic form and shall include appropriate transaction details.

23.14 Payment Methods

The Association may accept payments through officially approved channels, including:

- Bank Transfer.
- Online Payment Gateway.
- UPI.
- Debit Card.
- Credit Card.
- Cheque.
- Demand Draft.
- Other lawful digital payment systems.

The Association shall publish approved payment methods through official communications.

23.15 Refund Policy

Membership fees are generally non-refundable unless otherwise determined by the Governing Council or where required by applicable law.

Refunds, where approved, shall be processed in accordance with the Association's Refund Policy.

Participation fees for specific programmes or events shall be governed by the applicable event terms and conditions.

23.16 Financial Accountability

The Association shall ensure that:

- Membership funds are properly accounted for.
- Financial records are maintained accurately.
- Internal financial controls are implemented.

- Authorized approvals are obtained for expenditure.
- Financial reporting complies with applicable legal requirements.

The Treasurer and designated finance authorities shall oversee the administration of membership-related finances.

23.17 Changes to Membership Fees

The Governing Council may revise membership fees after considering:

- Inflation.
- Programme Expansion.
- Administrative Costs.
- Member Services.
- Strategic Development.
- Financial Sustainability.

Members shall be informed of revised membership fees through official communication before implementation.

23.18 Financial Hardship

The Governing Council may establish policies permitting fee concessions, scholarships, waivers, or deferred payment arrangements for specific categories of members where considered appropriate and consistent with the objectives of the Association.

Such concessions shall be governed by transparent criteria.

23.19 Compliance with Applicable Laws

All financial transactions relating to membership shall comply with:

- Applicable taxation laws.
- Financial regulations.
- Accounting standards.
- Anti-money laundering requirements where applicable.
- Other relevant legal obligations.

The Association shall maintain proper financial governance in all membership-related matters.

23.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a transparent, accountable, and sustainable financial framework that supports the long-term growth of the Association while ensuring that membership fees and contributions are managed responsibly and utilized exclusively for advancing its lawful objectives.

Membership Finance Principle

“Membership contributions are investments in the growth of a stronger business community. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall administer these resources with integrity, transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship.”

Article 23 Summary

Article 23 establishes the framework governing membership fees, renewals, financial contributions, sponsorships, and related administrative matters within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It outlines the principles of financial transparency, responsible stewardship, accountability, and legal compliance while providing procedures for fee determination, renewals, reinstatement, payment methods, refunds, and voluntary contributions. The Article reinforces the Association’s commitment to managing member resources prudently in support of its Vision, Mission, and long-term institutional sustainability.

ARTICLE

24

MEMBERSHIP *SUSPENSION, TERMINATION, RESIGNATION & APPEALS*

24.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, ethical conduct, institutional integrity, and responsible governance.

This Article establishes fair, transparent, and consistent procedures governing the suspension, termination, resignation, reinstatement, and appeal of membership while ensuring that principles of natural justice, procedural fairness, and due process are observed.

The Association recognizes that disciplinary measures are intended primarily to protect the integrity, reputation, and proper functioning of the Association rather than to punish members.

24.2 Grounds for Administrative Action

The Association may consider disciplinary or administrative action where a member:

- a. Materially violates these By-Laws.
- b. Violates the Association's Code of Ethics.
- c. Engages in conduct that materially damages the reputation of the Association.
- d. Provides materially false or misleading information during membership or official proceedings.
- e. Misuses the Association's name, logo, intellectual property, or official designation.
- f. Fails to comply with lawful decisions of the competent authorities of the Association.
- g. Engages in fraudulent, dishonest, or unethical conduct connected with Association activities.
- h. Fails to maintain eligibility for membership.
- i. Fails to renew membership within the prescribed period.
- j. Engages in conduct that materially disrupts the functioning of the Association.

24.3 Informal Resolution

Before initiating formal disciplinary action, the Association may, where appropriate, attempt to resolve concerns through:

- Informal discussion.
- Advisory communication.
- Counseling.
- Mediation.
- Written guidance.

Informal resolution shall not be mandatory where the alleged conduct is serious or requires immediate formal action.

24.4 Suspension of Membership

The competent authority may suspend a member where there are reasonable grounds to believe that continued participation may materially affect:

- The interests of the Association.
- The integrity of Association programmes.
- Member safety.
- Governance processes.
- Institutional reputation.

Suspension may be temporary and shall remain in force only for the period specified by the competent authority or until the matter is resolved.

24.5 Effect of Suspension

During suspension, a member may temporarily lose one or more of the following privileges:

- Voting Rights.
- Eligibility to Hold Office.
- Committee Membership.
- Access to Member Benefits.
- Participation in Official Programmes.
- Access to Digital Platforms.

- Representation of the Association.

Unless otherwise determined, suspension shall not automatically extinguish outstanding financial obligations owed to the Association.

24.6 Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated where:

- A serious violation of these By-Laws has been established.
- The member has engaged in fraudulent or unlawful conduct materially affecting the Association.
- The member has repeatedly violated the Association's Code of Ethics despite appropriate corrective measures.
- Membership eligibility has permanently ceased.
- Membership has lapsed and reinstatement has not been sought within the prescribed period.
- The member's conduct is materially inconsistent with the objectives and integrity of the Association.

Termination shall be approved only by the competent authority designated by the Governing Council.

24.7 Resignation

A member may voluntarily resign from membership by submitting written notice to the Association through the prescribed procedure.

Resignation shall become effective upon acceptance by the Association or upon completion of the applicable administrative process.

Unless otherwise determined:

- Membership fees already paid shall not be refundable.
- Outstanding financial obligations shall remain payable.
- The member shall cease using the Association's name, membership designation, logo, and official credentials.

24.8 Automatic Cessation of Membership

Membership may cease automatically upon:

- Death of an individual member.
- Dissolution or lawful winding up of an organizational member.
- Expiry of a fixed-term membership without renewal.

- Any other circumstance specifically provided under these By-Laws or applicable law.

The Association shall update its membership records accordingly.

24.9 Notice

Before imposing suspension or termination, the Association shall ordinarily provide the member with reasonable notice of:

- The nature of the matter under consideration.
- The relevant facts or allegations.
- The opportunity to provide an explanation or response.

This requirement may be modified where immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect the Association or where otherwise permitted by law.

24.10 Opportunity to Respond

A member shall ordinarily be given a reasonable opportunity to present their explanation before a final decision is made.

Responses may be submitted:

- In writing.
- Electronically.
- Through a meeting, where appropriate.
- Through any other procedure approved by the Association.

The competent authority shall consider the response before making its decision.

24.11 Disciplinary Committee

The Governing Council may establish a Disciplinary Committee or designate another competent authority to examine matters relating to:

- Ethical misconduct.
- Membership disputes.
- Governance violations.
- Disciplinary proceedings.
- Appeals.

The Committee shall conduct its proceedings impartially and objectively.

24.12 Decision

Following consideration of all relevant information, the competent authority may:

- Dismiss the matter.
- Issue an advisory.
- Issue a written warning.
- Impose conditions on continued membership.
- Suspend membership.
- Terminate membership.
- Take any other action authorized by these By-Laws.

Decisions shall be proportionate to the seriousness of the matter.

24.13 Appeals

A member whose membership has been suspended or terminated may submit a written appeal within the period prescribed by the Association.

The appeal shall be considered by the appellate authority designated by the Governing Council.

The appellate authority may:

- Confirm the decision.
- Modify the decision.
- Set aside the decision.
- Refer the matter for reconsideration.

The decision on appeal shall be final within the Association's internal governance framework.

24.14 Reinstatement

A former member whose membership has been terminated or has lapsed may apply for reinstatement, subject to:

- Eligibility requirements.
- Compliance with applicable policies.
- Resolution of outstanding obligations.
- Approval by the competent authority.

Reinstatement shall not be automatic and shall be considered on its own merits.

24.15 Return of Association Property

Upon suspension, resignation, or termination, a member shall return or cease using, where applicable:

- Membership Certificates.
- Membership Identity Cards.
- Official Authorization Letters.
- Association Property.
- Confidential Documents.
- Branding Materials.
- Official Email Access.
- Digital Credentials.

The member shall not continue to represent themselves as an authorized representative of the Association.

24.16 Records

The Association shall maintain appropriate records relating to:

- Suspensions.
- Terminations.
- Resignations.
- Appeals.
- Reinstatements.

Such records shall be maintained securely and treated in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection requirements.

24.17 Fair Treatment

All disciplinary matters shall be handled:

- Fairly.
- Respectfully.
- Confidentially.

- Impartially.
- Without unlawful discrimination.
- Consistently.
- In accordance with these By-Laws.

The Association shall endeavor to resolve matters in a manner that protects both institutional integrity and individual fairness.

24.18 No Waiver of Legal Rights

Nothing contained in this Article shall prevent the Association or any member from exercising rights or remedies available under applicable law.

The Association's internal disciplinary procedures are independent of any legal proceedings that may arise under applicable legislation.

24.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a membership community founded upon integrity, professionalism, accountability, and mutual respect.

Disciplinary procedures shall always seek to balance the interests of the Association with fairness to individual members, ensuring that every decision is made objectively, transparently, and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

Membership Discipline Principle

“The strength of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) depends upon the integrity of its members. Accountability, fairness, due process, and respect for the rule of law shall guide every disciplinary decision taken by the Association.”

Article 24 Summary

Article 24 establishes the framework governing the suspension, termination, resignation, reinstatement, and appeal of membership within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It provides clear procedures for addressing breaches of the Association's By-Laws or Code of Ethics while ensuring fairness, transparency, confidentiality, and due process. By balancing institutional integrity with the rights of individual members, this Article reinforces the Association's commitment to ethical governance, responsible leadership, and a professional membership community.

PART - V

GOVERNANCE



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ARTICLE 25

GOVERNANCE *GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE*

25.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall maintain a governance framework founded upon the principles of accountability, transparency, professionalism, democratic participation, ethical leadership, institutional independence, and responsible administration.

The purpose of this Article is to establish the governance structure of the Association and define the institutional hierarchy through which the affairs of the Association shall be administered.

The governance structure shall ensure that the Association functions efficiently, lawfully, transparently, and in furtherance of its Vision, Mission, and Objectives.

25.2 Principles of Governance

The governance of the Association shall be guided by the following principles:

- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Democratic Participation
- Rule of Law
- Professionalism
- Inclusiveness
- Ethical Leadership
- Institutional Independence
- Financial Responsibility
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Member Participation
- Sustainability

- Continuous Improvement

Every governing authority established under these By-Laws shall operate in accordance with these principles.

25.3 Governance Philosophy

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall function as a professionally governed, member-driven organization.

Leadership positions shall exist to serve the membership, strengthen the institution, promote responsible governance, and advance sustainable economic development.

Every office bearer shall exercise authority responsibly and solely for the benefit of the Association.

25.4 Organizational Governance Structure

The governance framework of the Association shall generally consist of the following institutional bodies:

A. General Body

The supreme representative body of the Association consisting of eligible members.

B. Governing Council

The principal governing authority responsible for strategic direction, governance oversight, institutional development, and policy approval.

C. Executive Committee

Responsible for implementing policies and managing the day-to-day affairs of the Association under the supervision of the Governing Council.

D. Advisory Board

A body of distinguished professionals providing strategic guidance and expert advice.

E. Office Bearers

Responsible for leadership and administration of the Association.

Office Bearers may include:

- President
- Senior Vice President
- Vice Presidents
- Secretary General

- Additional Secretaries
- Joint Secretaries
- Treasurer
- Additional Treasurer
- Executive Directors
- Directors
- Other offices approved by the Governing Council

F. Standing Committees

Permanent committees established to oversee important functional areas.

G. Special Committees

Temporary committees established for specific projects or assignments.

H. Sector Councils

Industry-specific councils supporting specialized initiatives.

I. State Chapters

Official State-level organizational units.

J. District Chapters

District-level governance units established under approved policies.

K. International Coordination

Where appropriate, coordination with the FEDA Global Council and recognized international chapters.

25.5 General Body

The General Body shall represent the collective membership of the Association.

Subject to these By-Laws, the General Body may:

- Elect Office Bearers.
- Approve constitutional amendments where required.
- Receive annual reports.
- Consider audited financial statements.

- Discuss strategic matters.
- Participate in Annual General Meetings.
- Exercise such powers as specifically assigned under these By-Laws.

25.6 Governing Council

The Governing Council shall be the highest governing authority responsible for:

- Strategic Governance.
- Policy Approval.
- Institutional Oversight.
- Financial Supervision.
- Organizational Development.
- Long-term Planning.
- Appointment of Committees where applicable.
- Governance Compliance.

The composition and powers of the Governing Council are provided under Article 26.

25.7 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall supervise the operational administration of the Association.

Its responsibilities include:

- Programme Implementation.
- Administrative Oversight.
- Membership Administration.
- Event Execution.
- Coordination among Chapters.
- Monitoring of Strategic Initiatives.

Detailed provisions shall appear under Article 27.

25.8 Advisory Board

The Association may establish an Advisory Board consisting of distinguished professionals from business, academia, public administration, industry, research, law, finance, technology, and other

relevant sectors.

The Advisory Board shall:

- Provide strategic guidance.
- Offer expert opinions.
- Support institutional development.
- Encourage partnerships.
- Promote knowledge exchange.

The Advisory Board shall ordinarily function in an advisory capacity unless otherwise provided by these By-Laws.

25.9 Standing Committees

The Governing Council may establish Standing Committees including, but not limited to:

- Membership Committee
- Finance Committee
- Audit Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Publications Committee
- Conference Committee
- Education Committee
- International Relations Committee
- Business Development Committee
- Digital Transformation Committee
- Awards Committee
- Legal & Governance Committee

Each committee shall operate under written Terms of Reference approved by the Governing Council.

25.10 Special Committees

The Governing Council may constitute temporary committees for:

- Major Conferences.

- Special Projects.
- National Campaigns.
- Strategic Initiatives.
- Institutional Development.
- International Events.
- Research Assignments.

Special Committees shall cease upon completion of their assigned responsibilities unless extended by the Governing Council.

25.11 Sector Councils

The Association may establish Sector Councils representing:

- MSMEs
- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Healthcare
- Education
- Tourism
- Hospitality
- Agriculture
- Construction
- Infrastructure
- Renewable Energy
- Retail
- E-Commerce
- Logistics
- Professional Services
- Creative Industries

Sector Councils shall promote industry-specific collaboration and policy dialogue.

25.12 Chapter Structure

The Association may establish organizational chapters including:

- National Headquarters
- State Chapters
- District Chapters
- City Chapters
- Special Interest Chapters

Each chapter shall function in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, Chapter Manual, and policies approved by the Governing Council.

25.13 Delegation of Authority

The Governing Council may delegate administrative powers to:

- Executive Committee.
- Office Bearers.
- Standing Committees.
- Chapter Leadership.
- Administrative Officers.

Delegation shall not relieve the Governing Council of its overall governance responsibilities.

25.14 Decision-Making

Governance decisions shall be guided by:

- The Constitution.
- These By-Laws.
- Approved Policies.
- Applicable Laws.
- Best Governance Practices.
- Member Interests.
- Long-term Institutional Sustainability.

Where possible, decisions should be reached through consensus. Where consensus cannot be achieved,

decisions may be made by the applicable voting procedures.

25.15 Accountability

Every governing body established under these By-Laws shall remain accountable for:

- Performance.
- Governance.
- Financial Stewardship.
- Ethical Conduct.
- Compliance.
- Strategic Delivery.
- Responsible Decision-Making.

Accountability shall include regular reporting to the appropriate governing authority.

25.16 Independence

The Association shall maintain institutional independence in all governance matters.

No sponsor, donor, member, office bearer, committee, external organization, or political interest shall improperly influence the governance or decision-making processes of the Association.

25.17 Governance Records

The Association shall maintain appropriate records relating to:

- Governing Council Meetings.
- Executive Committee Meetings.
- Committee Meetings.
- Resolutions.
- Governance Policies.
- Strategic Decisions.
- Official Appointments.

Such records shall be securely maintained and retained in accordance with applicable laws and organizational policies.

25.18 Governance Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review the governance framework to ensure that it remains:

- Effective.
- Transparent.
- Efficient.
- Legally Compliant.
- Member-Centric.
- Consistent with International Best Practices.

Recommendations for governance improvements may be placed before the appropriate authority for consideration.

25.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a governance system that inspires confidence among members, partners, government institutions, and the public.

Through accountable leadership, ethical administration, transparent decision-making, and responsible stewardship, the Association seeks to establish itself as one of India's most trusted professional membership organizations dedicated to economic development and international collaboration.

Governance Principle

“Good governance is the foundation of institutional excellence. Every leader of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall exercise authority with integrity, accountability, transparency, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to serving the collective interests of the Association and its members.”

Article 25 Summary

Article 25 establishes the overall governance framework of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the institutional hierarchy, governance principles, leadership philosophy, organizational bodies, committee structure, chapter framework, delegation of authority, and accountability mechanisms that guide the administration of the Association. By embedding transparency, professionalism, and responsible leadership into its governance model, the Association creates a strong constitutional foundation for sustainable growth, member confidence, and long-term institutional excellence.

ARTICLE 26 | GOVERNANCE *THE GOVERNING COUNCIL*

26.1 Purpose

The **Governing Council** shall be the highest policy-making, strategic, and governing authority of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), responsible for ensuring that the Association is administered in accordance with its Constitution, By-Laws, Vision, Mission, Core Values, and applicable laws.

The Governing Council shall provide strategic leadership, institutional oversight, financial stewardship, and governance direction while safeguarding the long-term sustainability, credibility, and independence of the Association.

26.2 Authority

Subject to these By-Laws and the powers reserved to the General Body, the Governing Council shall exercise overall governance authority over the affairs of the Association.

The Governing Council shall be responsible for ensuring that all activities of the Association are conducted lawfully, ethically, transparently, professionally, and in the best interests of its members.

26.3 Status

The Governing Council shall serve as the principal governing authority of the Association and shall:

- Establish strategic direction.
- Approve institutional policies.
- Exercise governance oversight.
- Supervise the Executive Committee.
- Ensure financial accountability.
- Protect the Association's assets.
- Promote institutional development.
- Maintain governance standards.

26.4 Composition

The Governing Council may consist of the following office bearers and members:

Executive Leadership

- President
- Immediate Past President (where applicable)
- Senior Vice President
- Vice Presidents
- Secretary General
- Joint Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Joint Treasurer

Governance Members

- Chairpersons of Standing Committees
- Regional Representatives
- State Chapter Presidents
- Sector Council Chairpersons
- Distinguished Members nominated by the Governing Council
- Ex-Officio Members where applicable

The Governing Council may prescribe the maximum number of Council Members through separate governance regulations.

26.5 Qualifications

A person shall ordinarily be eligible to serve on the Governing Council if the individual:

- Is an active member in good standing.
- Has demonstrated commitment to the Association.
- Maintains high ethical standards.
- Possesses leadership qualities.
- Supports the Vision and Mission.

- Is not subject to disciplinary suspension.
- Meets any additional eligibility requirements approved by the Association.

26.6 Term of Office

Members of the Governing Council shall serve for the period prescribed under the Constitution or Election Rules of the Association.

A member may be eligible for re-election or re-appointment in accordance with applicable governance policies.

Where a vacancy arises before the expiry of a term, the vacancy may be filled in accordance with the Association's appointment or election procedures.

26.7 Powers of the Governing Council

The Governing Council shall have the authority to:

Strategic Governance

- Establish strategic priorities.
- Approve long-term development plans.
- Review institutional performance.
- Promote sustainable organizational growth.

Policy Making

Approve and periodically review:

- Governance Policies.
- Membership Policies.
- Financial Policies.
- Procurement Policies.
- Human Resource Policies.
- Digital Governance Policies.
- Branding Policies.
- Chapter Policies.
- Committee Guidelines.

Financial Oversight

The Governing Council shall:

- Approve annual budgets.
- Review financial reports.
- Monitor financial sustainability.
- Ensure responsible use of funds.
- Approve major expenditures.
- Supervise financial governance.
- Recommend appointment of auditors.
- Monitor internal financial controls.

Institutional Development

The Governing Council may:

- Approve new initiatives.
- Establish new Chapters.
- Establish Sector Councils.
- Create Committees.
- Approve strategic partnerships.
- Promote institutional expansion.

Membership Governance

The Governing Council may:

- Approve membership policies.
- Establish membership categories.
- Prescribe membership standards.
- Review membership development strategies.

Governance Oversight

The Governing Council shall supervise:

- Executive Committee.
- Office Bearers.
- Standing Committees.
- Special Committees.
- Chapters.
- Administrative Functions.

Appointment Powers

Subject to these By-Laws, the Governing Council may appoint:

- Committee Members.
- Advisory Board Members.
- Working Groups.
- Task Forces.
- Independent Experts.
- Consultants.
- Administrative Officers.

26.8 Responsibilities

The Governing Council shall:

- Protect the interests of members.
- Preserve institutional integrity.
- Ensure compliance with applicable laws.
- Promote transparency.
- Strengthen governance.
- Encourage innovation.
- Maintain ethical standards.
- Promote sustainable development.
- Ensure responsible decision-making.

26.9 Meetings

The Governing Council shall meet as often as necessary for the efficient administration of the Association.

Ordinarily:

- At least four (4) meetings may be held during each calendar year.
- Additional meetings may be convened whenever necessary.

Meetings may be conducted:

- Physically.
- Virtually.
- In hybrid format.

26.10 Notice of Meetings

Reasonable notice shall be given to Council Members before each meeting.

Notice may include:

- Date.
- Time.
- Venue.
- Virtual Meeting Link (if applicable).
- Agenda.
- Supporting Documents.

Notice may be delivered electronically.

26.11 Agenda

The Secretary General shall prepare the meeting agenda in consultation with the President.

Council Members may request inclusion of agenda items within the prescribed timelines.

Urgent matters may be considered with the approval of the Chair.

26.12 Quorum

The quorum for Governing Council meetings shall be determined by the Constitution or Governance Regulations of the Association.

If quorum is not present within the prescribed time:

- The meeting may be adjourned.
- It may be reconvened in accordance with approved procedures.

26.13 Chairing Meetings

The President shall ordinarily preside over meetings of the Governing Council.

In the absence of the President:

- The Senior Vice President; or
 - Another authorized office bearer designated under the Association's governance procedures,
- shall preside.

26.14 Decision-Making

The Governing Council shall endeavor to make decisions through consensus.

Where consensus cannot be achieved:

- Matters may be decided by vote.
- Each voting member shall ordinarily have one vote.
- In the event of a tie, the Chair may exercise a casting vote if so provided by the Association's governing documents.

Voting procedures may be prescribed separately by Governance Regulations.

26.15 Conflict of Interest

Every Council Member shall disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest before participating in deliberations on the relevant matter.

The Governing Council may require the concerned member to abstain from discussion or voting where appropriate.

Conflict of interest declarations shall be recorded in the minutes.

26.16 Minutes

Accurate minutes shall be maintained for every meeting.

Minutes shall include:

- Attendance.

- Agenda.
- Decisions.
- Resolutions.
- Voting Results where applicable.
- Action Items.
- Conflict of Interest Declarations.

Minutes shall be approved at a subsequent meeting and maintained as part of the Association's official records.

26.17 Resolutions

The Governing Council may adopt resolutions relating to:

- Governance.
- Finance.
- Membership.
- Strategic Initiatives.
- Committee Appointments.
- Institutional Development.
- Policy Matters.

Resolutions shall become effective in accordance with the provisions stated therein unless otherwise specified.

26.18 Removal from the Governing Council

A Council Member may cease to hold office where:

- The term expires.
- The member resigns.
- Membership ceases.
- The member is removed in accordance with these By-Laws.
- The member becomes ineligible under applicable governance requirements.

Removal shall follow fair procedures and the principles of natural justice.

26.19 Confidentiality

Council Members shall maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information obtained through governance responsibilities.

Confidential information shall not be disclosed except:

- With proper authorization.
- Where required by law.
- In accordance with approved governance policies.

26.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes the Governing Council as the guardian of the Association's Vision, values, and institutional future.

The Governing Council shall exercise its authority with integrity, wisdom, transparency, accountability, and independence, ensuring that every decision strengthens the Association, protects its members, and advances sustainable economic development for India and the global business community.

Governing Council Principle

“The Governing Council exists not to manage individuals, but to govern the institution. Its foremost responsibility is to safeguard the long-term interests, integrity, sustainability, and credibility of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) through ethical leadership, sound governance, and responsible stewardship.”

Article 26 Summary

Article 26 establishes the constitutional framework for the Governing Council of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the Council's composition, authority, powers, responsibilities, meeting procedures, decision-making processes, conflict of interest requirements, and governance obligations. As the Association's highest governing authority, the Governing Council provides strategic direction, policy oversight, financial stewardship, and institutional leadership while ensuring transparency, accountability, legal compliance, and the long-term sustainability of the organization.

ARTICLE

27

GOVERNANCE *EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

27.1 Purpose

The **Executive Committee** shall be the principal executive authority of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), responsible for implementing the policies, resolutions, programmes, and strategic decisions approved by the Governing Council.

The Executive Committee shall ensure the efficient day-to-day administration of the Association while maintaining transparency, accountability, professionalism, institutional integrity, and compliance with these By-Laws.

The Executive Committee shall function as the operational leadership team of the Association and shall remain accountable to the Governing Council.

27.2 Objectives

The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Implement the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Association.
- b. Execute the strategic plans approved by the Governing Council.
- c. Supervise the day-to-day administration of the Association.
- d. Coordinate activities among National, State, District, and International Chapters.
- e. Monitor organizational performance.
- f. Strengthen membership development.
- g. Ensure efficient programme delivery.
- h. Promote institutional growth.
- i. Protect the reputation and interests of the Association.
- j. Ensure compliance with these By-Laws.

27.3 Status

The Executive Committee shall function as the executive and administrative arm of the Association.

It shall implement—not replace—the authority of the Governing Council.

All Executive Committee decisions shall remain consistent with:

- Constitution
- By-Laws
- Governing Council Policies
- Applicable Laws
- Approved Strategic Plans

27.4 Composition

The Executive Committee may consist of:

Executive Leadership

- President
- Senior Vice President
- Vice Presidents
- Secretary General
- Additional Secretary General
- Joint Secretaries
- Treasurer
- Additional Treasurer

Executive Members

- Executive Directors
- National Directors
- Programme Directors
- Regional Directors
- State Presidents
- Heads of Functional Departments

- Chief Executive Officer (if appointed)
- Executive Officer (if appointed)

The Governing Council may prescribe the maximum number of Executive Committee Members through Governance Regulations.

27.5 General Responsibilities

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

- Administration
- Programme Implementation
- Membership Growth
- Financial Administration
- Event Management
- Chapter Coordination
- Digital Operations
- Communications
- Publications
- Staff Supervision
- Strategic Execution
- Organizational Development

27.6 Operational Responsibilities

The Executive Committee shall:

- Implement annual operational plans.
- Coordinate conferences.
- Organize networking events.
- Supervise publications.
- Manage digital platforms.
- Coordinate committees.
- Monitor chapter performance.

- Develop partnerships.
- Support fundraising initiatives.
- Oversee member services.

27.7 Administrative Authority

Subject to Governing Council oversight, the Executive Committee may:

- Approve operational expenditures within delegated authority.
- Implement approved budgets.
- Supervise administrative staff.
- Execute contracts approved under delegated powers.
- Maintain institutional records.
- Coordinate operational activities.
- Implement governance policies.

Administrative authority shall always remain subject to approved financial and governance policies.

27.8 Programme Management

The Executive Committee shall supervise implementation of:

- Conferences
- International Conferences
- Trade Shows
- Business Forums
- Investor Forums
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Webinars
- Publications
- Research Projects
- Membership Campaigns

- Business Networking Events
- Chapter Development Programmes

Programme implementation shall align with the Association's approved annual plan.

27.9 Membership Administration

The Executive Committee shall oversee:

- Membership Applications
- Membership Renewals
- Membership Records
- Membership Services
- Member Communication
- Member Engagement
- Membership Growth
- Membership Retention

Detailed administrative procedures may be established separately.

27.10 Financial Administration

Subject to Governing Council oversight, the Executive Committee shall:

- Implement approved budgets.
- Monitor operational expenditure.
- Review financial performance.
- Recommend financial improvements.
- Ensure financial compliance.
- Support audits.
- Maintain financial records.

The Executive Committee shall not exceed financial authority delegated by the Governing Council.

27.11 Secretariat

The Executive Committee shall supervise the Secretariat of the Association.

The Secretariat shall provide administrative support relating to:

- Meetings
- Documentation
- Membership
- Communication
- Events
- Digital Platforms
- Publications
- Governance Records
- Chapter Coordination

The Secretariat shall function under the supervision of the Secretary General.

27.12 Human Resource Administration

Where employees or consultants are engaged, the Executive Committee may oversee:

- Recruitment
- Performance Management
- Staff Development
- Training
- Workplace Policies
- Administrative Discipline
- Organizational Culture

Human resource practices shall comply with applicable employment laws.

27.13 Digital Administration

The Executive Committee shall oversee:

- Official Website
- CRM Systems
- Member Portal

- Learning Platform
- Digital Publications
- Cybersecurity Measures
- Digital Communications
- Technology Infrastructure

The Committee shall promote secure and responsible digital governance.

27.14 Chapter Coordination

The Executive Committee shall coordinate activities among:

- National Headquarters
- State Chapters
- District Chapters
- Sector Councils
- International Chapters
- Special Committees

Coordination shall encourage consistency while respecting the approved governance framework.

27.15 Annual Operational Plan

Each year, the Executive Committee shall prepare an Annual Operational Plan that may include:

- Membership Targets
- Conference Calendar
- Training Programmes
- Publications Schedule
- Budget Allocation
- Partnership Development
- Digital Initiatives
- Chapter Expansion
- Business Development Activities

The Annual Operational Plan shall be submitted to the Governing Council for approval.

27.16 Performance Monitoring

The Executive Committee shall regularly review:

- Membership Growth
- Financial Performance
- Programme Delivery
- Chapter Activities
- Digital Engagement
- Member Satisfaction
- Strategic Progress
- Operational Risks

Reports shall be submitted periodically to the Governing Council.

27.17 Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly to review operational matters.

Ordinarily:

- Meetings may be held monthly or as frequently as required.
- Emergency meetings may be convened by the President or Secretary General.
- Meetings may be conducted physically, virtually, or in hybrid format.

27.18 Decision-Making

The Executive Committee shall strive for consensus in decision-making.

Where voting is necessary:

- Each voting member shall ordinarily have one vote.
- Decisions shall be made by a simple majority unless otherwise prescribed.
- The Chair may exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie where permitted by the governing documents.

27.19 Reporting

The Executive Committee shall submit regular reports to the Governing Council including:

- Operational Reports
- Membership Reports
- Financial Reports
- Programme Reports
- Chapter Reports
- Strategic Progress Reports
- Risk Reports
- Annual Performance Reports

27.20 Accountability

The Executive Committee shall remain accountable to the Governing Council.

Executive Committee Members shall:

- Exercise delegated authority responsibly.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Act ethically.
- Protect Association assets.
- Promote institutional integrity.

27.21 Emergency Powers

Where urgent action is necessary to protect the interests of the Association and it is impracticable to convene the Governing Council, the Executive Committee may take interim administrative decisions within its delegated authority.

Such decisions shall:

- Be limited to matters requiring immediate action.

- Be reported to the Governing Council at the earliest opportunity.
- Be subject to review, confirmation, modification, or revocation by the Governing Council.

Emergency powers shall not be used to amend the Constitution, alter membership rights, approve major financial commitments beyond delegated authority, or make decisions reserved exclusively to the General Body or Governing Council.

27.22 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that effective administration is essential to achieving its Vision and Mission.

The Executive Committee shall provide professional leadership, efficient administration, responsible implementation, and operational excellence while ensuring that every programme, service, and initiative reflects the Association's commitment to integrity, transparency, accountability, and sustainable economic development.

Executive Governance Principle

“The Executive Committee exists to transform strategy into action. Through disciplined administration, collaborative leadership, transparent implementation, and responsible stewardship, it shall ensure that the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) delivers meaningful value to its members and advances its mission with excellence.”

Article 27 Summary

Article 27 establishes the governance framework for the Executive Committee of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the Committee's composition, authority, responsibilities, operational functions, reporting obligations, and accountability to the Governing Council. By clearly distinguishing strategic governance from executive administration, the Article ensures that the Association operates efficiently while maintaining transparency, legal compliance, institutional integrity, and a strong focus on delivering value to members and advancing sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE 28

GOVERNANCE ADVISORY BOARD

28.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that experienced leadership, independent expertise, and strategic guidance are essential for building a credible, sustainable, and internationally respected institution.

Accordingly, the Association may establish an **Advisory Board** comprising distinguished individuals from business, industry, government, academia, diplomacy, finance, technology, law, education, research, and other relevant fields to provide strategic advice, institutional guidance, and professional expertise.

The Advisory Board shall function as an independent advisory body and shall not ordinarily exercise executive or administrative authority unless specifically delegated under these By-Laws.

28.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Advisory Board shall be to:

- a. Provide strategic guidance.
- b. Strengthen institutional governance.
- c. Promote long-term organizational development.
- d. Support national and international partnerships.
- e. Encourage innovation and knowledge sharing.
- f. Assist in policy development.
- g. Promote institutional credibility.
- h. Provide expert recommendations.
- i. Encourage sustainable growth.
- j. Strengthen public confidence in the Association.

28.3 Role of the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board shall serve as a strategic think tank for the Association.

It shall advise the Governing Council and Executive Committee on matters relating to:

- Strategic Planning.
- Organizational Development.
- Governance.
- Public Policy.
- Economic Development.
- International Cooperation.
- Education.
- Innovation.
- Research.
- Institutional Partnerships.
- Corporate Relations.
- Leadership Development.

28.4 Composition

The Advisory Board may consist of distinguished individuals including:

- Former Senior Government Officials
- Diplomats
- Business Leaders
- Industrialists
- Entrepreneurs
- University Leaders
- Researchers
- Economists
- Chartered Professionals
- Legal Experts

- Technology Leaders
- Healthcare Leaders
- International Advisors
- Public Policy Experts
- Social Development Leaders

The Governing Council may determine the size and composition of the Advisory Board.

28.5 Qualifications

A person may be appointed to the Advisory Board based upon one or more of the following:

- Distinguished professional experience.
- Significant leadership achievements.
- Expertise in a relevant discipline.
- National or international recognition.
- Contribution to economic development.
- Academic distinction.
- Public service.
- Industry leadership.
- Research excellence.
- Institutional development experience.

Appointments shall be made on merit and in the best interests of the Association.

28.6 Appointment

Members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Governing Council.

Appointments shall ordinarily be based upon:

- Professional reputation.
- Expertise.
- Institutional contribution.
- Ethical standing.

- Ability to contribute strategically.

Appointments may be for a specified term and may be renewed.

28.7 Responsibilities

The Advisory Board may:

- Provide strategic advice.
- Review institutional development plans.
- Recommend governance improvements.
- Support policy formulation.
- Encourage innovation.
- Promote research initiatives.
- Strengthen international cooperation.
- Assist in institutional branding.
- Support fundraising strategies.
- Facilitate strategic partnerships.
- Mentor emerging leaders.
- Promote thought leadership.

28.8 Advisory Nature

Unless specifically authorized by the Constitution or these By-Laws, the Advisory Board shall:

- Not exercise executive authority.
- Not supervise staff.
- Not approve budgets.
- Not administer Association programmes.
- Not override decisions of the Governing Council.

Its primary function shall be to advise and recommend.

28.9 Participation in Meetings

The Chairperson of the Advisory Board, or a designated representative, may be invited to attend meetings of:

- Governing Council.
- Executive Committee.
- Strategic Planning Sessions.
- Annual Conferences.
- Special Committees.

Participation shall ordinarily be in an advisory capacity.

28.10 Advisory Committees

The Advisory Board may establish specialist advisory groups relating to:

- Economic Policy
- International Trade
- MSME Development
- Technology
- Education
- Healthcare
- Sustainability
- Corporate Governance
- Artificial Intelligence
- Entrepreneurship
- Investment Ecosystems
- Digital Transformation

Such groups shall function under terms approved by the Governing Council.

28.11 Ethics & Independence

Members of the Advisory Board shall:

- Act independently.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.

- Exercise professional judgment.
- Promote institutional integrity.
- Respect the governance structure.

Advisory Board members shall disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest relating to matters under consideration.

28.12 Research & Thought Leadership

The Advisory Board may encourage:

- Policy Papers.
- Research Reports.
- Industry Studies.
- White Papers.
- Position Papers.
- Strategic Recommendations.
- Best Practice Frameworks.

Such work shall support informed decision-making and strengthen the Association's role as a knowledge institution.

28.13 International Advisory Network

The Association may establish an International Advisory Network comprising distinguished experts from countries where the Association maintains chapters or strategic partnerships.

The International Advisory Network may contribute to:

- Cross-border collaboration.
- International policy dialogue.
- Global business networking.
- Institutional partnerships.
- Knowledge exchange.
- International conferences.

28.14 Meetings

The Advisory Board shall meet periodically, as determined by the Governing Council or the Chairperson of the Advisory Board.

Meetings may be held:

- Physically.
- Virtually.
- In hybrid format.

Recommendations of the Advisory Board shall be documented and communicated to the appropriate governing authority.

28.15 Reporting

The Advisory Board may submit reports, recommendations, or advisory opinions to the Governing Council on matters within its mandate.

The Governing Council shall consider such recommendations but shall retain ultimate decision-making authority unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

28.16 Removal or Resignation

An Advisory Board Member may:

- Resign by written notice.
- Complete the appointed term.
- Be removed by the Governing Council for reasons including prolonged inactivity, material breach of these By-Laws, conflict of interest, unethical conduct, or any other cause considered sufficient under fair procedures.

Vacancies may be filled by the Governing Council.

28.17 Recognition

The Association may recognize the service of Advisory Board Members through:

- Certificates of Appreciation.
- Honorary Citations.
- Institutional Recognition.
- Public Acknowledgement.
- Distinguished Service Awards.



Recognition shall not create any proprietary or governance rights beyond those provided under these By-Laws.

28.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that wise counsel strengthens institutional excellence.

The Advisory Board shall contribute independent expertise, strategic foresight, and professional guidance that supports the Association's long-term growth, strengthens governance, promotes innovation, and advances sustainable economic development.

Advisory Leadership Principle

“Experience is a strategic asset. The Advisory Board of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall guide the Association through wisdom, independence, integrity, and professional excellence, ensuring that today's decisions create lasting value for future generations.”

Article 28 Summary

Article 28 establishes the constitutional framework for the Advisory Board of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the purpose, composition, appointment process, responsibilities, ethical standards, advisory functions, and reporting relationships of the Board. By drawing upon the expertise of distinguished leaders from diverse sectors, the Advisory Board enhances strategic decision-making, institutional credibility, and long-term organizational development while respecting the authority of the Governing Council and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE

29

GOVERNANCE *OFFICE BEARERS*

29.1 Purpose

The Office Bearers of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** shall constitute the principal leadership of the Association and shall be entrusted with the responsibility of providing strategic leadership, governance, institutional representation, operational oversight, and stewardship of the Association.

Office Bearers shall exercise their authority in accordance with the Constitution, these By-Laws, resolutions of the General Body, decisions of the Governing Council, and applicable laws.

The primary responsibility of every Office Bearer shall be to serve the interests of the Association and its members with integrity, impartiality, professionalism, and accountability.

29.2 Objectives

The Office Bearers shall collectively:

- a. Provide visionary leadership.
- b. Protect the interests of the Association.
- c. Promote responsible governance.
- d. Implement strategic plans.
- e. Encourage membership growth.
- f. Strengthen national and international partnerships.
- g. Ensure financial responsibility.
- h. Promote transparency.
- i. Encourage innovation.
- j. Advance sustainable economic development.

29.3 Composition

The Office Bearers of the Association may include:

Executive Leadership

- President
- Immediate Past President
- Senior Vice President
- Vice Presidents

Administrative Leadership

- Secretary General
- Additional Secretary General(s)
- Joint Secretary(ies)

Financial Leadership

- Treasurer
- Additional Treasurer
- Joint Treasurer

Programme Leadership

- Executive Directors
- National Directors
- Programme Directors
- Regional Directors
- State Presidents
- District Presidents

Other Positions

The Governing Council may create additional offices where necessary for the efficient administration of the Association.

29.4 General Duties of Office Bearers

Every Office Bearer shall:

- Uphold the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Protect the interests of members.

- Maintain confidentiality.
- Exercise authority responsibly.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Attend meetings regularly.
- Promote ethical leadership.
- Encourage teamwork.
- Support organizational development.
- Protect the reputation of the Association.

29.5 President

The President shall be the **Chief Elected Officer** of the Association and shall provide overall leadership.

The President shall:

- Preside over meetings of the General Body.
- Chair the Governing Council.
- Chair the Executive Committee.
- Provide strategic direction.
- Represent the Association nationally and internationally.
- Promote institutional development.
- Supervise implementation of strategic plans.
- Ensure governance compliance.
- Encourage membership growth.
- Foster strategic partnerships.
- Safeguard the Vision and Mission of the Association.

The President shall not exercise powers beyond those conferred by these By-Laws or delegated by the Governing Council.

29.6 Immediate Past President

Where applicable, the Immediate Past President shall:

- Provide continuity of leadership.
- Advise the President.
- Mentor newly elected leaders.
- Assist strategic planning.
- Serve on the Governing Council in an advisory capacity.

The Immediate Past President shall not ordinarily exercise executive authority unless otherwise authorized.

29.7 Senior Vice President

The Senior Vice President shall:

- Assist the President.
- Coordinate strategic initiatives.
- Supervise assigned portfolios.
- Preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
- Monitor implementation of Governing Council decisions.
- Support institutional development.

29.8 Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents shall:

- Support the President and Senior Vice President.
- Coordinate assigned programmes.
- Supervise committees where assigned.
- Promote chapter development.
- Strengthen member engagement.
- Represent the Association at official functions when authorized.

Each Vice President may be assigned a functional or regional portfolio by the Governing Council.

29.9 Secretary General

The Secretary General shall be the **Chief Administrative Officer** of the Association.

The Secretary General shall:

- Supervise the Secretariat.
- Maintain governance records.
- Issue meeting notices.
- Prepare agendas.
- Record minutes.
- Maintain statutory records.
- Coordinate committees.
- Monitor implementation of resolutions.
- Supervise membership administration.
- Ensure effective communication between governing bodies.

The Secretary General shall act as the principal custodian of the Association's official records.

29.10 Additional Secretary General

The Additional Secretary General shall:

- Assist the Secretary General.
- Coordinate designated programmes.
- Supervise assigned administrative functions.
- Support chapter administration.
- Undertake responsibilities assigned by the Secretary General or Governing Council.

29.11 Joint Secretaries

Joint Secretaries shall:

- Assist in administration.
- Coordinate events.
- Support membership administration.
- Maintain communication with Chapters.
- Assist with documentation.
- Perform duties assigned by the Secretary General.

29.12 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as the **Chief Financial Officer** of the Association.

The Treasurer shall:

- Supervise financial administration.
- Maintain financial records.
- Present financial reports.
- Monitor budgets.
- Ensure financial accountability.
- Supervise receipt of membership fees.
- Coordinate audits.
- Monitor internal financial controls.
- Protect Association assets.

The Treasurer shall perform duties in accordance with approved financial policies and applicable laws.

29.13 Additional Treasurer & Joint Treasurer

The Additional Treasurer and Joint Treasurer shall:

- Assist the Treasurer.
- Supervise assigned financial functions.
- Coordinate membership fee administration.
- Assist with financial reporting.
- Perform duties delegated by the Treasurer.

29.14 Executive Directors & National Directors

Executive Directors and National Directors may:

- Coordinate national programmes.
- Supervise strategic initiatives.
- Monitor operational performance.
- Coordinate State Chapters.

- Support membership expansion.
- Represent the Association in approved programmes.

Their authority shall be defined through written Terms of Reference approved by the Governing Council.

29.15 State Presidents

State Presidents shall:

- Lead State Chapters.
- Implement national policies.
- Promote membership growth.
- Coordinate district chapters.
- Organize state-level programmes.
- Submit reports to National Headquarters.
- Strengthen institutional partnerships within the State.

29.16 District Presidents

District Presidents shall:

- Lead District Chapters.
- Promote membership.
- Organize networking programmes.
- Coordinate local initiatives.
- Support State Chapter activities.
- Submit periodic reports.
- Promote the objectives of the Association within their district.

29.17 Delegation of Authority

Office Bearers may delegate administrative responsibilities to committees, officers, or staff where appropriate.

Delegation shall not relieve the Office Bearer of accountability for the proper discharge of delegated responsibilities.

29.18 Collective Responsibility

Office Bearers shall function collectively in the best interests of the Association.

Major decisions affecting governance, finance, membership, or institutional policy shall be taken through the appropriate governing bodies rather than by any individual Office Bearer acting alone.

29.19 Ethical Leadership

Every Office Bearer shall:

- Exercise authority fairly.
- Avoid personal gain.
- Declare conflicts of interest.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Act transparently.
- Respect democratic governance.
- Promote institutional integrity.
- Encourage member participation.

29.20 Vacancy

A vacancy in any office may arise through:

- Resignation.
- Expiry of term.
- Death.
- Removal.
- Permanent incapacity.
- Cessation of membership.

The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Association's Constitution, Election Rules, or appointment procedures.

29.21 Removal from Office

An Office Bearer may be removed in accordance with these By-Laws for reasons including:

- Serious misconduct.

- Material breach of these By-Laws.
- Persistent failure to discharge official responsibilities.
- Abuse of authority.
- Conflict of interest not properly disclosed.
- Conduct materially prejudicial to the Association.

Removal shall follow fair procedures, including notice, an opportunity to respond, and a decision by the competent authority.

29.22 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that its Office Bearers are custodians of the Association's values, reputation, and future.

Every Office Bearer shall lead with integrity, professionalism, accountability, humility, and a commitment to public service, ensuring that the Association remains a trusted institution dedicated to economic development, entrepreneurship, business excellence, and international cooperation.

Leadership Principle

“Leadership within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is a position of trust, not privilege. Every Office Bearer shall lead by example, exercise authority responsibly, serve the membership faithfully, and uphold the highest standards of governance, ethics, and institutional excellence.”

Article 29 Summary

Article 29 establishes the constitutional framework governing the Office Bearers of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the composition, roles, responsibilities, ethical obligations, delegation of authority, and accountability of the Association's leadership. By clearly outlining the duties of each office and emphasizing collective responsibility, transparency, and integrity, this Article provides a robust leadership structure that supports effective governance, operational excellence, and the long-term sustainability of the Association.

ARTICLE 30

GOVERNANCE *POWERS, FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE BEARERS*

30.1 Purpose

The Office Bearers of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) are entrusted with the responsibility of governing, administering, representing, and advancing the Association in accordance with its Constitution, By-Laws, approved policies, and applicable laws.

This Article defines the constitutional powers, functions, responsibilities, authority, accountability, and limitations applicable to all Office Bearers.

The objective is to ensure that authority is exercised responsibly, transparently, collectively, and solely in the best interests of the Association.

30.2 General Principle

Every Office Bearer shall hold office as a trustee of the Association and shall exercise authority only for the advancement of the Association's Vision, Mission, Objectives, and lawful activities.

Authority shall never be exercised for personal gain, political advantage, or any purpose inconsistent with these By-Laws.

30.3 Collective Leadership

The Association shall be governed through collective leadership.

No individual Office Bearer shall exercise absolute authority over the affairs of the Association.

Major institutional decisions shall be taken through:

- General Body
- Governing Council
- Executive Committee
- Authorized Committees

as applicable under these By-Laws.

30.4 General Powers

Subject to these By-Laws, Office Bearers shall have authority to:

- Represent the Association.
- Implement approved policies.
- Supervise assigned functions.
- Coordinate programmes.
- Promote membership.
- Protect Association assets.
- Strengthen partnerships.
- Encourage innovation.
- Develop strategic initiatives.
- Promote responsible governance.

Such powers shall be exercised only within the scope of delegated authority.

30.5 General Responsibilities

Every Office Bearer shall:

- Protect the Constitution.
- Uphold these By-Laws.
- Promote institutional integrity.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Exercise sound judgment.
- Attend meetings regularly.
- Submit reports when required.
- Promote teamwork.
- Encourage member participation.
- Protect the reputation of the Association.

30.6 President

The President shall have the following principal responsibilities:

Strategic Leadership

- Provide institutional vision.
- Lead strategic planning.
- Guide long-term development.
- Promote sustainable growth.

Governance

- Chair the General Body.
- Chair the Governing Council.
- Chair the Executive Committee.
- Ensure governance compliance.
- Promote transparency.

Representation

Represent the Association before:

- Government Authorities.
- International Organizations.
- Business Associations.
- Universities.
- Corporate Partners.
- Media.
- Public Forums.

Institutional Development

- Promote national expansion.
- Strengthen international collaboration.
- Encourage partnerships.
- Support fundraising initiatives.

- Promote organizational excellence.

The President shall remain accountable to the General Body and Governing Council.

30.7 Senior Vice President

The Senior Vice President shall:

- Assist the President.
- Coordinate strategic implementation.
- Supervise assigned portfolios.
- Lead special initiatives.
- Act for the President when authorized.
- Monitor organizational performance.

30.8 Vice Presidents

Vice Presidents shall:

- Support institutional leadership.
- Coordinate assigned departments.
- Supervise regional activities.
- Promote membership.
- Develop partnerships.
- Represent the Association where authorized.

Each Vice President may receive written functional responsibilities.

30.9 Secretary General

The Secretary General shall serve as the principal administrative executive.

Responsibilities include:

Governance Administration

- Maintain statutory records.
- Prepare agendas.
- Issue meeting notices.

- Record minutes.
- Maintain governance documentation.

Administration

- Supervise Secretariat.
- Coordinate Committees.
- Maintain membership records.
- Monitor implementation of resolutions.
- Ensure administrative efficiency.

Communication

- Coordinate official correspondence.
- Issue official circulars.
- Maintain institutional records.
- Support chapter communication.

30.10 Additional Secretary General

The Additional Secretary General shall:

- Assist the Secretary General.
- Coordinate assigned governance functions.
- Support chapter administration.
- Supervise delegated projects.
- Coordinate documentation.

30.11 Joint Secretaries

Joint Secretaries shall:

- Support Secretariat functions.
- Coordinate meetings.
- Assist event administration.
- Maintain programme documentation.

- Facilitate communication.

30.12 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have responsibility for financial governance.

Responsibilities include:

Financial Administration

- Maintain financial records.
- Supervise accounting.
- Monitor budgets.
- Present financial reports.
- Coordinate audits.

Financial Control

- Monitor expenditure.
- Protect Association assets.
- Ensure financial compliance.
- Recommend financial improvements.

Reporting

The Treasurer shall submit:

- Quarterly Financial Reports.
- Annual Financial Statements.
- Budget Performance Reports.
- Financial Risk Reports.

30.13 Additional Treasurer

The Additional Treasurer shall:

- Assist the Treasurer.
- Coordinate fee administration.
- Support budgeting.

- Assist financial reporting.
- Supervise delegated financial activities.

30.14 Executive Directors

Executive Directors shall:

- Coordinate strategic programmes.
- Monitor implementation.
- Supervise operational initiatives.
- Develop partnerships.
- Report to the Executive Committee.

30.15 National Directors

National Directors shall:

- Coordinate national initiatives.
- Supervise regional programmes.
- Strengthen membership.
- Develop institutional partnerships.
- Support policy implementation.

30.16 State Presidents

State Presidents shall:

- Lead State Chapters.
- Implement national policies.
- Coordinate District Chapters.
- Promote membership growth.
- Organize state programmes.
- Submit quarterly reports.

30.17 District Presidents

District Presidents shall:

- Lead District Chapters.
- Develop local membership.
- Organize networking programmes.
- Coordinate district committees.
- Support State Presidents.
- Promote community engagement.

30.18 Authority Limits

No Office Bearer shall:

- Commit the Association to major financial obligations beyond delegated authority.
- Amend these By-Laws independently.
- Override resolutions of the Governing Council.
- Misuse Association assets.
- Represent personal opinions as official policy without authorization.
- Enter into significant contracts unless authorized under the Association's governance and financial approval processes.

Authority shall always remain subject to these By-Laws and approved policies.

30.19 Delegation

Office Bearers may delegate operational responsibilities where appropriate.

Delegation shall:

- Be documented where appropriate.
- Clearly define authority.
- Preserve accountability.
- Be subject to Governing Council oversight.

30.20 Reporting Obligations

Office Bearers shall submit periodic reports relating to:

- Activities.
- Membership.

- Financial matters.
- Events.
- Partnerships.
- Strategic initiatives.
- Chapter development.
- Performance indicators.

Reports shall support transparency and accountability.

30.21 Performance Evaluation

The Governing Council may periodically evaluate the performance of Office Bearers based upon:

- Leadership.
- Attendance.
- Programme Delivery.
- Member Engagement.
- Financial Responsibility.
- Governance Compliance.
- Institutional Contribution.
- Ethical Conduct.

Evaluation procedures shall be objective and transparent.

30.22 Succession Planning

The Association shall encourage leadership continuity by promoting:

- Leadership Development.
- Mentorship.
- Emerging Leaders Programmes.
- Executive Training.
- Governance Education.

Succession planning shall strengthen long-term institutional stability.

30.23 Accountability

Every Office Bearer shall remain accountable for:

- Decisions.
- Governance.
- Financial Stewardship.
- Programme Implementation.
- Ethical Leadership.
- Institutional Conduct.

Office Bearers shall cooperate with governance reviews, audits, and investigations conducted in accordance with these By-Laws.

30.24 Removal

Office Bearers may be removed in accordance with Article 29 and applicable governance procedures for:

- Serious misconduct.
- Abuse of authority.
- Persistent non-performance.
- Conflict of interest.
- Financial irregularities.
- Material breach of these By-Laws.

Removal shall follow due process and principles of natural justice.

30.25 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) affirms that leadership within the Association is a public trust exercised on behalf of its members.

Every Office Bearer shall demonstrate integrity, accountability, transparency, professionalism, humility, and service-oriented leadership, ensuring that every action contributes to the Association's long-term credibility, sustainability, and mission of advancing economic development.

Leadership Accountability Principle

“Authority within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is accompanied by responsibility. Every Office Bearer shall exercise leadership with



integrity, accountability, fairness, transparency, and an unwavering commitment to serving the Association above personal interest.”

Article 30 Summary

Article 30 defines the constitutional powers, functions, responsibilities, and accountability of the Office Bearers of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It establishes the operational authority of each leadership position while clearly setting limits on individual powers, reinforcing collective governance, financial stewardship, ethical leadership, and institutional accountability. By defining these roles comprehensively, the Article ensures that the Association is administered professionally, transparently, and consistently in accordance with its Constitution, By-Laws, and strategic objectives.

PART - VI

CHAPTER GOVERNANCE



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ARTICLE 31 | CHAPTER GOVERNANCE *NATIONAL CHAPTERS*

31.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall establish a National Chapter framework to provide unified leadership, strategic direction, governance oversight, and operational coordination for the Association throughout India.

The National Chapter shall serve as the principal coordinating authority for all State Chapters, District Chapters, Sector Councils, Committees, and affiliated organizational units operating within India.

The National Chapter shall ensure that all organizational activities are conducted in accordance with the Constitution, these By-Laws, approved policies, and applicable laws, while preserving the integrity, reputation, and objectives of the Association.

31.2 Objectives

The National Chapter shall pursue the following objectives:

- a. Provide national leadership for the Association.
- b. Promote the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of FEDA Global India.
- c. Coordinate all State and District Chapters.
- d. Develop national strategies for membership growth.
- e. Promote economic development initiatives across India.
- f. Strengthen national and international partnerships.
- g. Maintain governance standards.
- h. Ensure uniform implementation of policies.
- i. Promote institutional excellence.
- j. Represent the Association at the national level.

31.3 Status

The National Chapter shall function as the central administrative and coordinating body for the Association within India.

It shall exercise only those powers specifically conferred by the Constitution, these By-Laws, or resolutions of the Governing Council.

31.4 National Headquarters

The Association shall maintain a National Headquarters at such location as may be approved by the Governing Council.

The National Headquarters shall:

- Coordinate national administration.
- Maintain official records.
- Supervise national programmes.
- Support State Chapters.
- Coordinate national communications.
- Maintain digital governance systems.
- Support membership administration.
- Coordinate national conferences and events.

31.5 Functions of the National Chapter

The National Chapter shall:

- Implement national strategic plans.
- Coordinate organizational expansion.
- Support State Chapters.
- Supervise District Chapter development.
- Promote national membership campaigns.
- Organize national conferences.
- Develop institutional partnerships.
- Coordinate publications.
- Promote knowledge-sharing initiatives.

- Facilitate collaboration between Chapters.

31.6 National Leadership

The National Chapter shall function under the leadership of the duly elected or appointed National Office Bearers in accordance with these By-Laws.

National leadership shall provide:

- Strategic direction.
- Governance oversight.
- Policy implementation.
- Institutional representation.
- Chapter coordination.

31.7 National Programmes

The National Chapter may organize programmes including:

- National Business Conferences.
- MSME Summits.
- Economic Development Forums.
- Leadership Conferences.
- Investor Forums.
- Business Networking Events.
- Trade Promotion Programmes.
- National Awards.
- Capacity Building Workshops.
- Research Initiatives.

31.8 Coordination with State Chapters

The National Chapter shall:

- Provide guidance.
- Issue operational guidelines.
- Monitor implementation.

- Encourage best practices.
- Promote collaboration.
- Facilitate communication.

State Chapters shall retain operational flexibility while complying with the Constitution and approved national policies.

31.9 Membership Administration

The National Chapter shall supervise:

- National Membership Policies.
- Membership Standards.
- Membership Database.
- Membership Development.
- Digital Member Services.
- Membership Analytics.

31.10 National Committees

The National Chapter may establish committees for:

- Membership Development.
- Finance.
- Governance.
- Education.
- International Relations.
- Conferences.
- Publications.
- Business Development.
- Digital Transformation.
- Research.
- Awards.

Each committee shall function under Terms of Reference approved by the Governing Council.

31.11 National Representation

The National Chapter shall represent the Association before:

- Government Ministries.
- Regulatory Authorities.
- National Industry Bodies.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Universities.
- International Organizations.
- Corporate Partners.
- Media.

Official representations shall be made only by authorized representatives.

31.12 Financial Administration

The National Chapter shall administer finances in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Applicable Laws.
- Internal Financial Controls.
- Audit Requirements.

National funds shall be used exclusively for the lawful objectives of the Association.

31.13 Monitoring & Evaluation

The National Chapter shall periodically evaluate:

- Membership Growth.
- Chapter Performance.
- Programme Effectiveness.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Governance Compliance.

- Strategic Progress.

Appropriate reports shall be submitted to the Governing Council.

31.14 Relationship with FEDA Global Council

The National Chapter shall maintain constructive coordination with the FEDA Global Council on matters of international collaboration, global initiatives, knowledge exchange, and cross-border partnerships.

Such coordination shall respect the governance autonomy of FEDA Global India while promoting alignment on shared international objectives.

31.15 Institutional Commitment

The National Chapter shall serve as the principal leadership platform of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), ensuring that every State Chapter, District Chapter, Sector Council, Committee, and member operates within a unified governance framework dedicated to professionalism, ethical leadership, and sustainable economic development.

National Governance Principle

“The National Chapter shall provide unified leadership, strategic direction, and governance excellence, ensuring that every initiative of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) advances its Vision, strengthens its members, and contributes to India’s economic development while maintaining the highest standards of institutional integrity.”

Article 31 Summary

Article 31 establishes the governance framework for the National Chapter of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the role of the National Headquarters as the central coordinating authority responsible for strategic leadership, chapter development, membership administration, programme implementation, financial oversight, and institutional representation. Through this framework, the National Chapter ensures consistent governance, operational excellence, and unified growth across all State Chapters, District Chapters, Sector Councils, and affiliated organizational units.

ARTICLE 32

CHAPTER GOVERNANCE *STATE CHAPTERS*

32.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that effective state-level leadership is essential for achieving its Vision, Mission, and Objectives throughout India.

Accordingly, the Association may establish **State Chapters** to facilitate localized governance, membership development, programme implementation, business networking, stakeholder engagement, and institutional growth within each State and Union Territory.

State Chapters shall function as the official representative units of the Association within their respective jurisdictions and shall operate in accordance with the Constitution, these By-Laws, national policies, and applicable laws.

32.2 Objectives

The State Chapters shall pursue the following objectives:

- a. Promote the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Association within the State.
- b. Strengthen membership growth.
- c. Coordinate District Chapters.
- d. Organize state-level programmes and initiatives.
- e. Promote MSME development.
- f. Encourage entrepreneurship and innovation.
- g. Facilitate business networking.
- h. Build partnerships with government, industry, academia, and civil society.
- i. Support national initiatives.
- j. Promote sustainable economic development within the State.

32.3 Status

A State Chapter shall be an officially recognized organizational unit of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

Each State Chapter shall operate under the guidance and supervision of the National Headquarters while maintaining operational flexibility appropriate to local needs, provided such activities remain consistent with the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, policies, and lawful objectives.

State Chapters shall not possess an independent legal identity unless specifically approved and established in accordance with applicable law and the Governing Council's resolutions.

32.4 Establishment of State Chapters

The Governing Council may establish a State Chapter where it is satisfied that:

- There is sufficient membership within the State.
- Adequate leadership is available.
- Sustainable operations can be maintained.
- The proposed Chapter supports the objectives of the Association.
- Necessary administrative arrangements have been established.

The Governing Council may issue operational guidelines governing the establishment of new State Chapters.

32.5 State Headquarters

Each State Chapter may establish a State Headquarters at a location approved by the National Headquarters.

The State Headquarters shall serve as the administrative center for:

- Membership administration.
- Programme coordination.
- District Chapter supervision.
- Official correspondence.
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Record maintenance.
- State-level events.

32.6 State Leadership

Each State Chapter shall be administered by duly appointed or elected State Office Bearers in accordance with the Constitution, these By-Laws, and the Association's Election or Appointment Policies.

State leadership may include:

- State President
- State Vice President(s)
- State Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- State Treasurer
- Executive Committee Members
- Other positions approved by the Governing Council

The composition may vary depending on the size and operational needs of the State Chapter.

32.7 Powers & Functions of State Chapters

State Chapters shall:

- Promote membership growth.
- Implement national policies.
- Coordinate District Chapters.
- Organize business networking programmes.
- Conduct conferences and seminars.
- Support MSMEs and startups.
- Promote entrepreneurship.
- Facilitate knowledge-sharing initiatives.
- Develop institutional partnerships.
- Encourage member engagement.
- Represent the Association within the State.

State Chapters shall not adopt policies inconsistent with those approved by the National Headquarters.

32.8 State Programmes

State Chapters may organize programmes including:

- State Business Conferences.
- MSME Forums.
- Entrepreneurship Summits.
- Investor Meets.
- Business Networking Events.
- Leadership Workshops.
- Skill Development Programmes.
- Trade Delegations.
- Knowledge Forums.
- Professional Development Initiatives.
- Industry Roundtables.
- Corporate Engagement Programmes.

Programmes shall align with the Association's Vision and annual operational plan.

32.9 Membership Development

State Chapters shall actively promote membership among:

- Entrepreneurs.
- MSMEs.
- Corporates.
- Educational Institutions.
- Professionals.
- Startups.
- Investors.
- Industry Associations.
- Women Entrepreneurs.
- Young Professionals.

Membership activities shall be conducted in accordance with national membership policies.

32.10 District Chapter Development

State Chapters shall supervise and support the establishment and functioning of District Chapters.

Responsibilities include:

- Leadership Development.
- Chapter Monitoring.
- Performance Evaluation.
- Membership Growth.
- Programme Coordination.
- Governance Compliance.
- Capacity Building.

State Chapters shall submit periodic reports regarding District Chapter performance.

32.11 Government & Institutional Relations

State Chapters may establish professional relationships with:

- State Government Departments.
- Public Sector Institutions.
- Universities.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Industry Associations.
- Professional Bodies.
- Development Agencies.
- Business Incubators.

Such engagement shall be non-partisan and consistent with the Association's objectives.

32.12 Financial Administration

State Chapters shall administer finances in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.

- National Financial Policies.
- Internal Financial Controls.
- Audit Requirements.
- Applicable Laws.

State Chapters shall maintain proper books of account and submit financial reports to the National Headquarters as required.

32.13 Reporting Obligations

Each State Chapter shall periodically submit reports including:

- Membership Reports.
- Financial Reports.
- Activity Reports.
- Event Reports.
- District Chapter Reports.
- Partnership Reports.
- Strategic Progress Reports.

Reports shall be submitted within timelines prescribed by the National Headquarters.

32.14 Performance Evaluation

The National Headquarters may evaluate State Chapters based upon:

- Membership Growth.
- Programme Delivery.
- Governance Compliance.
- Financial Accountability.
- Chapter Development.
- Member Engagement.
- Innovation.
- Contribution to National Objectives.

Constructive recommendations shall be provided to support continuous improvement.

32.15 Relationship with National Headquarters

State Chapters shall function in close coordination with the National Headquarters.

The National Headquarters may provide:

- Strategic Guidance.
- Operational Support.
- Governance Policies.
- Branding Standards.
- Digital Systems.
- Membership Framework.
- Training.
- Monitoring.

State Chapters shall cooperate fully in implementing approved national initiatives.

32.16 Dissolution or Reorganization

The Governing Council may reorganize, merge, suspend, or dissolve a State Chapter where:

- It becomes inactive.
- It materially violates these By-Laws.
- Governance failures occur.
- Membership becomes unsustainable.
- Reorganization is considered necessary for the interests of the Association.

Such action shall be taken only after following fair administrative procedures and providing the State Chapter an opportunity to respond.

32.17 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes State Chapters as the principal engines of regional growth and member engagement.

Each State Chapter shall strive to build a vibrant ecosystem that promotes ethical business, entrepreneurship, knowledge sharing, professional networking, and sustainable economic development while faithfully implementing the Vision and policies of the Association.

State Chapter Principle

“Every State Chapter shall serve as a centre of excellence for leadership, collaboration, and economic development, bringing together businesses, professionals, institutions, and communities to create lasting value while strengthening the national mission of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).”

Article 32 Summary

Article 32 establishes the governance framework for the State Chapters of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines their establishment, leadership, powers, responsibilities, financial administration, reporting obligations, relationship with the National Headquarters, and role in membership development and programme implementation. Through this framework, State Chapters function as the primary regional institutions responsible for expanding the Association’s presence, strengthening member engagement, and advancing sustainable economic development across their respective States while maintaining uniform governance and operational standards.

ARTICLE 33

CHAPTER GOVERNANCE *DISTRICT CHAPTERS*

33.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that meaningful economic development begins at the grassroots level through active engagement with local businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, educational institutions, industry associations, and community stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Association may establish **District Chapters** as its primary local operational units to strengthen member engagement, encourage entrepreneurship, facilitate networking, promote business development, and implement the objectives of the Association within each district.

District Chapters shall function under the supervision of the respective State Chapter and the National Headquarters, ensuring consistency with the Constitution, these By-Laws, approved policies, and applicable laws.

33.2 Objectives

The District Chapters shall pursue the following objectives:

- a. Promote the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Association at the district level.
- b. Develop and retain membership.
- c. Promote entrepreneurship and MSME development.
- d. Organize local networking activities.
- e. Facilitate business collaborations.
- f. Encourage knowledge sharing.
- g. Support startups and young entrepreneurs.
- h. Build relationships with district-level institutions.
- i. Implement national and state programmes.
- j. Contribute to sustainable local economic development.

33.3 Status

A District Chapter shall be an officially recognized local organizational unit of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

District Chapters shall function under the administrative supervision of the respective State Chapter and in accordance with the policies and directions issued by the National Headquarters.

District Chapters shall not possess an independent legal identity unless specifically approved by the Governing Council and established in accordance with applicable law.

33.4 Establishment of District Chapters

The Governing Council or the National Headquarters, upon the recommendation of the respective State Chapter, may establish a District Chapter where:

- Adequate membership exists.
- Suitable leadership is available.
- Sustainable operations can be maintained.
- The establishment serves the objectives of the Association.
- Administrative requirements have been fulfilled.

The Association may prescribe minimum membership requirements and operational criteria for the establishment of District Chapters.

33.5 District Office

Each District Chapter may establish an administrative office or coordination center as approved by the State Chapter.

The District Office shall function as the local centre for:

- Membership Services.
- Member Engagement.
- Business Networking.
- Programme Coordination.
- Local Administration.
- Official Meetings.
- Community Outreach.

33.6 District Leadership

Each District Chapter shall be administered by duly elected or appointed Office Bearers.

The leadership may include:

- District President
- District Vice President(s)
- District Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- District Treasurer
- Executive Committee Members
- Sector Coordinators
- Membership Development Coordinator
- Women Entrepreneurship Coordinator
- Youth Development Coordinator
- Other positions approved by the State Chapter or National Headquarters.

33.7 Powers & Functions

District Chapters shall:

- Conduct membership drives.
- Organize local business meetings.
- Promote networking among members.
- Encourage MSME participation.
- Support startup ecosystems.
- Facilitate knowledge-sharing programmes.
- Coordinate local workshops.
- Encourage professional development.
- Identify local business opportunities.
- Support district-level economic initiatives.
- Promote responsible entrepreneurship.

- Strengthen member engagement.

District Chapters shall not adopt policies inconsistent with those approved by the National Headquarters or State Chapter.

33.8 Local Programmes

District Chapters may organize:

- Business Networking Meetings.
- MSME Awareness Programmes.
- Entrepreneurship Workshops.
- Startup Meetups.
- Investor Interaction Sessions.
- Skill Development Programmes.
- Industry Visits.
- Professional Development Workshops.
- Leadership Development Sessions.
- Business Awards.
- Community Development Programmes.
- Local Trade Promotion Activities.

Such programmes shall support the objectives of the Association.

33.9 Membership Development

District Chapters shall actively identify and recruit eligible members from:

- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Corporate Organizations.
- Educational Institutions.
- Professional Firms.
- Women Entrepreneurs.
- Young Entrepreneurs.

- Investors.
- Industry Experts.
- Business Owners.
- Consultants.
- Social Enterprises.

Membership shall be processed in accordance with the Association's Membership Policies.

33.10 Business Development Initiatives

District Chapters shall encourage:

- Business Networking.
- Business Matchmaking.
- Buyer–Seller Meetings.
- Vendor Development.
- Market Linkages.
- Local Business Promotion.
- Entrepreneur Mentoring.
- Business Referral Opportunities.
- Export Awareness.
- Innovation and Collaboration.

The Association facilitates networking but does not guarantee commercial transactions or business outcomes.

33.11 Government & Institutional Engagement

District Chapters may establish constructive relationships with:

- District Administration.
- Local Government Authorities.
- MSME Development Offices.
- District Industries Centres.
- Chambers of Commerce.

- Educational Institutions.
- Skill Development Centres.
- Industry Associations.
- Financial Institutions.
- Business Incubators.

Such engagement shall remain non-political, non-partisan, and consistent with the objectives of the Association.

33.12 Financial Administration

District Chapters shall administer funds in accordance with:

- National Financial Policies.
- State Chapter Guidelines.
- Approved Budgets.
- Applicable Laws.
- Internal Financial Controls.

District Chapters shall maintain proper books of account and submit financial statements to the respective State Chapter.

33.13 Reporting Requirements

District Chapters shall submit periodic reports to the State Chapter, including:

- Membership Reports.
- Programme Reports.
- Financial Reports.
- Event Reports.
- Partnership Activities.
- Community Engagement Reports.
- Membership Growth Statistics.
- Annual Performance Reports.

Reporting timelines shall be prescribed by the State Chapter.

33.14 Monitoring & Evaluation

The State Chapter shall periodically review the performance of District Chapters based on:

- Membership Growth.
- Member Retention.
- Programme Delivery.
- Financial Accountability.
- Governance Compliance.
- Community Engagement.
- Business Development Activities.
- Leadership Performance.

Recommendations for improvement shall be communicated to the District Chapter leadership.

33.15 District Membership Partner Programme

To strengthen grassroots expansion, the Association may establish a **District Membership Partner (DMP) Programme** or similar membership development initiatives approved by the Governing Council.

District Membership Partners may assist in:

- Membership Outreach.
- Awareness Campaigns.
- Business Community Engagement.
- Event Promotion.
- Referral Programmes.
- Local Business Networking.
- Chapter Development.

The appointment, responsibilities, performance standards, incentives (if any), and operating procedures of District Membership Partners shall be governed by a separate Operations Manual and approved policies.

33.16 Relationship with State Chapters

District Chapters shall operate under the guidance and supervision of their respective State Chapters.

The State Chapter shall provide:

- Strategic Guidance.
- Operational Support.
- Leadership Development.
- Governance Training.
- Membership Support.
- Branding Standards.
- Programme Coordination.
- Administrative Assistance.

District Chapters shall actively cooperate with State and National initiatives.

33.17 Suspension, Reorganization or Dissolution

The Governing Council, upon recommendation of the State Chapter, may suspend, reorganize, merge, or dissolve a District Chapter where:

- It becomes inactive.
- Governance failures occur.
- Membership becomes unsustainable.
- There is a material breach of these By-Laws.
- Such action is necessary for the interests of the Association.

Such action shall be taken only after following fair administrative procedures and providing the District Chapter an opportunity to respond.

33.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes District Chapters as the foundation of its nationwide membership and community engagement strategy.

By empowering local leaders, fostering entrepreneurship, strengthening MSMEs, promoting collaboration, and connecting businesses with opportunities, District Chapters shall play a vital role in advancing inclusive and sustainable economic development across India.

District Chapter Principle



“Every District Chapter shall be the grassroots engine of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), connecting local businesses, professionals, entrepreneurs, institutions, and communities through ethical leadership, collaboration, innovation, and responsible economic development.”

Article 33 Summary

Article 33 establishes the governance framework for District Chapters of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines their establishment, leadership, responsibilities, membership development functions, programme implementation, financial administration, reporting obligations, and relationship with State Chapters. The Article also provides a governance basis for the District Membership Partner Programme, enabling structured grassroots expansion while ensuring consistent standards, accountability, and alignment with the Association’s national vision and governance framework.

ARTICLE

34

CHAPTER GOVERNANCE *INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS*

34.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes the importance of international collaboration in promoting economic development, entrepreneurship, trade, investment, innovation, education, knowledge exchange, and global business networking.

Accordingly, the Association may establish **International Chapters** in countries outside India to strengthen global cooperation, facilitate international partnerships, support members abroad, promote cross-border business opportunities, and advance the international objectives of the Association.

International Chapters shall function as official overseas representative units of the Association and shall operate in accordance with these By-Laws, the policies of the National Headquarters, the directives of the Governing Council, and the laws of the country in which they operate.

34.2 Objectives

The International Chapters shall pursue the following objectives:

- a. Promote the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Association internationally.
- b. Strengthen international business collaboration.
- c. Facilitate cross-border networking.
- d. Promote trade, investment, and entrepreneurship.
- e. Support knowledge exchange between countries.
- f. Develop strategic international partnerships.
- g. Promote member engagement outside India.
- h. Encourage educational and professional collaboration.
- i. Support international conferences and business forums.
- j. Strengthen the global presence of the Association.

34.3 Status

International Chapters shall function as officially recognized overseas chapters of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

International Chapters shall operate under the strategic guidance of the National Headquarters and in coordination with the **FEDA Global Council**, where applicable, while maintaining compliance with the laws and regulatory requirements of their respective countries.

International Chapters shall not represent themselves as independent organizations unless separately incorporated or registered under applicable local laws with the prior written approval of the Governing Council.

34.4 Establishment of International Chapters

The Governing Council may establish an International Chapter where it is satisfied that:

- There is sufficient member interest.
- Qualified leadership is available.
- Sustainable operations can be maintained.
- The proposed Chapter aligns with the objectives of the Association.
- Applicable legal and regulatory requirements can reasonably be met.

The Governing Council may prescribe additional operational guidelines for establishing International Chapters.

34.5 International Chapter Leadership

Each International Chapter shall be administered by appointed or elected Office Bearers in accordance with approved policies.

Leadership may include:

- Country President
- Country Vice President(s)
- Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Committee Members
- Business Development Director

- Membership Director
- Events Director
- International Relations Coordinator
- Other positions approved by the Governing Council.

34.6 Powers & Functions

International Chapters shall:

- Promote membership.
- Organize networking events.
- Conduct business forums.
- Support international collaborations.
- Promote trade and investment opportunities.
- Facilitate business delegations.
- Organize educational programmes.
- Encourage entrepreneurship.
- Strengthen institutional partnerships.
- Represent the Association within their respective jurisdictions.

International Chapters shall not adopt policies inconsistent with the Constitution, these By-Laws, or directives issued by the National Headquarters.

34.7 International Programmes

International Chapters may organize:

- International Business Conferences.
- Trade Delegations.
- Investment Forums.
- CEO Summits.
- Business Networking Events.
- Investor Roundtables.
- International Webinars.

- Leadership Forums.
- Academic Conferences.
- Professional Development Programmes.
- Cross-Border Business Meetings.
- Cultural and Economic Exchange Programmes.

Programmes shall support the lawful objectives of the Association.

34.8 Membership Development

International Chapters may admit and support eligible members including:

- Business Leaders.
- Entrepreneurs.
- Professionals.
- Investors.
- Educational Institutions.
- Industry Associations.
- Corporate Organizations.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Researchers.
- Consultants.
- International Partners.

Membership shall be administered in accordance with the Association's approved Membership Policies.

34.9 International Partnerships

International Chapters may establish professional relationships with:

- Chambers of Commerce.
- Trade Promotion Organizations.
- Universities.

- Professional Associations.
- Business Councils.
- Investment Promotion Agencies.
- International Development Organizations.
- Industry Associations.
- Business Networks.

Partnerships shall support the objectives of the Association and shall not create legal obligations beyond the authority delegated by the Governing Council.

34.10 International Business Support

International Chapters may facilitate lawful business support initiatives, including:

- Business Networking.
- Business Matchmaking.
- Trade Information Sharing.
- Investment Awareness.
- Market Entry Guidance.
- Business Delegation Coordination.
- Industry Connections.
- Knowledge Exchange.
- Referral Networking.

The Association shall act solely as a networking and facilitation platform and shall not guarantee commercial success, business contracts, investments, or financial returns arising from such interactions.

34.11 International Conferences & Events

International Chapters may host or co-host:

- World Business Conferences.
- International Economic Forums.
- Trade Exhibitions.
- Investment Summits.

- Global Leadership Forums.
- Professional Networking Events.
- Educational Conferences.
- International Awards Programmes.

Events shall be organized in accordance with the Association's event policies and applicable local laws.

34.12 Financial Administration

International Chapters shall:

- Maintain proper financial records.
- Administer funds transparently.
- Comply with approved financial policies.
- Observe applicable financial and taxation laws of the host country.
- Submit periodic financial reports to the National Headquarters where required.

Financial autonomy, if granted, shall remain subject to the oversight of the Governing Council.

34.13 Reporting Requirements

International Chapters shall periodically submit reports including:

- Membership Reports.
- Activity Reports.
- Financial Reports.
- Event Reports.
- Partnership Reports.
- Strategic Development Reports.
- Annual Performance Reports.

Reporting formats and timelines shall be prescribed by the National Headquarters.

34.14 Relationship with the National Headquarters

International Chapters shall maintain regular communication with the National Headquarters.

The National Headquarters shall provide:

- Strategic Guidance.
- Governance Policies.
- Branding Standards.
- Membership Framework.
- Leadership Training.
- Digital Systems.
- Programme Coordination.
- Institutional Support.

International Chapters shall cooperate with global initiatives approved by the Association.

34.15 Compliance with Local Laws

Every International Chapter shall conduct its activities in compliance with:

- The laws of the country in which it operates.
- Applicable taxation and regulatory requirements.
- Local employment laws (where applicable).
- Immigration requirements.
- Data protection and privacy laws.
- Other relevant legal obligations.

Nothing in these By-Laws authorizes an International Chapter to engage in activities prohibited by the laws of the host country.

34.16 Suspension, Reorganization or Dissolution

The Governing Council may suspend, reorganize, merge, or dissolve an International Chapter where:

- It becomes inactive.
- It materially breaches these By-Laws.
- Governance failures occur.
- Local legal requirements cannot be met.
- Such action is necessary for the interests of the Association.

Such action shall be taken after following fair administrative procedures and providing the International

Chapter an opportunity to respond.

34.17 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to building a strong international network that connects businesses, professionals, institutions, entrepreneurs, and investors across borders.

Through its International Chapters, the Association seeks to promote ethical business collaboration, global partnerships, knowledge exchange, responsible investment, and sustainable economic development while respecting the legal and cultural diversity of every country in which it operates.

International Collaboration Principle

“Every International Chapter shall serve as a bridge between nations, fostering lawful cooperation, professional excellence, ethical business relationships, and shared prosperity while advancing the global vision of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).”

Article 34 Summary

Article 34 establishes the governance framework for the International Chapters of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the procedures for establishing overseas chapters, their leadership structure, operational responsibilities, membership administration, financial governance, reporting obligations, and relationship with the National Headquarters. By emphasizing compliance with local laws, ethical international collaboration, and coordinated global engagement, this Article enables the Association to expand its international presence while maintaining consistent governance standards and institutional integrity.

ARTICLE 35

CHAPTER GOVERNANCE *SECTOR COUNCILS & COMMITTEES*

35.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that effective governance, industry representation, specialized expertise, and member participation require dedicated institutional platforms focused on specific sectors, professional disciplines, and organizational functions.

Accordingly, the Association may establish **Sector Councils** and **Standing or Special Committees** to promote industry-specific development, facilitate knowledge sharing, strengthen policy dialogue, improve programme implementation, and support the strategic objectives of the Association.

Sector Councils and Committees shall function under the authority of the Governing Council and shall operate in accordance with these By-Laws, approved Terms of Reference, and applicable policies.

35.2 Objectives

The Sector Councils and Committees shall seek to:

- a. Promote industry-specific development.
- b. Encourage member participation.
- c. Provide technical and professional expertise.
- d. Support policy formulation.
- e. Promote research and innovation.
- f. Strengthen programme implementation.
- g. Facilitate networking and collaboration.
- h. Encourage knowledge exchange.
- i. Support organizational governance.
- j. Advance sustainable economic development.

35.3 Establishment

The Governing Council may establish, merge, reorganize, suspend, or dissolve any Sector Council or Committee whenever considered necessary for the effective functioning of the Association.

The Governing Council shall approve:

- Name
- Scope
- Objectives
- Composition
- Functions
- Reporting Structure
- Term of Office
- Terms of Reference (TOR)

35.4 Sector Councils

Sector Councils may be established to represent specific industries or professional sectors.

Illustrative Sector Councils may include:

- MSME Council
- Startup & Innovation Council
- Women Entrepreneurs Council
- Young Entrepreneurs Council
- Manufacturing Council
- Information Technology & Artificial Intelligence Council
- Healthcare & Life Sciences Council
- Education & Skill Development Council
- Hospitality & Tourism Council
- Agriculture & Agribusiness Council
- Renewable Energy & Sustainability Council
- Infrastructure & Construction Council

- Export & International Trade Council
- Banking, Finance & Investment Council
- Retail & E-Commerce Council
- Logistics & Supply Chain Council
- Real Estate Council
- Legal & Regulatory Affairs Council
- Media & Communications Council
- Creative Industries Council

The Governing Council may establish additional Sector Councils as required.

35.5 Purpose of Sector Councils

Each Sector Council shall:

- Represent member interests within its sector.
- Encourage industry collaboration.
- Promote innovation.
- Identify sector-specific opportunities.
- Organize knowledge-sharing programmes.
- Develop policy recommendations.
- Support research initiatives.
- Facilitate networking.
- Promote professional development.
- Strengthen industry competitiveness.

35.6 Standing Committees

The Association may establish Standing Committees including:

- Membership Committee
- Finance Committee
- Audit Committee

- Legal & Governance Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Publications Committee
- Conference & Events Committee
- Business Development Committee
- International Relations Committee
- Education & Training Committee
- Awards & Recognition Committee
- Digital Transformation Committee
- Public Relations & Media Committee
- Corporate Relations Committee
- Research & Policy Committee

Standing Committees shall support the ongoing governance and administration of the Association.

35.7 Special Committees

The Governing Council may establish temporary or project-specific committees for:

- National Conferences.
- International Conferences.
- Trade Missions.
- Membership Campaigns.
- Special Research Projects.
- Strategic Partnerships.
- Anniversary Celebrations.
- Digital Projects.
- Policy Consultations.
- Organizational Restructuring.

Special Committees shall automatically cease upon completion of their assigned mandate unless extended by the Governing Council.

35.8 Composition

Each Sector Council or Committee may include:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Convenor
- Co-Convenor
- Subject Matter Experts
- Members
- Special Invitees (where appropriate)

Appointments shall be made based on merit, expertise, experience, integrity, and the needs of the Association.

35.9 Appointment

Members of Sector Councils and Committees shall be appointed by the Governing Council or by such authority as it may designate.

Appointments shall consider:

- Professional expertise.
- Leadership ability.
- Sector experience.
- Contribution to the Association.
- Ethical standing.
- Availability to actively participate.

35.10 Terms of Reference

Every Sector Council and Committee shall operate under written Terms of Reference approved by the Governing Council.

The Terms of Reference shall specify:

- Objectives.
- Scope.

- Authority.
- Responsibilities.
- Reporting Structure.
- Meeting Frequency.
- Performance Indicators.
- Duration (where applicable).

35.11 Functions

Sector Councils and Committees may:

- Conduct meetings.
- Organize seminars and workshops.
- Prepare research papers.
- Recommend policy initiatives.
- Support publications.
- Promote membership.
- Facilitate business networking.
- Develop industry recommendations.
- Coordinate conferences.
- Support strategic initiatives.

They shall function within the scope of authority delegated by the Governing Council.

35.12 Meetings

Sector Councils and Committees shall meet periodically as required.

Meetings may be held:

- Physically.
- Virtually.
- In Hybrid Mode.

Minutes shall be maintained and submitted to the appropriate authority.

35.13 Reporting

Each Sector Council and Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee or Governing Council, as appropriate.

Reports may include:

- Activities Undertaken.
- Programme Outcomes.
- Financial Requirements.
- Recommendations.
- Future Action Plans.
- Performance Indicators.

35.14 Collaboration

Sector Councils and Committees are encouraged to collaborate with:

- Government Departments.
- Industry Associations.
- Universities.
- Research Institutions.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Professional Bodies.
- International Organizations.
- Development Agencies.
- Corporate Partners.

Such collaborations shall be consistent with the objectives of the Association and approved partnership policies.

35.15 Ethical Standards

Members serving on Sector Councils and Committees shall:

- Maintain confidentiality.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.

- Exercise professional judgment.
- Respect differing opinions.
- Act impartially.
- Promote institutional integrity.
- Comply with the Association's Code of Ethics.

35.16 Performance Review

The Governing Council may periodically evaluate the effectiveness of Sector Councils and Committees based on:

- Programme Delivery.
- Member Participation.
- Industry Impact.
- Governance Compliance.
- Innovation.
- Research Contributions.
- Strategic Value.
- Alignment with Organizational Objectives.

The Governing Council may restructure or discontinue any Council or Committee where appropriate.

35.17 Dissolution

The Governing Council may dissolve or merge any Sector Council or Committee where:

- Its objectives have been fulfilled.
- It becomes inactive.
- Organizational restructuring is required.
- Governance concerns arise.
- Duplication of functions exists.

Any records, reports, and assets of the dissolved body shall be transferred to the Association in accordance with approved administrative procedures.

35.18 Institutional Commitment



The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes Sector Councils and Committees as centres of expertise, innovation, collaboration, and institutional excellence.

Through these specialized bodies, the Association seeks to harness the collective knowledge and experience of its members to develop industry solutions, strengthen governance, influence constructive policy dialogue, and contribute meaningfully to India's economic development and global business engagement.

Sector Leadership Principle

“Sector Councils and Committees transform expertise into action. By bringing together professionals, entrepreneurs, institutions, and industry leaders, the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) fosters collaboration, innovation, responsible leadership, and sustainable economic progress.”

Article 35 Summary

Article 35 establishes the governance framework for the Sector Councils and Committees of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines their establishment, composition, appointment, authority, functions, reporting obligations, ethical standards, and performance review mechanisms. These specialized bodies provide expert guidance, promote member engagement, support organizational governance, and facilitate sector-specific initiatives while operating under the oversight of the Governing Council and in alignment with the Association's Vision, Mission, and strategic objectives.

PART - VII

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES



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ARTICLE

36

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES CONFERENCES

36.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes conferences as one of its principal institutional platforms for advancing economic development, entrepreneurship, innovation, knowledge exchange, professional collaboration, and international cooperation.

Accordingly, the Association may organize, co-organize, sponsor, or participate in conferences at the district, state, national, regional, and international levels to facilitate dialogue among business leaders, government representatives, academic institutions, investors, entrepreneurs, professionals, industry experts, policymakers, and other stakeholders.

Conferences organized by the Association shall serve as platforms for promoting responsible business practices, sustainable economic development, policy discussions, institutional collaboration, and professional excellence.

36.2 Objectives

The objectives of Association conferences shall include:

- a. Promoting economic development.
- b. Encouraging entrepreneurship.
- c. Facilitating business networking.
- d. Supporting MSME development.
- e. Promoting innovation and technology adoption.
- f. Encouraging investment opportunities.
- g. Facilitating policy dialogue.
- h. Supporting knowledge sharing.
- i. Strengthening international cooperation.
- j. Advancing the Vision and Mission of the Association.

36.3 Categories of Conferences

The Association may organize or support conferences including, but not limited to:

- National Economic Development Conference
- International Business Conference
- World Education Conference
- Global Leadership Conference
- Entrepreneurship Summit
- MSME Development Conference
- International Trade Conference
- Digital Transformation Conference
- Artificial Intelligence Conference
- Women Entrepreneurship Conference
- Startup Innovation Conference
- Investment Conference
- Sustainability Conference
- Skill Development Conference
- Industry-Specific Conferences
- Corporate Governance Conference
- Annual General Conference
- Sector-Specific Conferences

The Governing Council may approve additional conference categories as required.

36.4 Authority to Organize Conferences

Conferences may be organized by:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.

- Sector Councils.
- Standing Committees.
- Special Conference Committees.

All conferences shall require prior approval from the competent authority designated by the Governing Council.

36.5 Conference Planning

Every conference shall be planned through a structured process that may include:

- Objectives.
- Theme.
- Target Audience.
- Budget.
- Programme Schedule.
- Speaker Identification.
- Sponsorship Plan.
- Marketing Strategy.
- Registration Process.
- Risk Assessment.
- Logistics.
- Post-Event Evaluation.

Planning shall commence sufficiently in advance to ensure professional execution.

36.6 Conference Themes

Conference themes shall align with the Association's objectives and may address topics such as:

- Economic Development.
- MSMEs.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Artificial Intelligence.
- Digital Economy.

- International Trade.
- Investment Promotion.
- Startup Ecosystems.
- Innovation.
- Sustainable Development.
- Climate & Green Economy.
- Education & Skills.
- Leadership.
- Corporate Governance.
- Future of Business.

36.7 Conference Speakers

Speakers may include:

- Government Representatives.
- Industry Leaders.
- Entrepreneurs.
- Investors.
- Academicians.
- Researchers.
- Diplomats.
- International Experts.
- Corporate Executives.
- Professional Consultants.

Selection shall be based on expertise, relevance, and contribution to the conference objectives.

36.8 Participation

Conference participation may be open to:

- Members.

- Non-Members.
- Corporates.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Educational Institutions.
- Government Officials.
- Industry Associations.
- Investors.
- International Delegates.
- Media Representatives.

Participation requirements shall be communicated through official conference announcements.

36.9 Registration

Participants may be required to complete:

- Registration Form.
- Identity Verification (where appropriate).
- Payment of Registration Fees (if applicable).
- Acceptance of Conference Terms & Conditions.

The Association may establish separate registration categories.

36.10 Sponsorship

The Association may receive sponsorships for conferences from lawful sources.

Sponsors may be provided recognition through:

- Branding Opportunities.
- Exhibition Space.
- Programme Acknowledgements.
- Speaking Opportunities (where appropriate).
- Promotional Materials.

Sponsorship shall not compromise the independence or neutrality of the conference programme.

36.11 Conference Exhibitions

Conferences may include:

- Exhibition Booths.
- Business Showcases.
- Product Demonstrations.
- Innovation Displays.
- Startup Pavilions.
- Institutional Exhibitions.
- Technology Demonstrations.

Participation shall be subject to published exhibition guidelines.

36.12 Publications

Conference outcomes may be documented through:

- Proceedings.
- Research Papers.
- Policy Recommendations.
- White Papers.
- Conference Reports.
- Digital Publications.
- Media Releases.

Publication shall be subject to editorial standards and applicable intellectual property requirements.

36.13 Hybrid & Virtual Conferences

The Association may conduct conferences through:

- Physical Meetings.
- Virtual Platforms.
- Hybrid Events.

Digital participation shall provide equitable access wherever reasonably practicable.

36.14 Code of Conduct

All conference participants shall:

- Maintain professional behaviour.
- Respect speakers and participants.
- Avoid disruptive conduct.
- Comply with event regulations.
- Respect intellectual property.
- Promote constructive dialogue.

The Association may remove participants whose conduct materially disrupts the event or violates applicable policies.

36.15 Health, Safety & Security

The Association shall take reasonable measures to ensure the safety and security of conference participants.

Conference organizers shall consider:

- Venue Safety.
- Emergency Procedures.
- Accessibility.
- Health Guidelines.
- Security Arrangements.
- Risk Management.

36.16 Financial Management

Conference finances shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Sponsorship Agreements.

- Applicable Laws.

Proper financial records shall be maintained for every conference.

36.17 Evaluation

Following each conference, organizers shall conduct an evaluation addressing:

- Attendance.
- Financial Performance.
- Participant Satisfaction.
- Programme Effectiveness.
- Speaker Feedback.
- Sponsorship Outcomes.
- Strategic Recommendations.

Evaluation findings shall support continuous improvement.

36.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to organizing conferences that promote meaningful dialogue, encourage innovation, strengthen professional relationships, and contribute to sustainable economic development.

Through its conferences, the Association seeks to create inclusive platforms where knowledge, experience, and collaboration generate practical solutions for businesses, institutions, governments, and society.

Conference Principle

“Every conference organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall serve as a platform for ideas, collaboration, innovation, and responsible leadership, bringing together diverse stakeholders to create sustainable economic opportunities and strengthen global partnerships.”

Article 36 Summary

Article 36 establishes the governance framework for conferences organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, categories, planning process, participation standards, sponsorship principles, financial management, code of conduct, and evaluation procedures for conferences conducted at the district, state, national, and international levels. By promoting professional dialogue, knowledge exchange, business networking, and institutional collaboration, the Association’s conferences serve as flagship platforms for advancing entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

37

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES *TRADE SHOWS & EXPOSITIONS*

37.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes Trade Shows and Expositions as strategic platforms for promoting commerce, industry, entrepreneurship, exports, innovation, technology, investment, and business networking.

Accordingly, the Association may organize, host, co-host, participate in, or support Trade Shows, Business Expositions, Industrial Exhibitions, International Trade Fairs, Product Showcases, Buyer–Seller Meets, and sector-specific exhibitions to facilitate lawful commercial engagement, business collaboration, market access, and economic development.

Trade Shows and Expositions organized under the Association shall serve as professional business platforms designed to encourage ethical trade practices, innovation, knowledge exchange, and sustainable business growth.

37.2 Objectives

The objectives of Trade Shows and Expositions shall include:

- a. Promote domestic and international trade.
- b. Support MSMEs and startups.
- c. Encourage business networking.
- d. Facilitate Buyer–Seller interactions.
- e. Promote exports and market expansion.
- f. Showcase innovation and technology.
- g. Strengthen business partnerships.
- h. Encourage investment opportunities.
- i. Promote industry collaboration.
- j. Support sustainable economic development.

37.3 Categories of Trade Shows

The Association may organize or support:

- International Trade Expositions.
- MSME Trade Shows.
- Startup Expositions.
- Manufacturing Exhibitions.
- Technology Expositions.
- AI & Digital Innovation Expo.
- Education & Career Expo.
- Healthcare Expo.
- Tourism & Hospitality Expo.
- Agriculture & Food Expo.
- Renewable Energy Expo.
- Real Estate Expo.
- Infrastructure Expo.
- Women Entrepreneurship Expo.
- Export Promotion Expo.
- Business Services Expo.
- Franchise Expo.
- Investment Expo.
- Industry-Specific Exhibitions.

Additional categories may be approved by the Governing Council.

37.4 Authority to Organize

Trade Shows and Expositions may be organized by:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.

- International Chapters.
- Sector Councils.
- Special Event Committees.

All major exhibitions shall require prior approval from the competent authority designated by the Governing Council.

37.5 Planning & Management

Every Trade Show shall be planned through a structured process that may include:

- Event Objectives.
- Theme.
- Target Industry.
- Venue Selection.
- Budget.
- Marketing Strategy.
- Sponsorship Plan.
- Exhibitor Recruitment.
- Buyer Outreach.
- Delegate Registration.
- Logistics Planning.
- Risk Assessment.
- Post-Event Evaluation.

37.6 Participation

Participation may be open to:

- Members.
- Non-Members.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Corporates.

- Manufacturers.
- Exporters.
- Importers.
- Educational Institutions.
- Government Agencies.
- Industry Associations.
- International Delegations.
- Investors.
- Service Providers.

Participation shall be governed by published event guidelines.

37.7 Exhibitors

Eligible exhibitors may include:

- Companies.
- Manufacturers.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Educational Institutions.
- Technology Providers.
- Government Agencies.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Industry Bodies.
- International Organizations.

The Association may establish exhibitor eligibility criteria and exhibition policies.

37.8 Exhibition Space

Exhibition space may be allocated based on:

- Registration.

- Category.
- Availability.
- Sponsorship Level.
- Technical Requirements.
- Safety Considerations.

Allocation shall be made fairly and transparently.

37.9 Buyer–Seller Meetings

Trade Shows may include structured Buyer–Seller Meetings to facilitate business introductions and commercial discussions.

The Association may assist by:

- Scheduling Meetings.
- Facilitating Introductions.
- Providing Meeting Areas.
- Supporting Networking Activities.

The Association acts only as a facilitator and does not guarantee business transactions or commercial outcomes.

37.10 Business Matchmaking

The Association may organize Business Matchmaking sessions designed to connect:

- Buyers.
- Sellers.
- Manufacturers.
- Suppliers.
- Investors.
- Technology Providers.
- Service Providers.
- Business Partners.

Participation shall be voluntary and based on mutual interest.

37.11 International Participation

International companies, trade missions, embassies, chambers of commerce, and overseas business organizations may participate in Trade Shows organized by the Association, subject to applicable laws and event policies.

International participation shall promote cross-border trade, investment, technology transfer, and business collaboration.

37.12 Sponsorship

The Association may accept lawful sponsorships for Trade Shows and Expositions.

Sponsors may receive benefits including:

- Branding Opportunities.
- Exhibition Space.
- Promotional Recognition.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Event Visibility.

Sponsorship arrangements shall not compromise the independence or integrity of the event.

37.13 Marketing & Promotion

Trade Shows may be promoted through:

- Official Website.
- Digital Media.
- Print Media.
- Email Campaigns.
- Social Media.
- Business Networks.
- Industry Associations.
- Media Partnerships.

Promotional materials shall accurately represent the event and comply with applicable advertising laws.

37.14 Exhibitor Responsibilities

Every exhibitor shall:

- Comply with event regulations.
- Respect safety requirements.
- Maintain professional conduct.
- Display only lawful products and services.
- Respect intellectual property rights.
- Avoid misleading representations.

Exhibitors shall obtain any licenses or approvals required by applicable law for the products or services they display.

37.15 Visitor Conduct

Visitors shall:

- Respect exhibitors.
- Follow venue regulations.
- Maintain professional behaviour.
- Avoid disruptive conduct.
- Respect confidentiality where applicable.

The Association may remove any participant whose conduct materially disrupts the event or violates applicable policies.

37.16 Financial Administration

Trade Show finances shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Complete financial records shall be maintained for every event.

37.17 Health, Safety & Risk Management

The Association shall take reasonable measures to ensure:

- Venue Safety.
- Emergency Preparedness.
- Crowd Management.
- Accessibility.
- Fire Safety.
- Security Arrangements.
- Risk Mitigation.

Exhibitors and participants shall comply with venue safety requirements.

37.18 Evaluation

Following each Trade Show, organizers shall evaluate:

- Attendance.
- Exhibitor Satisfaction.
- Visitor Experience.
- Financial Performance.
- Sponsorship Outcomes.
- Business Networking Effectiveness.
- Programme Quality.
- Recommendations for Improvement.

Evaluation findings shall be used to improve future events.

37.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to organizing Trade Shows and Expositions that create meaningful opportunities for businesses, entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, investors, and institutions to connect, collaborate, and grow.

Through professionally managed exhibitions and business networking platforms, the Association seeks to promote innovation, market access, responsible commerce, and sustainable economic development both within India and internationally.

Trade Promotion Principle

“Every Trade Show and Exposition organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall promote ethical commerce, innovation, collaboration, and business opportunity, creating platforms where enterprises of every size can connect, grow, and contribute to sustainable economic development.”

Article 37 Summary

Article 37 establishes the governance framework for Trade Shows and Expositions organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, planning standards, participation criteria, exhibitor responsibilities, sponsorship principles, financial administration, and operational requirements for business exhibitions and trade events. By facilitating lawful commercial engagement, buyer–seller interactions, international participation, and business networking, the Association’s Trade Shows serve as strategic platforms for promoting entrepreneurship, trade, innovation, and long-term economic growth.

ARTICLE

38

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

BUSINESS FORUMS

38.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes Business Forums as one of its core institutional platforms for promoting business dialogue, economic cooperation, entrepreneurship, investment, innovation, professional networking, and sustainable business growth.

Accordingly, the Association may organize, facilitate, support, or collaborate in Business Forums at the District, State, National, and International levels to encourage meaningful engagement among business leaders, entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, investors, policymakers, academicians, professionals, industry associations, and other stakeholders.

Business Forums shall provide structured opportunities for knowledge exchange, policy discussions, business networking, collaborative problem-solving, and strategic partnerships while promoting responsible and ethical business practices.

38.2 Objectives

The objectives of Business Forums shall include:

- a. Promote business networking.
- b. Encourage entrepreneurship.
- c. Support MSME development.
- d. Facilitate knowledge sharing.
- e. Promote innovation.
- f. Strengthen industry collaboration.
- g. Encourage investment dialogue.
- h. Facilitate policy discussions.
- i. Promote international business cooperation.
- j. Advance sustainable economic development.

38.3 Categories of Business Forums

The Association may organize or support:

- Business Leadership Forums.
- MSME Business Forums.
- Startup Forums.
- Women's Business Forums.
- Young Entrepreneurs Forums.
- International Business Forums.
- Export Promotion Forums.
- Trade & Investment Forums.
- Corporate Leadership Forums.
- Innovation Forums.
- AI & Digital Economy Forums.
- Industry-Specific Forums.
- Professional Networking Forums.
- Policy Dialogue Forums.
- Economic Development Forums.
- Regional Business Forums.
- Cross-Border Business Forums.

The Governing Council may approve additional categories from time to time.

38.4 Authority to Organize

Business Forums may be organized by:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.
- Sector Councils.

- Standing Committees.
- Special Committees.

Every Business Forum shall be conducted in accordance with the policies approved by the Governing Council.

38.5 Business Forum Structure

A Business Forum may include:

- Keynote Addresses.
- Business Presentations.
- Industry Discussions.
- Panel Discussions.
- Interactive Sessions.
- Networking Sessions.
- B2B Meetings.
- Fireside Conversations.
- Roundtable Discussions.
- Question & Answer Sessions.
- Partnership Meetings.
- Closing Recommendations.

38.6 Participation

Business Forums may be attended by:

- Members.
- Non-Members.
- Business Owners.
- Entrepreneurs.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Investors.

- Corporate Executives.
- Educational Institutions.
- Government Officials.
- Industry Associations.
- Professionals.
- International Delegates.

Participation shall be governed by the Association's event policies.

38.7 Business Networking

Business Forums shall encourage structured networking among participants through:

- Business Introductions.
- Networking Sessions.
- Industry Meetups.
- Business Matchmaking.
- Referral Networking.
- Partnership Discussions.
- Investment Networking.
- Collaborative Meetings.

The Association facilitates networking opportunities but does not guarantee commercial outcomes.

38.8 Knowledge Sharing

Business Forums shall promote the exchange of knowledge through:

- Expert Presentations.
- Business Case Studies.
- Industry Insights.
- Research Findings.
- Best Practices.
- Technology Demonstrations.

- Leadership Experiences.
- Policy Discussions.

Participants are encouraged to contribute responsibly and professionally.

38.9 Business Matchmaking

Where appropriate, Business Forums may include structured Business Matchmaking activities to connect:

- Buyers and Sellers.
- Manufacturers and Distributors.
- Service Providers and Clients.
- Investors and Entrepreneurs.
- Educational Institutions and Industry.
- Technology Providers and Businesses.

Participation shall be voluntary and based on mutual interest.

38.10 Policy Dialogue

Business Forums may facilitate constructive discussions on matters relating to:

- Economic Development.
- MSME Policies.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Innovation.
- Skill Development.
- Digital Transformation.
- International Trade.
- Sustainable Development.
- Ease of Doing Business.
- Industry Competitiveness.

Recommendations arising from such discussions may be documented and shared with relevant stakeholders where appropriate.

38.11 Collaboration

Business Forums may be organized in collaboration with:

- Chambers of Commerce.
- Industry Associations.
- Government Departments.
- Universities.
- Research Institutions.
- Financial Institutions.
- Development Agencies.
- International Organizations.
- Professional Bodies.

Such collaborations shall support the lawful objectives of the Association.

38.12 Sponsorship

The Association may accept lawful sponsorships for Business Forums.

Sponsors may receive:

- Branding Opportunities.
- Recognition in Event Materials.
- Exhibition Space (where applicable).
- Networking Opportunities.
- Promotional Visibility.

Sponsorship shall not influence the independence or neutrality of the programme content.

38.13 Digital Business Forums

Business Forums may be conducted through:

- Physical Meetings.
- Virtual Platforms.
- Hybrid Events.

The Association shall encourage wider participation through digital technologies wherever reasonably practicable.

38.14 Code of Conduct

Participants shall:

- Maintain professional behaviour.
- Respect differing viewpoints.
- Encourage constructive dialogue.
- Avoid disruptive conduct.
- Respect confidentiality where applicable.
- Comply with event regulations.

The Association may take appropriate action against participants who materially disrupt the event or violate applicable policies.

38.15 Documentation

Business Forum outcomes may be documented through:

- Meeting Reports.
- Proceedings.
- Policy Notes.
- Business Recommendations.
- Research Summaries.
- Digital Publications.
- Media Releases.

Such documentation may be published where appropriate and subject to applicable editorial standards.

38.16 Financial Administration

Business Forums shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.

- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Financial records shall be maintained for every Business Forum.

38.17 Monitoring & Evaluation

Following each Business Forum, organizers shall evaluate:

- Attendance.
- Participant Satisfaction.
- Networking Outcomes.
- Knowledge Exchange.
- Programme Effectiveness.
- Sponsorship Performance.
- Strategic Recommendations.

Findings shall be used to improve future Business Forums.

38.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to establishing Business Forums as trusted platforms where entrepreneurs, professionals, institutions, investors, and policymakers can engage in meaningful dialogue, build lasting relationships, exchange knowledge, and identify opportunities that contribute to sustainable economic development.

Business Forum Principle

“Every Business Forum organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall foster meaningful dialogue, professional networking, collaborative problem-solving, and responsible business leadership, creating opportunities that strengthen enterprises, industries, and the broader economy.”

Article 38 Summary

Article 38 establishes the governance framework for Business Forums organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, organizational structure, participation standards, networking activities, knowledge-sharing mechanisms, sponsorship principles, financial administration, and evaluation processes applicable to recurring business forums. By promoting structured dialogue, professional collaboration, business matchmaking, and policy engagement, these forums strengthen the Association’s role as a leading platform for entrepreneurship, industry cooperation, and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE 39

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES *INVESTOR MEETS*

39.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that access to investment networks and strategic capital is an important element in supporting entrepreneurship, innovation, MSME growth, industrial development, and sustainable economic progress.

Accordingly, the Association may organize, facilitate, co-host, or support **Investor Meets, Investment Forums, Capital Connect Programmes, Startup Investment Showcases, Funding Forums**, and similar platforms that enable lawful interaction between entrepreneurs, investors, financial institutions, industry experts, and business leaders.

Investor Meets shall function as professional networking and knowledge-sharing platforms intended to facilitate dialogue and relationship-building. The Association shall not act as an investment advisor, financial intermediary, broker, portfolio manager, crowdfunding platform, or regulated financial institution.

39.2 Objectives

The objectives of Investor Meets shall include:

- a. Promote entrepreneurship and innovation.
- b. Facilitate networking between businesses and investors.
- c. Encourage responsible investment.
- d. Support MSMEs and startups.
- e. Promote investment awareness.
- f. Encourage strategic partnerships.
- g. Facilitate business expansion.
- h. Promote sustainable enterprises.
- i. Strengthen investment ecosystems.
- j. Contribute to economic development.

39.3 Categories of Investor Meets

The Association may organize or support:

- Startup Investment Forums.
- Angel Investor Meets.
- Venture Capital Forums.
- MSME Investment Summits.
- Innovation Investment Showcases.
- Corporate Investment Forums.
- Impact Investment Forums.
- International Investment Conferences.
- Family Business Investment Forums.
- Sector-Specific Investment Meets.
- Infrastructure Investment Forums.
- Women Entrepreneurship Investment Forums.
- Youth Startup Investment Forums.
- International Investor Networking Events.

Additional categories may be approved by the Governing Council.

39.4 Authority to Organize

Investor Meets may be organized by:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.
- Sector Councils.
- Special Event Committees.

All Investor Meets shall be conducted in accordance with these By-Laws and the policies approved by the Governing Council.

39.5 Participants

Investor Meets may include participation by:

- Entrepreneurs.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Investors.
- Venture Capital Firms.
- Angel Investor Networks.
- Banks and Financial Institutions.
- Development Finance Institutions.
- Industry Associations.
- Corporate Organizations.
- Educational Institutions.
- Government Agencies.
- Business Incubators.
- Accelerators.
- International Delegates.

Participation shall be subject to event-specific eligibility and registration requirements.

39.6 Investment Presentations

Investor Meets may include:

- Business Pitch Sessions.
- Startup Demonstrations.
- Business Expansion Plans.
- Innovation Showcases.
- Technology Presentations.
- Investment Opportunity Presentations.
- Industry Briefings.

- Market Opportunity Discussions.

Presentations shall be prepared by participating organizations and shall remain their responsibility.

The Association does not verify, certify, endorse, or guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or commercial viability of any presentation or business proposal.

39.7 Business Networking

Investor Meets shall encourage structured networking through:

- Investor Introductions.
- Business Meetings.
- Networking Sessions.
- One-to-One Discussions.
- Panel Discussions.
- Industry Roundtables.
- Business Matchmaking.
- Follow-up Networking Opportunities.

Participation shall remain voluntary.

39.8 Investment Facilitation

The Association may facilitate introductions between businesses and potential investors by:

- Organizing networking sessions.
- Providing meeting opportunities.
- Sharing event schedules.
- Facilitating professional introductions.
- Coordinating appointment requests.

The Association shall not negotiate investments, determine valuations, recommend investment terms, receive investment funds, or participate in investment decision-making.

39.9 Due Diligence

Every participant shall be solely responsible for conducting their own:

- Commercial Due Diligence.

- Financial Due Diligence.
- Legal Due Diligence.
- Technical Due Diligence.
- Tax Assessment.
- Regulatory Review.
- Investment Risk Assessment.

The Association shall not assume responsibility for evaluating investment opportunities or the suitability of any business, investor, or transaction.

39.10 Investment Decisions

All investment decisions shall remain solely between the participating parties.

The Association shall not:

- Recommend investments.
- Guarantee funding.
- Guarantee returns.
- Certify business opportunities.
- Verify financial information.
- Endorse business proposals.
- Accept responsibility for commercial negotiations.

Participants are encouraged to seek independent legal, financial, accounting, tax, and investment advice before entering into any commercial arrangement.

39.11 Confidentiality

Participants may voluntarily exchange confidential business information during Investor Meets.

The Association encourages all participants to:

- Respect confidentiality.
- Protect proprietary information.
- Use Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) where appropriate.
- Respect intellectual property rights.

The Association shall not be responsible for information voluntarily disclosed by participants during networking or business discussions.

39.12 Sponsorship

Investor Meets may receive sponsorship from lawful organizations.

Sponsors may receive:

- Event Recognition.
- Branding Opportunities.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Exhibition Space (where applicable).
- Acknowledgement in Event Materials.

Sponsorship shall not influence the neutrality or independence of the event programme.

39.13 Code of Conduct

Participants shall:

- Conduct themselves professionally.
- Respect other participants.
- Avoid misleading representations.
- Refrain from making fraudulent investment claims.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Comply with applicable laws.

The Association reserves the right to remove any participant whose conduct materially disrupts the event or violates these standards.

39.14 Compliance with Laws

All investment-related discussions conducted during Investor Meets shall comply with:

- Applicable Indian laws.
- Securities and financial regulations.
- Competition laws.
- Anti-money laundering requirements.

- Foreign exchange regulations (where applicable).
- Other relevant legal requirements.

Nothing in these By-Laws authorizes the Association or its members to engage in regulated financial activities without the necessary approvals or registrations.

39.15 Financial Administration

Investor Meet finances shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Complete financial records shall be maintained for every event.

39.16 Documentation

Investor Meet outcomes may be documented through:

- Event Reports.
- Investment Ecosystem Studies.
- Industry Recommendations.
- Business Networking Statistics.
- Conference Proceedings.
- Policy Papers.

Such documentation shall not disclose confidential commercial information without appropriate authorization.

39.17 Evaluation

Following each Investor Meet, organizers shall evaluate:

- Attendance.
- Participant Satisfaction.
- Networking Effectiveness.

- Programme Quality.
- Sponsorship Outcomes.
- Strategic Recommendations.

The evaluation shall support continuous improvement of future programmes.

39.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to creating credible and professionally managed Investor Meets that encourage responsible dialogue between entrepreneurs, businesses, investors, and institutions.

By providing transparent and ethical networking platforms, the Association seeks to strengthen India's entrepreneurial ecosystem while respecting the legal framework governing investments and financial services.

Investment Facilitation Principle

“The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) facilitates connections—not investments. Through professionally managed Investor Meets, the Association creates opportunities for dialogue, collaboration, and business growth while respecting the independence of investment decisions and the requirements of applicable laws.”

Article 39 Summary

Article 39 establishes the governance framework for Investor Meets organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, participant categories, investment networking activities, sponsorship principles, legal compliance requirements, and operational procedures governing investment-related events. The Article clearly distinguishes the Association's role as a facilitator of professional networking and business introductions from that of regulated financial intermediaries, ensuring that all investment decisions remain the sole responsibility of the participating parties while promoting ethical business engagement and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

40

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

CEO ROUNDTABLES

40.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that senior business leaders play a vital role in driving economic growth, innovation, employment generation, corporate governance, sustainability, and public-private collaboration.

Accordingly, the Association may organize **CEO Roundtables, CXO Leadership Forums, Chairpersons' Dialogues, Executive Leadership Summits**, and similar high-level engagements to facilitate strategic discussions among Chief Executive Officers, Managing Directors, Founders, Chairpersons, Presidents, CXOs, policymakers, investors, academicians, and distinguished industry leaders.

CEO Roundtables shall provide confidential and professionally moderated platforms for the exchange of ideas, industry insights, strategic collaboration, and policy dialogue while promoting ethical leadership and sustainable economic development.

40.2 Objectives

The objectives of CEO Roundtables shall include:

- a. Promote executive leadership.
- b. Facilitate strategic dialogue.
- c. Encourage collaboration among business leaders.
- d. Promote responsible corporate governance.
- e. Support innovation and competitiveness.
- f. Strengthen industry–government engagement.
- g. Encourage sustainable business practices.
- h. Promote international business cooperation.
- i. Facilitate knowledge exchange.
- j. Advance national and global economic development.

40.3 Categories of CEO Roundtables

The Association may organize:

- National CEO Roundtables.
- International CEO Roundtables.
- CXO Leadership Forums.
- Managing Directors' Forum.
- Founders' Roundtable.
- Family Business Leadership Forum.
- MSME CEO Forum.
- Startup Founders' Roundtable.
- Women CEO Leadership Forum.
- Young Business Leaders Forum.
- Industry-Specific CEO Dialogues.
- Public–Private Partnership Roundtables.
- Innovation Leadership Forums.
- Export Leadership Roundtables.
- Sustainability Leadership Forums.

Additional categories may be approved by the Governing Council.

40.4 Authority to Organize

CEO Roundtables may be organized by:

- National Headquarters.
- International Chapters.
- State Chapters (with approval where required).
- Sector Councils.
- Special Event Committees.

The format and participation shall be determined by the Association in accordance with approved event policies.

40.5 Participation

Participation may be extended to:

- Chief Executive Officers (CEOs).
- Managing Directors.
- Chairpersons.
- Founders.
- Co-Founders.
- Presidents.
- Executive Directors.
- CXOs.
- Business Owners.
- Investors.
- Policymakers.
- Senior Government Officials.
- Industry Leaders.
- International Delegates.
- Distinguished Guests.

Participation may be by invitation, nomination, registration, or such other process as determined by the Association.

40.6 Agenda

CEO Roundtables may include discussions on:

- Economic Policy.
- Business Competitiveness.
- Investment Climate.
- Digital Transformation.
- Artificial Intelligence.
- International Trade.

- Corporate Governance.
- ESG and Sustainability.
- Startup Ecosystems.
- Innovation.
- Manufacturing.
- Infrastructure.
- Workforce Development.
- Leadership Challenges.
- Future Business Trends.

The agenda shall be determined by the organizing authority.

40.7 Format

CEO Roundtables may include:

- Executive Dialogues.
- Moderated Discussions.
- Fireside Chats.
- Leadership Conversations.
- Closed-Door Sessions.
- Strategy Workshops.
- Policy Consultations.
- Business Networking Sessions.
- Executive Briefings.
- Recommendation Sessions.

The format shall encourage meaningful interaction and constructive dialogue.

40.8 Confidentiality

Where designated as confidential, CEO Roundtable discussions shall be conducted under agreed confidentiality arrangements.

Participants shall:

- Respect confidential discussions.
- Avoid unauthorized disclosure.
- Protect commercially sensitive information.
- Respect intellectual property.
- Observe any event-specific confidentiality protocols.

The Association encourages participants to use appropriate confidentiality agreements where necessary.

40.9 Strategic Recommendations

CEO Roundtables may produce:

- Leadership Recommendations.
- Industry Position Papers.
- Policy Suggestions.
- Economic Development Recommendations.
- Innovation Strategies.
- Business Competitiveness Reports.
- Executive Summaries.

Such recommendations shall be advisory in nature and shall not constitute official government policy or legally binding commitments.

40.10 Collaboration

CEO Roundtables may be organized in collaboration with:

- Chambers of Commerce.
- Industry Associations.
- Universities.
- Government Departments.
- International Organizations.
- Professional Bodies.
- Research Institutions.

- Business Councils.
- Corporate Partners.

Collaborations shall be consistent with the Association's objectives and approved partnership policies.

40.11 Sponsorship

The Association may accept lawful sponsorships for CEO Roundtables.

Sponsors may receive:

- Event Recognition.
- Branding Opportunities.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Acknowledgement in Event Materials.
- Corporate Visibility.

Sponsorship shall not influence the neutrality, independence, or content of the discussions.

40.12 Code of Conduct

Participants shall:

- Conduct themselves professionally.
- Respect differing viewpoints.
- Encourage constructive dialogue.
- Avoid personal attacks.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Maintain ethical standards.
- Comply with applicable laws.

The Association may take appropriate action against participants whose conduct materially disrupts the programme or violates these standards.

40.13 Documentation

The Association may prepare:

- Executive Summaries.
- Meeting Reports.

- Policy Briefs.
- Leadership Insights.
- Conference Proceedings.
- Strategic Recommendations.

Publication of such materials shall respect confidentiality obligations and applicable intellectual property rights.

40.14 Financial Administration

CEO Roundtables shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Complete financial records shall be maintained for every programme.

40.15 Monitoring & Evaluation

Following each CEO Roundtable, the Association may evaluate:

- Participation.
- Programme Quality.
- Strategic Value.
- Networking Outcomes.
- Participant Feedback.
- Sponsorship Performance.
- Recommendations for Future Programmes.

Evaluation findings shall be used to strengthen future executive leadership engagements.

40.16 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to establishing CEO Roundtables as trusted platforms for executive leadership, strategic collaboration, and responsible policy dialogue.

By bringing together experienced business leaders, policymakers, investors, and institutional partners, the Association seeks to promote ethical leadership, innovation, economic resilience, and sustainable business growth in India and across the global business community.

Executive Leadership Principle

“Every CEO Roundtable organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall encourage visionary leadership, informed dialogue, strategic collaboration, and responsible decision-making, creating an environment where business leaders collectively contribute to sustainable economic progress and institutional excellence.”

Article 40 Summary

Article 40 establishes the governance framework for CEO Roundtables organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, participant categories, programme formats, confidentiality standards, collaboration mechanisms, sponsorship principles, financial administration, and evaluation procedures governing executive leadership forums. By creating structured platforms for strategic discussions and cross-sector collaboration, CEO Roundtables strengthen leadership networks, encourage policy dialogue, and contribute to responsible corporate leadership and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

41

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

41.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that acknowledging excellence, innovation, ethical leadership, entrepreneurship, professional achievement, institutional contribution, and social impact encourages higher standards of performance and contributes to national and international economic development.

Accordingly, the Association may institute **Awards, Honours, Citations, Recognitions, Fellowships, Certificates of Excellence, Appreciation Awards, and Lifetime Achievement Awards** to recognize individuals, organizations, institutions, entrepreneurs, professionals, startups, MSMEs, corporates, researchers, educators, and public leaders whose contributions are consistent with the Vision, Mission, and Objectives of the Association.

The Awards & Recognition Programme shall promote merit, transparency, integrity, fairness, and institutional credibility.

41.2 Objectives

The Awards & Recognition Programme shall seek to:

- a. Recognize excellence.
- b. Promote ethical leadership.
- c. Encourage entrepreneurship.
- d. Recognize innovation.
- e. Support MSME development.
- f. Promote responsible corporate practices.
- g. Encourage research and education.
- h. Recognize community contribution.
- i. Strengthen international collaboration.
- j. Inspire future leaders.

41.3 Categories of Awards

The Association may institute awards including, but not limited to:

Business Excellence Awards

- Business Excellence Award
- MSME Excellence Award
- Corporate Excellence Award
- Manufacturing Excellence Award
- Export Excellence Award
- Startup Excellence Award
- Innovation Excellence Award
- Digital Transformation Award

Leadership Awards

- Outstanding Business Leader Award
- Visionary Leadership Award
- CEO Leadership Award
- Young Business Leader Award
- Women Leadership Award
- Emerging Entrepreneur Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Professional Excellence Awards

- Education Excellence Award
- Healthcare Excellence Award
- Technology Excellence Award
- Research Excellence Award
- Public Service Excellence Award
- Legal Excellence Award
- Financial Excellence Award

- Sustainability Leadership Award

Institutional Awards

- Best Educational Institution Award
- Best Industry Association Award
- Best Startup Incubator Award
- Best Chamber of Commerce Award
- Best NGO Contribution Award
- Best Government Initiative Award

Special Recognition

- Distinguished Service Award
- Presidential Recognition Award
- Honorary Citation
- International Partnership Award
- Global Ambassador Recognition
- Excellence in Economic Development Award

The Governing Council may establish additional awards as required.

41.4 Authority

Awards shall be instituted only with the approval of the Governing Council.

The Governing Council may approve:

- Award Categories.
- Eligibility Criteria.
- Selection Procedures.
- Evaluation Framework.
- Award Calendar.
- Recognition Format.
- Citation Standards.

41.5 Eligibility

Eligibility shall be determined separately for each award category.

Eligible nominees may include:

- Individuals.
- Entrepreneurs.
- Business Owners.
- Professionals.
- MSMEs.
- Corporates.
- Educational Institutions.
- Government Organizations.
- Industry Associations.
- Non-Profit Organizations.
- International Organizations.
- Researchers.
- Innovators.

Nominees shall satisfy the eligibility requirements published for the relevant award.

41.6 Nomination Process

Nominations may be received through:

- Self-Nomination.
- Member Nomination.
- Institutional Nomination.
- Governing Council Nomination.
- Selection Committee Recommendation.
- Invitation by the Association.

The Association may prescribe nomination forms, supporting documentation, and submission deadlines.

41.7 Evaluation Committee

The Governing Council may appoint an independent **Awards Evaluation Committee** comprising qualified individuals with relevant expertise.

The Committee may include:

- Industry Leaders.
- Academicians.
- Professionals.
- Subject Matter Experts.
- Independent Evaluators.

Members of the Committee shall disclose any conflict of interest before participating in the evaluation process.

41.8 Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation may consider factors such as:

- Leadership.
- Innovation.
- Professional Achievement.
- Business Growth.
- Governance.
- Sustainability.
- Social Contribution.
- Industry Impact.
- Ethical Conduct.
- Community Development.
- International Contribution.
- Organizational Excellence.

The criteria applicable to each award category shall be published by the Association.

41.9 Due Diligence

The Association may undertake reasonable verification of information submitted in support of nominations.

Nominees shall provide accurate and complete information.

The Association reserves the right to seek clarification or additional documentation where necessary.

41.10 Selection

Award recipients shall be selected based on merit and the published evaluation criteria.

The recommendations of the Awards Evaluation Committee shall ordinarily be submitted to the Governing Council for approval.

The Governing Council's decision shall be final unless otherwise provided under the Association's policies.

41.11 Presentation of Awards

Awards may be presented during:

- Annual Conferences.
- International Conferences.
- Business Forums.
- CEO Roundtables.
- Leadership Summits.
- Award Ceremonies.
- Special Events approved by the Governing Council.

Award presentations shall be conducted with dignity and professionalism.

41.12 Recognition

Award recipients may receive one or more of the following:

- Trophy.
- Plaque.
- Medal.
- Certificate.

- Citation.
- Memento.
- Digital Recognition.
- Official Publication Recognition.

The Association may publicize award recipients through official communication channels with appropriate consent where required.

41.13 Revocation of Awards

The Governing Council may revoke an award where it is established that:

- Materially false information was provided during the nomination process.
- The award was obtained through fraud or misrepresentation.
- The recipient is subsequently found to have engaged in conduct that materially undermines the integrity of the award or the Association.

Before revocation, the recipient shall ordinarily be given notice of the proposed action and an opportunity to respond.

41.14 Sponsorship

The Association may accept lawful sponsorships for Awards Programmes.

Sponsors may receive:

- Branding Opportunities.
- Event Recognition.
- Promotional Visibility.
- Acknowledgement in Event Materials.

Sponsorship shall not influence the evaluation, selection, or recognition of award recipients.

41.15 Intellectual Property

The Association shall retain rights in its award names, logos, certificates, and official branding.

Award recipients may refer to the recognition accurately but shall not imply any endorsement, accreditation, certification, or continuing approval beyond the scope of the award granted.

41.16 Financial Administration

Awards Programmes shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Applicable Laws.

Appropriate financial records shall be maintained.

41.17 Code of Ethics

All persons involved in the Awards Programme shall:

- Act impartially.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Respect evaluation procedures.
- Promote fairness.
- Protect the reputation of the Association.

Improper influence or interference with the evaluation process shall not be permitted.

41.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to recognizing individuals and organizations whose achievements contribute meaningfully to entrepreneurship, business excellence, innovation, education, research, ethical leadership, and sustainable economic development.

Through a transparent, merit-based Awards & Recognition Programme, the Association seeks to celebrate excellence while inspiring future generations of leaders and institutions.

Recognition Principle

“Recognition is most meaningful when it is earned through merit, integrity, innovation, and service. Every award presented by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall reflect the Association’s commitment to fairness, transparency, professional excellence, and the advancement of society through responsible leadership.”

Article 41 Summary

Article 41 establishes the governance framework for the Awards & Recognition Programme of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, award categories, nomination procedures, eligibility requirements, independent evaluation process, ethical safeguards, sponsorship principles, revocation procedures, and financial administration applicable to all recognition programmes. By ensuring a transparent and merit-based selection process, the Association strengthens the credibility of its awards while recognizing outstanding contributions to business, entrepreneurship, innovation, education, governance, and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

42

EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS

42.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that international engagement, cross-border collaboration, trade cooperation, educational exchange, business networking, investment promotion, and institutional partnerships contribute significantly to sustainable economic development and global competitiveness.

Accordingly, the Association may organize, coordinate, facilitate, participate in, or support **International Delegations, Trade Missions, Business Missions, Educational Delegations, Government Engagement Visits, Investment Missions, Study Tours, Industry Visits**, and similar international programmes.

International Delegations shall serve as structured platforms for strengthening international cooperation, promoting lawful business engagement, facilitating knowledge exchange, and expanding opportunities for members and partner institutions.

42.2 Objectives

The objectives of International Delegations shall include:

- a. Promote international business collaboration.
- b. Facilitate global networking.
- c. Encourage international trade.
- d. Promote foreign investment opportunities.
- e. Strengthen educational partnerships.
- f. Facilitate institutional collaboration.
- g. Promote technology transfer.
- h. Encourage cultural understanding.
- i. Support international market access.
- j. Advance sustainable global economic development.

42.3 Categories of International Delegations

The Association may organize or support:

- International Business Delegations.
- Trade Missions.
- Investment Missions.
- Educational Delegations.
- University Collaboration Visits.
- Government Relations Delegations.
- Chamber of Commerce Exchange Programmes.
- CEO Delegations.
- MSME Export Missions.
- Startup Innovation Missions.
- Technology Exchange Programmes.
- Industrial Visits.
- Policy Exchange Missions.
- International Study Tours.
- Leadership Exchange Programmes.
- Women Entrepreneurs Delegations.
- Youth Business Delegations.

Additional categories may be approved by the Governing Council.

42.4 Authority to Organize

International Delegations may be organized by:

- National Headquarters.
- International Chapters.
- State Chapters (with prior approval where required).
- Sector Councils.
- Special Delegation Committees.

Every International Delegation shall be approved by the competent authority designated by the Governing Council.

42.5 Delegation Planning

Every International Delegation shall be planned through a structured process which may include:

- Purpose of the Delegation.
- Destination Country.
- Programme Schedule.
- Host Organizations.
- Budget.
- Participant Selection.
- Travel Logistics.
- Risk Assessment.
- Cultural Briefing.
- Compliance Requirements.
- Post-Delegation Evaluation.

42.6 Participants

Delegations may include:

- Members.
- Business Leaders.
- Entrepreneurs.
- MSMEs.
- Corporate Executives.
- Investors.
- Educational Institutions.
- Researchers.
- Professionals.
- Government Representatives.

- Industry Associations.
- Startup Founders.
- International Partners.

Participation shall be subject to eligibility criteria established for each delegation.

42.7 Selection of Participants

Participant selection may consider:

- Relevance to the delegation objectives.
- Professional background.
- Business or institutional interests.
- Contribution to the Association.
- Compliance with programme requirements.
- Availability to participate fully.

The Association may prescribe separate selection procedures where appropriate.

42.8 Delegation Activities

International Delegations may include:

- Business Meetings.
- B2B Networking.
- Government Meetings.
- University Visits.
- Chamber of Commerce Meetings.
- Industry Visits.
- Factory Visits.
- Investment Forums.
- Trade Discussions.
- Cultural Exchange Activities.
- Policy Dialogues.

- Business Matchmaking Sessions.

The programme shall be prepared in consultation with host organizations where applicable.

42.9 International Partnerships

The Association may collaborate with:

- Chambers of Commerce.
- Trade Promotion Agencies.
- Embassies and Consulates.
- Government Departments.
- Universities.
- Industry Associations.
- Investment Promotion Agencies.
- International Organizations.
- Business Councils.
- Professional Bodies.

Such collaboration shall remain consistent with the objectives of the Association.

42.10 Business Facilitation

International Delegations may facilitate:

- Business Introductions.
- Partnership Discussions.
- Market Awareness.
- Trade Networking.
- Investment Networking.
- Institutional Cooperation.
- Export Promotion.
- Knowledge Exchange.

The Association acts solely as a facilitator and does not guarantee business contracts, investments, commercial transactions, regulatory approvals, or business outcomes.

42.11 Participant Responsibilities

Every participant shall:

- Represent the Association professionally.
- Respect the laws of the host country.
- Maintain ethical conduct.
- Respect cultural diversity.
- Follow delegation guidelines.
- Protect confidential information.
- Comply with travel and immigration requirements.
- Respect the dignity and reputation of the Association.

Participants remain personally responsible for their individual conduct throughout the programme.

42.12 Compliance with Laws

All International Delegations shall comply with:

- Indian laws.
- Laws of the host country.
- Immigration regulations.
- Customs regulations.
- Health and safety requirements.
- International travel regulations.
- Applicable sanctions and export control laws, where relevant.
- Other applicable legal requirements.

Nothing in these By-Laws authorizes any activity contrary to applicable law.

42.13 Travel & Insurance

Participants shall ordinarily be responsible for:

- Valid Passport.
- Visa Requirements.

- Travel Insurance.
- Medical Insurance where applicable.
- Personal Travel Documents.
- Compliance with entry requirements.

Where the Association arranges travel services, such arrangements shall be subject to separate programme terms and conditions.

42.14 Financial Administration

Delegation finances shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Participation fees, where applicable, shall be communicated transparently.

42.15 Sponsorship

The Association may accept lawful sponsorships for International Delegations.

Sponsors may receive:

- Event Recognition.
- Branding Opportunities.
- Programme Visibility.
- Acknowledgement in Official Materials.

Sponsorship shall not influence the selection of participants or the professional objectives of the delegation.

42.16 Documentation

International Delegations may be documented through:

- Delegation Reports.
- Business Mission Reports.

- Photo Documentation.
- Proceedings.
- Policy Recommendations.
- Partnership Summaries.
- Educational Reports.
- Official Publications.

Documentation shall respect confidentiality obligations and applicable legal requirements.

42.17 Monitoring & Evaluation

Following each International Delegation, the Association may evaluate:

- Participant Satisfaction.
- Programme Effectiveness.
- Partnership Outcomes.
- Business Networking Results.
- Educational Value.
- Strategic Impact.
- Recommendations for Future Delegations.

Evaluation findings shall support continuous improvement.

42.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to developing meaningful international relationships that expand opportunities for its members and contribute to global economic cooperation.

Through professionally managed International Delegations, the Association seeks to encourage lawful trade, investment, entrepreneurship, education, innovation, institutional partnerships, and cross-cultural understanding while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and international cooperation.

Global Collaboration Principle

“Every International Delegation organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall serve as a bridge connecting businesses, institutions, professionals, and nations through lawful cooperation, mutual respect, knowledge exchange, and sustainable economic development.”

Article 42 Summary

Article 42 establishes the governance framework for International Delegations organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the objectives, categories, planning procedures, participant selection, legal compliance, financial administration, sponsorship principles, documentation, and evaluation processes governing international missions and exchange programmes. By emphasizing lawful international cooperation, ethical conduct, and professional representation, the Article enables the Association to strengthen global partnerships, promote trade and investment opportunities, and enhance international engagement while safeguarding institutional integrity.

PART - VIII

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION

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ARTICLE

43

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION *FEDA ECONOMIST*

43.1 Purpose

The **FEDA Economist** shall serve as the official flagship publication of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)** and shall function as a professional platform for disseminating knowledge, promoting economic development, encouraging entrepreneurship, showcasing business excellence, facilitating policy dialogue, and strengthening communication among members, institutions, governments, industry, academia, and international stakeholders.

The publication shall contribute to the advancement of responsible business leadership by publishing high-quality content relating to economic development, trade, investment, innovation, entrepreneurship, technology, education, sustainability, public policy, and emerging business trends.

FEDA Economist shall be published in accordance with the Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Objectives of the Association while maintaining editorial independence, professional integrity, factual accuracy, and responsible journalism.

43.2 Objectives

The objectives of FEDA Economist shall be to:

- a. Promote economic development.
- b. Encourage entrepreneurship.
- c. Support MSMEs and startups.
- d. Disseminate business knowledge.
- e. Promote innovation.
- f. Encourage policy dialogue.
- g. Showcase business excellence.
- h. Promote international collaboration.
- i. Strengthen member engagement.
- j. Enhance the reputation of the Association.

43.3 Status

FEDA Economist shall be recognized as the **official publication** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

The publication shall serve educational, informational, and professional purposes and shall not be intended to provide legal, financial, taxation, investment, or other regulated professional advice.

43.4 Publication Formats

FEDA Economist may be published in one or more formats including:

- Printed Magazine.
- Digital Magazine.
- E-Magazine.
- Interactive Online Publication.
- Mobile Application.
- Newsletter Edition.
- Special Conference Edition.
- Annual Review Edition.
- Industry Reports.
- Special Publications.

The Governing Council may approve additional publication formats.

43.5 Publication Frequency

FEDA Economist may be published:

- Monthly.
- Bi-Monthly.
- Quarterly.
- Annually.
- Special Editions.

The publication schedule shall be determined by the Editorial Board with the approval of the Governing Council.

43.6 Editorial Scope

The publication may include content relating to:

- Economic Development.
- Business Leadership.
- Entrepreneurship.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- International Trade.
- Investment.
- Artificial Intelligence.
- Digital Transformation.
- Corporate Governance.
- Sustainability.
- Education.
- Healthcare.
- Manufacturing.
- Technology.
- Tourism.
- Agriculture.
- Finance.
- Public Policy.
- Innovation.
- Industry Analysis.
- Leadership Development.
- Women Entrepreneurship.
- Youth Entrepreneurship.
- International Business.

43.7 Editorial Board

The Governing Council may establish an **Editorial Board** for FEDA Economist.

The Editorial Board may consist of:

- Editor-in-Chief.
- Executive Editor.
- Managing Editor.
- Associate Editors.
- Section Editors.
- Editorial Advisors.
- Industry Experts.
- Academic Advisors.
- Guest Editors.

Appointments shall be based on professional competence, editorial experience, subject expertise, and integrity.

43.8 Editorial Independence

The Editorial Board shall exercise independent editorial judgment in selecting, reviewing, editing, and publishing content.

Editorial decisions shall be based upon:

- Accuracy.
- Relevance.
- Professional standards.
- Editorial quality.
- Ethical considerations.
- Public interest.

Editorial independence shall not override the Constitution, these By-Laws, applicable laws, or the lawful policies of the Association.

43.9 Content Categories

FEDA Economist may publish:

- Editorials.
- Feature Articles.
- Business Interviews.
- CEO Profiles.
- Entrepreneur Stories.
- MSME Success Stories.
- Research Articles.
- Industry Reports.
- Economic Analysis.
- Opinion Articles.
- Conference Reports.
- Policy Commentary.
- Startup Features.
- Corporate News.
- International Business Updates.
- Educational Articles.
- Innovation Highlights.
- Book Reviews.
- Event Coverage.

43.10 Contributions

The publication may accept contributions from:

- Members.
- Industry Experts.
- Researchers.
- Academicians.

- Government Officials.
- Business Leaders.
- Entrepreneurs.
- Consultants.
- Students.
- International Contributors.

Submission shall not guarantee publication.

The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit, accept, reject, or request revisions consistent with editorial standards.

43.11 Editorial Standards

All published material shall strive to meet standards of:

- Accuracy.
- Fairness.
- Objectivity.
- Professionalism.
- Respectful Communication.
- Proper Attribution.
- Compliance with Applicable Laws.
- Ethical Publishing.

Reasonable efforts shall be made to verify factual content before publication.

43.12 Advertising

The publication may accept lawful advertising relating to:

- Businesses.
- Educational Institutions.
- Professional Services.
- Conferences.
- Trade Shows.

- Corporate Announcements.
- Employment Opportunities.
- Business Events.

Advertisements shall be clearly distinguishable from editorial content.

Acceptance of advertisements shall not imply endorsement by the Association.

43.13 Sponsored Content

Sponsored content, advertorials, or promotional features may be published where appropriate.

Such content shall be clearly identified to distinguish it from independent editorial material.

The Editorial Board shall retain the right to reject sponsored material that is inconsistent with the Association's standards or applicable law.

43.14 Intellectual Property

Unless otherwise agreed in writing:

- Copyright in the publication shall belong to the Association.
- Contributors shall retain ownership of their original intellectual property, subject to any publication licence granted to the Association.
- The Association may publish, archive, reproduce, and distribute accepted content in accordance with agreed publication terms.

Unauthorized reproduction of published material is prohibited except as permitted by law or with prior authorization.

43.15 Corrections & Retractions

Where a material factual error is identified, the Editorial Board may:

- Publish a correction.
- Clarify the published information.
- Update digital content.
- Withdraw or retract content where appropriate.

Such actions shall be taken in accordance with principles of fairness, accuracy, and editorial responsibility.

43.16 Distribution

FEDA Economist may be distributed to:

- Members.
- Government Institutions.
- Universities.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Corporate Organizations.
- Libraries.
- International Chapters.
- Media Organizations.
- Professional Bodies.
- Partner Institutions.
- Digital Subscribers.

Distribution may be free, subscription-based, membership-based, or event-specific, as approved by the Governing Council.

43.17 Financial Administration

The publication shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Advertising Agreements.
- Sponsorship Policies.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Revenue generated from the publication shall be utilized to support the objectives and activities of the Association.

43.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to developing **FEDA Economist** as one of India's leading professional business and economic publications.

Through responsible journalism, informed analysis, thought leadership, and knowledge sharing, the publication shall contribute to entrepreneurship, innovation, policy awareness, business excellence, and sustainable economic development while strengthening the Association's role as a trusted knowledge institution.

Editorial Principle

“FEDA Economist shall be a trusted voice for business, entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic development, publishing knowledge that informs, inspires, and empowers individuals, institutions, and industries while upholding the highest standards of editorial integrity, professionalism, and public responsibility.”

Article 43 Summary

Article 43 establishes the governance framework for **FEDA Economist**, the official flagship publication of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the publication's purpose, editorial scope, governance, publication formats, contribution process, advertising standards, intellectual property framework, and financial administration. By maintaining high standards of editorial quality, ethical publishing, and professional independence, **FEDA Economist** serves as a leading platform for business knowledge, economic analysis, entrepreneurship, innovation, and institutional communication.

ARTICLE

44

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION *FEDA GLOBAL SOURCES*

44.1 Purpose

The **FEDA Global Sources** shall serve as the official global business sourcing, supplier discovery, B2B networking, business directory, and international trade promotion platform of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)**.

The platform shall facilitate lawful business networking by enabling members, entrepreneurs, MSMEs, startups, exporters, importers, manufacturers, distributors, service providers, investors, institutions, and international business organizations to showcase their products, services, capabilities, and business profiles while encouraging ethical business collaboration and responsible international trade.

FEDA Global Sources shall function as a business networking and information platform and shall not operate as a commercial marketplace, trading exchange, procurement agency, customs broker, logistics operator, financial intermediary, or regulated e-commerce platform unless separately authorized under applicable laws.

44.2 Objectives

The objectives of FEDA Global Sources shall be to:

- a. Promote international business networking.
- b. Facilitate lawful sourcing opportunities.
- c. Support MSMEs and startups.
- d. Promote exports and imports.
- e. Encourage international trade.
- f. Strengthen global business partnerships.
- g. Promote member businesses.
- h. Encourage business matchmaking.
- i. Facilitate responsible supplier discovery.
- j. Advance sustainable economic development.

44.3 Status

FEDA Global Sources shall function as the official business networking and sourcing platform of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

The platform shall serve educational, promotional, networking, and business facilitation purposes and shall not be construed as providing procurement certification, product endorsement, commercial guarantees, or professional legal, financial, customs, taxation, or regulatory advice.

44.4 Platform Services

FEDA Global Sources may provide services including:

- Business Directory.
- Member Company Profiles.
- Product Showcase.
- Service Showcase.
- Supplier Directory.
- Buyer Directory.
- Exporter Directory.
- Importer Directory.
- Manufacturer Directory.
- Startup Directory.
- Investor Directory.
- Professional Services Directory.
- International Business Directory.
- Business Opportunity Listings.
- Business Matchmaking.
- Trade Promotion Services.
- Industry Classification.
- Country Business Directory.

Additional services may be approved by the Governing Council.

44.5 Eligible Participants

The platform may include:

- Individual Members.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- Corporate Organizations.
- Manufacturers.
- Exporters.
- Importers.
- Educational Institutions.
- Industry Associations.
- Government Agencies.
- Professional Service Providers.
- International Business Organizations.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Investors.

Participation shall be subject to the eligibility requirements established by the Association.

44.6 Business Profiles

Participants may create business profiles containing:

- Company Name.
- Business Description.
- Products.
- Services.
- Industry Sector.
- Business Certifications (where applicable).
- Contact Information.
- Geographic Presence.

- Website Details.
- Social Media Links.
- Business Capabilities.
- Export Markets.
- Import Interests.

Participants shall be responsible for the accuracy and legality of information submitted.

44.7 Product & Service Listings

Participants may publish information relating to:

- Products.
- Services.
- Technologies.
- Solutions.
- Manufacturing Capabilities.
- Consulting Services.
- Professional Services.
- Educational Programmes.
- Innovation Solutions.
- Export Products.
- Import Requirements.

Listings shall comply with applicable laws and the Association's content policies.

44.8 Business Matchmaking

The Association may facilitate Business Matchmaking by:

- Introducing potential buyers and suppliers.
- Connecting members with service providers.
- Facilitating B2B networking.
- Coordinating business meetings.

- Organizing sourcing events.
- Supporting trade enquiries.

The Association acts solely as a facilitator and does not guarantee business opportunities, contracts, orders, commercial success, or business relationships.

44.9 Supplier Verification

The Association may conduct reasonable verification of publicly available or voluntarily submitted information for administrative purposes.

However, the Association does not certify, guarantee, or warrant:

- Business legitimacy.
- Financial stability.
- Product quality.
- Manufacturing capacity.
- Regulatory compliance.
- Commercial reliability.

Every participant shall conduct independent due diligence before entering into any commercial relationship.

44.10 Commercial Transactions

Any commercial transaction resulting from connections made through FEDA Global Sources shall be solely between the participating parties.

The Association shall not:

- Participate in negotiations.
- Receive commercial payments.
- Guarantee contracts.
- Guarantee deliveries.
- Guarantee product quality.
- Guarantee payment obligations.
- Resolve commercial disputes except through voluntary mediation where separately provided.

44.11 Business Ethics

Every participant shall:

- Conduct business honestly.
- Provide accurate information.
- Respect contractual obligations.
- Avoid misleading advertising.
- Respect intellectual property.
- Comply with applicable laws.
- Promote ethical business practices.

The Association reserves the right to suspend or remove listings that materially violate these standards.

44.12 International Trade Promotion

FEDA Global Sources may support:

- Export Promotion.
- Import Networking.
- International Buyer Programmes.
- Global Supplier Discovery.
- Trade Delegations.
- International Business Forums.
- Cross-Border Collaboration.
- Market Awareness.
- Business Referrals.

The platform shall function as a facilitative network and shall not replace regulatory or governmental trade procedures.

44.13 Digital Platform

FEDA Global Sources may operate through:

- Official Website.
- Mobile Application.

- Digital Business Portal.
- Member Dashboard.
- Online Business Directory.
- Digital Marketplace Interface (for listings only).
- AI-assisted Business Search.
- Country-Specific Portals.

Digital services shall be managed in accordance with the Association's technology and data governance policies.

44.14 Intellectual Property

Participants shall retain ownership of their trademarks, copyrights, logos, photographs, catalogues, and other intellectual property.

By submitting content to the platform, participants grant the Association a non-exclusive, revocable licence to display such content for the purposes of operating and promoting FEDA Global Sources, subject to applicable terms.

Participants shall ensure that they have the necessary rights to all content submitted.

44.15 Data Protection & Privacy

The Association shall take reasonable measures to protect participant information in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy laws.

Participants shall:

- Respect the privacy of other users.
- Use contact information only for lawful business purposes.
- Avoid unsolicited communications contrary to applicable law.

44.16 Suspension or Removal of Listings

The Association may suspend or remove any listing where:

- False information is provided.
- Unlawful content is published.
- Intellectual property rights are infringed.
- Fraudulent activity is identified.

- These By-Laws or platform policies are materially violated.

Where reasonably practicable, the participant shall be notified and given an opportunity to respond before permanent removal.

44.17 Fees

The Association may prescribe:

- Listing Fees.
- Premium Membership Benefits.
- Featured Business Listings.
- Advertising Charges.
- Promotional Packages.
- Digital Marketing Services.

Applicable fees shall be approved by the Governing Council and communicated transparently.

44.18 Financial Administration

Revenue generated through FEDA Global Sources shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Financial Policies.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Funds shall be utilized to support the objectives and activities of the Association.

44.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to developing **FEDA Global Sources** into a trusted international business networking and sourcing ecosystem.

By connecting businesses across industries and countries, promoting ethical commerce, facilitating trade opportunities, and encouraging responsible entrepreneurship, the platform shall strengthen the Association's mission of fostering economic development, global collaboration, and sustainable business growth.

Business Networking Principle

“FEDA Global Sources shall connect businesses, not control transactions. Through ethical networking, responsible sourcing, and international collaboration, the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) empowers enterprises to discover opportunities, build partnerships, and contribute to sustainable economic development.”

Article 44 Summary

Article 44 establishes the governance framework for **FEDA Global Sources**, the official business networking, supplier discovery, and international trade promotion platform of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the platform’s purpose, participant eligibility, listing standards, business matchmaking services, intellectual property provisions, privacy safeguards, commercial disclaimers, fee structures, and governance mechanisms. By emphasizing ethical business networking, independent due diligence, and lawful commercial engagement, the platform supports members in expanding domestic and international business opportunities while maintaining transparency, professionalism, and institutional integrity.

ARTICLE

45

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION *NEWSLETTERS & MEDIA RELATIONS*

45.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that timely, accurate, transparent, and professional communication is essential for strengthening member engagement, promoting institutional credibility, disseminating knowledge, enhancing public awareness, and advancing the Vision and Mission of the Association.

Accordingly, the Association may publish newsletters, issue press releases, maintain media relations, manage digital communications, and engage with the public through appropriate communication channels.

The Association shall ensure that all official communications are prepared responsibly, comply with applicable laws, uphold the reputation of the Association, and accurately represent its policies, programmes, and activities.

45.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Association's communication activities shall be to:

- a. Inform members about organizational activities.
- b. Promote transparency.
- c. Strengthen stakeholder engagement.
- d. Disseminate business and economic knowledge.
- e. Promote entrepreneurship.
- f. Encourage member participation.
- g. Strengthen public awareness.
- h. Maintain constructive media relations.
- i. Protect the Association's reputation.
- j. Support national and international communication.

45.3 Official Publications

The Association may publish:

- Monthly Newsletters.
- Quarterly Newsletters.
- Annual Reports.
- Press Releases.
- Event Bulletins.
- Digital News Updates.
- Conference Newsletters.
- Special Editions.
- Member Updates.
- Policy Bulletins.
- Circulars.
- Public Notices.

The Governing Council may approve additional communication formats.

45.4 Editorial Responsibility

Official newsletters and media communications shall be prepared under the supervision of the appropriate authority designated by the Governing Council.

Editorial responsibility may be assigned to:

- Communications Department.
- Editorial Board.
- Publications Committee.
- Media Relations Committee.
- Authorized Editors.

Editorial oversight shall ensure consistency, professionalism, and factual accuracy.

45.5 Newsletter Content

Official newsletters may include:

- President's Message.
- Secretary General's Updates.
- Association News.
- Upcoming Events.
- Business Articles.
- Member Achievements.
- MSME Success Stories.
- Startup Highlights.
- Chapter Activities.
- International Updates.
- Policy Developments.
- Industry News.
- Event Reports.
- Awards & Recognition.
- Partnership Announcements.
- Educational Content.
- Research Highlights.

45.6 Media Relations

The Association shall maintain professional and constructive relationships with:

- Print Media.
- Television Media.
- Digital Media.
- Business Publications.
- Trade Journals.
- Online News Portals.
- International Media.
- Professional Media Organizations.

Media engagement shall be conducted professionally, impartially, and responsibly.

45.7 Official Spokespersons

Only individuals authorized by the Association may make official public statements on behalf of the Association.

Authorized spokespersons may include:

- President.
- Secretary General.
- Authorized Vice President.
- Executive Director.
- Communications Head.
- Media Relations Officer.
- Any person specifically authorized by the Governing Council.

Members shall not represent personal opinions as official Association policy without prior authorization.

45.8 Press Releases

The Association may issue official press releases relating to:

- Conferences.
- Trade Shows.
- Business Forums.
- International Delegations.
- Awards.
- Partnerships.
- Major Initiatives.
- Membership Milestones.
- Research Publications.
- Public Announcements.

Press releases shall be approved in accordance with internal communication procedures.

45.9 Digital Communications

The Association may communicate through:

- Official Website.
- Email Newsletters.
- Mobile Applications.
- Social Media Platforms.
- Member Portal.
- SMS Notifications.
- Digital Publications.
- Online Communities.

Digital communication shall comply with applicable laws relating to privacy, electronic communications, and intellectual property.

45.10 Social Media

The Association may maintain official accounts on appropriate social media platforms.

Social media may be used to:

- Promote Events.
- Share Publications.
- Announce Programmes.
- Highlight Member Achievements.
- Promote Business Opportunities.
- Disseminate Educational Content.
- Engage with Members.
- Strengthen Public Awareness.

Content shall remain professional, respectful, factual, and consistent with the Association's objectives.

45.11 Media Accreditation

Where appropriate, the Association may establish accreditation procedures for media representatives covering:

- Conferences.
- Trade Shows.
- Business Forums.
- Award Ceremonies.
- CEO Roundtables.
- International Events.

Accreditation procedures shall promote efficient event management and responsible media access.

45.12 Public Statements

Official statements shall:

- Be accurate.
- Be professionally prepared.
- Reflect approved Association policies.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Avoid defamatory or misleading content.
- Comply with applicable laws.

Public statements shall not be issued without appropriate authorization.

45.13 Crisis Communication

The Association may establish a Crisis Communication Protocol for responding to matters that may materially affect its operations or reputation.

The protocol may include:

- Appointment of a Lead Spokesperson.
- Verification of Information.
- Timely Public Communication.
- Coordination with Relevant Authorities.
- Internal Member Communication.
- Media Briefings where appropriate.

The objective shall be to provide accurate, timely, and responsible information while minimizing misinformation and protecting the interests of the Association.

45.14 Member Communications

The Association shall regularly communicate with members regarding:

- Membership Services.
- Events.
- Governance Updates.
- Publications.
- Training Programmes.
- Conferences.
- Awards.
- Chapter Activities.
- Opportunities for Participation.

Member communications may be delivered through electronic or printed channels.

45.15 Intellectual Property

All official publications, newsletters, press releases, graphics, photographs, videos, logos, and communication materials produced by the Association shall remain the intellectual property of the Association unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Third-party content shall be used only with appropriate authorization or as otherwise permitted by applicable law.

45.16 Privacy & Confidentiality

The Association shall respect the privacy of its members, partners, and stakeholders.

Personal information shall not be disclosed through newsletters, media releases, or public communications except:

- With appropriate consent.
- Where required by law.
- Where otherwise permitted under the Association's policies.

45.17 Financial Administration

Communication activities shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.

- Financial Policies.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Advertising Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Applicable Laws.

Financial records relating to communication activities shall be maintained appropriately.

45.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining transparent, timely, professional, and responsible communication with its members, partners, government institutions, industry stakeholders, the media, and the public.

Through effective newsletters, media engagement, and digital communication, the Association seeks to promote knowledge, strengthen member participation, build public confidence, and enhance its reputation as a trusted institution dedicated to entrepreneurship, business excellence, and sustainable economic development.

Communication Principle

“Communication is the voice of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). Every official communication shall be truthful, transparent, professional, timely, and respectful, strengthening public trust while advancing the Association’s Vision, Mission, and commitment to ethical leadership.”

Article 45 Summary

Article 45 establishes the governance framework for the newsletters, media relations, public communications, and digital engagement of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the standards governing official publications, press releases, media relations, spokespersons, social media, crisis communication, privacy, and intellectual property. By ensuring accurate, transparent, and responsible communication, the Association strengthens stakeholder engagement, protects its reputation, and promotes informed participation in its programmes and initiatives.

ARTICLE

46

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION *RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS*

46.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that credible research, evidence-based policy recommendations, industry analysis, and knowledge dissemination are essential for promoting entrepreneurship, economic development, innovation, sustainable business growth, and informed decision-making.

Accordingly, the Association may undertake, publish, support, or collaborate in the preparation of **Research Reports, White Papers, Policy Papers, Economic Studies, Industry Reports, Discussion Papers, Working Papers, Survey Reports, Case Studies, Knowledge Papers, Technical Publications, and other scholarly publications** that contribute to the advancement of business, industry, education, governance, technology, and economic development.

Research Publications shall be developed with professionalism, academic integrity, ethical standards, and respect for intellectual property and applicable laws.

46.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Association's Research Publications shall be to:

- a. Promote evidence-based decision-making.
- b. Support economic development.
- c. Encourage entrepreneurship.
- d. Strengthen MSMEs.
- e. Promote innovation and research.
- f. Facilitate knowledge sharing.
- g. Support policy dialogue.
- h. Encourage collaboration between industry and academia.
- i. Promote international best practices.
- j. Enhance institutional credibility.

46.3 Categories of Research Publications

The Association may publish:

- Economic Reports.
- Industry Reports.
- White Papers.
- Policy Papers.
- Research Papers.
- Working Papers.
- Discussion Papers.
- Business Case Studies.
- Industry Surveys.
- Market Intelligence Reports.
- MSME Studies.
- Startup Ecosystem Reports.
- Technology Reports.
- Artificial Intelligence Studies.
- Sustainability Reports.
- International Trade Reports.
- Education Research.
- Investment Analysis Reports.
- Governance Studies.
- Annual Economic Reviews.
- Sector-Specific Reports.

Additional publication categories may be approved by the Governing Council.

46.4 Authority

Research Publications may be prepared by:

- National Headquarters.

- Research & Policy Committee.
- Sector Councils.
- Editorial Board.
- Academic Advisory Panel.
- Special Research Committees.
- Approved External Researchers.
- Partner Institutions.

The Governing Council shall approve the publication framework and major research initiatives.

46.5 Research Areas

Research may be conducted in areas including:

- Economic Development.
- Entrepreneurship.
- MSMEs.
- Startups.
- International Trade.
- Investment.
- Artificial Intelligence.
- Digital Economy.
- Manufacturing.
- Agriculture.
- Education.
- Healthcare.
- Sustainability.
- Tourism.
- Public Policy.
- Corporate Governance.
- Innovation.

- Technology.
- Employment.
- Skill Development.
- Global Markets.

46.6 Research Methodology

Research activities shall, where appropriate, follow accepted professional and academic standards, including:

- Clearly defined objectives.
- Appropriate research methodology.
- Data collection procedures.
- Data analysis.
- Documentation of sources.
- Quality review.
- Ethical considerations.
- Transparent reporting.

The methodology adopted shall be appropriate to the nature and purpose of the research.

46.7 Research Contributors

Research Publications may involve contributions from:

- Members.
- Researchers.
- Academicians.
- Universities.
- Industry Experts.
- Government Officials.
- Consultants.
- Think Tanks.
- International Experts.

- Students.
- Partner Organizations.

The Association may establish author guidelines and contribution policies.

46.8 Editorial & Peer Review

Where appropriate, Research Publications may undergo:

- Editorial Review.
- Technical Review.
- Subject Matter Review.
- Peer Review.
- Legal Review (where required).
- Policy Review.

The review process shall seek to improve quality, clarity, accuracy, and professional standards.

46.9 Research Integrity

All research conducted under the name of the Association shall adhere to the principles of:

- Academic Integrity.
- Honesty.
- Objectivity.
- Transparency.
- Accuracy.
- Proper Citation.
- Responsible Scholarship.
- Ethical Research Practices.

Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or intentional misrepresentation shall not be permitted.

46.10 Data Collection

Research data may be collected through lawful methods including:

- Surveys.

- Interviews.
- Questionnaires.
- Publicly Available Information.
- Case Studies.
- Focus Group Discussions.
- Industry Consultations.
- Secondary Research.

Data collection shall respect privacy, confidentiality, and applicable legal requirements.

46.11 Citations & References

Research Publications shall appropriately acknowledge the work of others through accepted citation practices.

Authors shall:

- Cite sources accurately.
- Respect copyright.
- Avoid plagiarism.
- Identify quotations appropriately.
- Acknowledge contributors where applicable.

46.12 Intellectual Property

Unless otherwise agreed in writing:

- Copyright in Research Publications produced by the Association shall belong to the Association.
- Authors shall retain moral rights as recognized under applicable law.
- The Association may publish, distribute, archive, translate, and reproduce research in accordance with applicable publication policies.

Third-party material shall be used only with appropriate authorization or as otherwise permitted by law.

46.13 Research Partnerships

The Association may collaborate with:

- Universities.
- Research Institutions.
- Think Tanks.
- Government Departments.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Industry Associations.
- International Organizations.
- Development Agencies.
- Professional Bodies.

Research partnerships shall be governed by appropriate agreements where necessary.

46.14 Publication & Distribution

Research Publications may be distributed through:

- Official Website.
- Digital Library.
- Printed Publications.
- Conferences.
- Business Forums.
- Universities.
- Government Institutions.
- Member Portal.
- International Chapters.
- Partner Organizations.

The Governing Council may determine access policies, including public access, member-only access, or subscription-based distribution.

46.15 Research Disclaimers

Unless expressly stated otherwise, Research Publications issued by the Association:

- Represent research findings or professional analysis.

- Do not constitute legal, financial, taxation, investment, accounting, or regulatory advice.
- Should not be relied upon as a substitute for independent professional advice.
- May contain opinions of individual authors that do not necessarily represent the official position of the Association.

Appropriate disclaimers shall accompany publications where necessary.

46.16 Financial Administration

Research activities shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Research Grants.
- Sponsorship Policies.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.

Funding arrangements shall not compromise the independence or integrity of the research.

46.17 Monitoring & Quality Assurance

The Association may periodically review:

- Research Quality.
- Publication Standards.
- Editorial Processes.
- Citation Practices.
- Research Impact.
- Member Engagement.
- International Recognition.

Recommendations arising from such reviews shall support continuous improvement.

46.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to becoming a respected knowledge institution through the publication of credible, objective, and professionally prepared research.

By producing high-quality research and policy publications, the Association seeks to contribute to informed decision-making, strengthen industry–academia collaboration, support evidence-based public policy, and promote sustainable economic development at the national and international levels.

Research Principle

“Knowledge creates opportunity. Every Research Publication issued by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be guided by integrity, evidence, professional excellence, intellectual honesty, and a commitment to advancing business, industry, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic development.”

Article 46 Summary

Article 46 establishes the governance framework for the Research Publications of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the purpose, scope, research standards, editorial processes, authorship principles, intellectual property provisions, research partnerships, publication procedures, and ethical safeguards applicable to all scholarly and professional publications issued by the Association. By promoting research integrity, evidence-based analysis, and responsible dissemination of knowledge, the Association strengthens its role as a trusted contributor to economic development, business policy, innovation, and institutional excellence.

ARTICLE

47

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATION

BRANDING & PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

47.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that a consistent institutional identity, responsible public communication, and professional brand management are essential to maintaining public confidence, protecting the reputation of the Association, strengthening stakeholder engagement, and advancing its Vision, Mission, and Objectives.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the governance framework governing the use of the Association's name, logo, trademarks, visual identity, publications, digital platforms, promotional materials, advertising, public messaging, social media, official communications, and other branding assets.

All branding and public communications shall reflect the values of professionalism, integrity, transparency, inclusiveness, and institutional excellence.

47.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Protect the Association's identity.
- b. Maintain consistent branding.
- c. Promote responsible public communication.
- d. Strengthen institutional credibility.
- e. Protect intellectual property.
- f. Encourage ethical marketing.
- g. Promote public awareness.
- h. Support member engagement.
- i. Enhance international recognition.
- j. Preserve the reputation of the Association.

47.3 Official Identity

The official identity of the Association shall include, where applicable:

- Official Name.
- Registered Logo.
- Official Emblem.
- Brand Colours.
- Official Typography.
- Official Tagline.
- Corporate Identity Guidelines.
- Official Website.
- Official Domain Names.
- Official Email Domains.

The Governing Council shall approve the official branding standards of the Association.

47.4 Official Name

The official name of the Association shall be used consistently in all communications.

No person shall:

- Alter the official name.
- Create misleading variations.
- Represent unofficial organizations as the Association.
- Use the Association's identity without authorization.

Abbreviations approved by the Governing Council may be used for communication purposes.

47.5 Official Logo

The official logo shall be the exclusive property of the Association.

The logo may be used:

- On official publications.
- Membership certificates.

- Official correspondence.
- Conference materials.
- Awards.
- Digital platforms.
- Promotional materials.
- Chapter communications.
- Authorized merchandise.

The logo shall not be altered, distorted, modified, recoloured, or combined with other branding elements except in accordance with approved Brand Guidelines.

47.6 Brand Guidelines

The Association may publish a comprehensive **Brand Identity Manual** prescribing standards for:

- Logo Usage.
- Colour Specifications.
- Typography.
- Layout Standards.
- Digital Branding.
- Social Media Branding.
- Event Branding.
- Presentation Templates.
- Certificate Design.
- Business Cards.
- Stationery.
- Signage.
- Promotional Materials.
- Photography Standards.
- Video Branding.

All Chapters and affiliated bodies shall comply with the approved Brand Identity Manual.

47.7 Authorized Use

The Association may authorize the use of its branding by:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.
- Sector Councils.
- Standing Committees.
- Approved Partners.
- Event Organizers.
- Sponsors (where applicable).

Authorization may be subject to written conditions and may be withdrawn if misused.

47.8 Prohibited Use

The Association's name, logo, or branding shall not be used:

- For unlawful activities.
- For political campaigning.
- To imply endorsement without authorization.
- In misleading advertisements.
- In connection with fraudulent activities.
- In any manner likely to damage the reputation of the Association.

Unauthorized commercial use is prohibited.

47.9 Public Communications

Official public communications may include:

- Press Releases.
- Public Statements.
- Media Briefings.

- Website Content.
- Social Media Posts.
- Advertising.
- Newsletters.
- Event Announcements.
- Publications.
- Public Notices.
- Digital Campaigns.

All public communications shall be accurate, professional, respectful, and consistent with approved Association policies.

47.10 Marketing & Promotional Activities

The Association may undertake marketing activities including:

- Membership Campaigns.
- Event Promotions.
- Business Promotion.
- Awareness Campaigns.
- Educational Campaigns.
- Public Relations Activities.
- Corporate Communication.
- Digital Marketing.
- International Promotion.

Marketing shall be conducted ethically and in compliance with applicable advertising laws.

47.11 Official Digital Platforms

The Association may operate:

- Official Website.
- Member Portal.
- Mobile Applications.

- Social Media Accounts.
- Video Channels.
- Digital Learning Platforms.
- Business Directories.
- Event Registration Platforms.
- Online Communities.

Only authorized administrators shall manage official digital platforms.

47.12 Official Spokespersons

Only persons authorized by the Governing Council or the National Headquarters may issue official statements on behalf of the Association.

Authorized spokespersons shall:

- Represent approved Association policies.
- Communicate professionally.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Avoid personal opinions being presented as official positions.
- Protect the Association's reputation.

47.13 Photography, Audio & Video

The Association may create and use photographs, audio recordings, and video recordings of its events, programmes, conferences, and activities for lawful purposes including:

- Documentation.
- Publications.
- Promotional Materials.
- Digital Media.
- Historical Archives.
- Educational Purposes.

Reasonable notice shall be provided where recording is taking place, and applicable privacy and consent requirements shall be observed.

47.14 Intellectual Property

The Association shall retain ownership of its:

- Name.
- Logo.
- Trademarks.
- Copyrights.
- Publications.
- Graphics.
- Templates.
- Certificates.
- Promotional Materials.
- Digital Content.

Unauthorized reproduction, modification, distribution, or commercial use is prohibited except with prior written authorization or as otherwise permitted by law.

47.15 Reputation Management

The Association shall take reasonable measures to protect its institutional reputation.

Where misleading public statements, unauthorized use of branding, or reputational risks arise, the Association may take appropriate administrative or legal action in accordance with applicable laws.

Members shall avoid conduct that may materially damage the reputation or goodwill of the Association.

47.16 Privacy & Data Protection

Branding and communication activities shall respect:

- Privacy Rights.
- Data Protection Laws.
- Copyright Laws.
- Intellectual Property Rights.
- Confidentiality Obligations.

Personal information shall not be used in promotional materials without appropriate authorization where required by law.

47.17 Crisis Communications

The Association may maintain a Crisis Communication Framework to address situations affecting:

- Institutional Reputation.
- Public Safety.
- Major Events.
- Media Inquiries.
- Digital Security Incidents.
- Public Controversies.

Official responses shall be coordinated through authorized spokespersons and based on verified information.

47.18 Financial Administration

Branding and communication activities shall be administered in accordance with:

- Approved Budgets.
- Procurement Policies.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Advertising Policies.
- Financial Regulations.
- Applicable Laws.

Appropriate financial records shall be maintained for branding initiatives.

47.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a strong, professional, and globally respected institutional identity.

Through consistent branding, responsible communication, ethical marketing, and effective public engagement, the Association seeks to build trust among its members, partners, governments, industry, academia, media, and the wider public while strengthening its reputation as a leading organization dedicated to entrepreneurship, business excellence, and sustainable economic development.

Brand Integrity Principle

“The name and identity of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) represent the trust, values, and reputation of its members. Every communication, publication, and public representation shall reflect professionalism, integrity, consistency, and respect for the Association’s Vision, Mission, and commitment to ethical leadership.”

Article 47 Summary

Article 47 establishes the governance framework for the branding and public communications of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the standards governing the Association’s official identity, logo, trademarks, digital platforms, marketing activities, media communications, intellectual property, reputation management, and crisis communications. By ensuring consistent brand governance and responsible public engagement, the Association protects its institutional reputation while strengthening public confidence, member engagement, and national and international recognition.

PART - IX

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



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48

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS *CODE OF ETHICS*

48.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that ethical leadership, integrity, accountability, transparency, professionalism, and responsible conduct are fundamental to achieving its Vision, Mission, and Objectives.

Accordingly, this Code of Ethics establishes the ethical principles that shall guide the conduct of all members, office bearers, employees, volunteers, committee members, chapter leaders, advisors, consultants, partners, and representatives acting on behalf of the Association.

The Code is intended to promote public confidence, strengthen institutional credibility, encourage responsible leadership, and foster a culture of honesty, fairness, respect, and service.

48.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Code of Ethics are to:

- a. Promote integrity in all activities.
- b. Encourage ethical leadership.
- c. Protect the reputation of the Association.
- d. Promote accountability.
- e. Encourage fairness and equality.
- f. Strengthen public confidence.
- g. Promote responsible decision-making.
- h. Prevent unethical conduct.
- i. Encourage compliance with applicable laws.
- j. Foster a culture of professionalism and service.

48.3 Applicability

This Code shall apply to:

- National Office Bearers.
- State Office Bearers.
- District Office Bearers.
- International Chapter Leaders.
- Members.
- Employees.
- Volunteers.
- Sector Council Members.
- Committee Members.
- Advisors.
- Consultants acting on behalf of the Association.
- Any other individual authorized to represent the Association.

Every person covered by this Code shall uphold its principles while performing duties on behalf of the Association.

48.4 Core Ethical Values

The Association shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the following core values:

- Integrity.
- Honesty.
- Accountability.
- Transparency.
- Professionalism.
- Respect.
- Fairness.
- Inclusiveness.
- Responsibility.

- Service.
- Excellence.
- Collaboration.
- Innovation.
- Sustainability.

These values shall guide all organizational decisions and activities.

48.5 Integrity

Every member shall:

- Act honestly.
- Keep commitments.
- Avoid deceptive practices.
- Respect institutional values.
- Protect the interests of the Association.

Integrity shall be the foundation of every decision taken on behalf of the Association.

48.6 Professionalism

Members shall:

- Perform responsibilities diligently.
- Maintain professional competence.
- Respect colleagues and stakeholders.
- Exercise sound judgment.
- Deliver services responsibly.
- Uphold the dignity of the Association.

Professional behaviour shall be expected in all interactions.

48.7 Respect

Every member shall treat others with:

- Courtesy.

- Dignity.
- Fairness.
- Equality.
- Respect for diversity.
- Professional civility.

Discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, or abusive behaviour shall not be tolerated.

48.8 Accountability

Members shall:

- Accept responsibility for their actions.
- Exercise delegated authority responsibly.
- Maintain accurate records.
- Cooperate with governance processes.
- Respond appropriately to legitimate inquiries.

Accountability strengthens institutional trust.

48.9 Transparency

The Association shall promote transparent governance through:

- Honest communication.
- Accurate reporting.
- Responsible financial management.
- Fair decision-making.
- Appropriate disclosure consistent with applicable laws and confidentiality obligations.

Transparency shall be balanced with legitimate requirements for confidentiality.

48.10 Compliance with Laws

Every member shall comply with:

- Applicable laws.
- Regulatory requirements.

- The Constitution.
- These By-Laws.
- Association Policies.
- Lawful decisions of the Governing Council.

No person shall knowingly encourage unlawful conduct.

48.11 Ethical Decision-Making

Members shall make decisions based upon:

- Facts.
- Fairness.
- Integrity.
- Professional judgment.
- Organizational interests.
- Applicable laws.
- Ethical principles.

Personal interests shall not override the interests of the Association.

48.12 Responsible Use of Authority

Persons exercising authority shall:

- Avoid abuse of power.
- Exercise delegated authority responsibly.
- Treat members fairly.
- Avoid favoritism.
- Promote merit-based decisions.
- Respect due process.

Leadership is a position of trust and service.

48.13 Respect for Diversity

The Association values diversity and inclusion.

Members shall promote an environment that respects differences relating to culture, language, gender, age, disability, professional background, nationality, religion, and other legally protected characteristics.

Every individual shall be treated with dignity and equal respect.

48.14 Responsible Communication

Members shall:

- Communicate honestly.
- Avoid misleading statements.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Avoid defamatory remarks.
- Represent the Association accurately.
- Use respectful language.

Professional communication shall strengthen trust and collaboration.

48.15 Responsible Stewardship

Members entrusted with organizational resources shall:

- Protect Association property.
- Use resources efficiently.
- Avoid waste.
- Prevent misuse.
- Report suspected misuse.

Association assets shall be used solely for authorized purposes.

48.16 Reporting Ethical Concerns

Any member who becomes aware of conduct that may materially violate this Code is encouraged to report the matter through the Association's appropriate governance or grievance mechanisms.

Reports shall be handled fairly, impartially, and with due regard to confidentiality and applicable law.

48.17 Consequences of Violations

Material violations of this Code may result in action under the Association's disciplinary procedures,

which may include:

- Counselling.
- Written Warning.
- Removal from Assigned Responsibilities.
- Suspension.
- Termination of Membership.
- Other appropriate measures in accordance with these By-Laws.

Any action shall follow principles of natural justice and applicable procedures.

48.18 Review of the Code

The Governing Council may periodically review and update this Code to reflect:

- Changes in law.
- Governance best practices.
- Organizational growth.
- International standards.
- Emerging ethical considerations.

Any revisions shall be approved in accordance with the amendment procedures of these By-Laws.

48.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) affirms that ethical conduct is the foundation of sustainable leadership and institutional excellence.

Every member is expected to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, fairness, accountability, and professionalism in every action undertaken on behalf of the Association, thereby strengthening public confidence and advancing the Association's commitment to responsible economic development.

Ethics Principle

“Ethics is the foundation upon which trust is built. Every member of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, fairness, accountability, and respect, recognizing that ethical leadership is essential to the credibility, sustainability, and success of the Association.”



Article 48 Summary

Article 48 establishes the **Code of Ethics** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the ethical principles, values, responsibilities, and standards expected of all members, office bearers, employees, volunteers, committee members, and representatives of the Association. By promoting integrity, transparency, accountability, professionalism, respect, and lawful conduct, this Code strengthens the Association's governance framework and reinforces its commitment to ethical leadership, institutional credibility, and sustainable economic development.

ARTICLE

49

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

49.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that the conduct of its members, office bearers, employees, volunteers, advisors, chapter leaders, committee members, and representatives directly influences the credibility, reputation, and effectiveness of the Association.

Accordingly, this Code of Professional Conduct establishes the standards of professional behaviour expected from every individual representing the Association in any official capacity.

This Code complements the **Code of Ethics (Article 48)** by defining the practical standards of behaviour, professionalism, accountability, communication, leadership, and workplace conduct expected throughout the Association.

49.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Code are to:

- a. Promote professionalism.
- b. Maintain institutional discipline.
- c. Encourage respectful behaviour.
- d. Protect the reputation of the Association.
- e. Promote responsible leadership.
- f. Strengthen member confidence.
- g. Ensure consistent professional standards.
- h. Encourage accountability.
- i. Promote lawful conduct.
- j. Foster an inclusive and respectful organizational culture.

49.3 Applicability

This Code shall apply to:

- National Office Bearers.
- State Office Bearers.
- District Office Bearers.
- International Chapter Leaders.
- Members.
- Employees.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Committee Members.
- Sector Council Members.
- Event Organizers.
- Delegates.
- Any individual officially representing the Association.

Compliance with this Code shall be a continuing obligation while acting on behalf of the Association.

49.4 Professional Behaviour

Every individual representing the Association shall:

- Act professionally.
- Demonstrate courtesy.
- Maintain integrity.
- Respect institutional policies.
- Exercise good judgment.
- Promote cooperation.
- Maintain high standards of personal conduct.

Professional behaviour shall be maintained during meetings, events, conferences, digital communications, and all official activities.

49.5 Respectful Conduct

Every person shall:

- Treat others with dignity.
- Respect differing opinions.
- Encourage constructive dialogue.
- Promote teamwork.
- Avoid abusive behaviour.
- Avoid intimidation.
- Avoid discriminatory conduct.
- Maintain professional relationships.

The Association shall promote a respectful and inclusive working environment.

49.6 Representation of the Association

Persons representing the Association shall:

- Protect its reputation.
- Communicate responsibly.
- Follow approved policies.
- Respect official communication protocols.
- Avoid unauthorized commitments.
- Represent the Association honestly.

Personal opinions shall not be presented as official positions without authorization.

49.7 Meetings & Events

Participants attending Association meetings or events shall:

- Arrive punctually.
- Participate respectfully.
- Follow the meeting agenda.
- Respect the Chair.

- Avoid unnecessary interruptions.
- Maintain professional decorum.
- Support constructive discussion.
- Respect meeting confidentiality where applicable.

Professional conduct shall be maintained throughout all Association programmes.

49.8 Workplace Conduct

Employees, volunteers, and office bearers shall:

- Cooperate with colleagues.
- Respect reporting structures.
- Perform assigned responsibilities diligently.
- Promote teamwork.
- Maintain professional relationships.
- Avoid workplace harassment.
- Respect workplace diversity.
- Promote a safe and inclusive environment.

49.9 Member Relations

Members shall:

- Treat fellow members fairly.
- Encourage collaboration.
- Promote networking.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Resolve disagreements professionally.
- Support organizational objectives.
- Encourage member participation.

Professional relationships shall strengthen the unity of the Association.

49.10 Digital Conduct

Members shall use digital communication responsibly.

Professional standards shall apply to:

- Emails.
- Official Messaging Platforms.
- Video Conferences.
- Online Meetings.
- Member Portals.
- Social Media.
- Digital Forums.

Members shall avoid:

- Offensive language.
- Personal attacks.
- Misleading information.
- Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.
- Misuse of Association branding.

49.11 Responsible Use of Association Resources

Members entrusted with Association resources shall:

- Use resources only for authorized purposes.
- Protect organizational assets.
- Avoid waste.
- Prevent misuse.
- Report loss or damage where appropriate.

Resources include physical, financial, digital, and intellectual property assets.

49.12 Professional Competence

Members undertaking responsibilities on behalf of the Association shall:

- Maintain appropriate knowledge.
- Improve professional skills.
- Participate in training where appropriate.
- Exercise competence within their areas of responsibility.
- Seek guidance where necessary.

The Association encourages continuous professional development.

49.13 Conflicts in the Workplace

Differences of opinion shall be resolved through:

- Professional discussion.
- Respectful communication.
- Internal grievance mechanisms.
- Mediation where appropriate.
- Established governance procedures.

Personal disputes shall not interfere with the functioning of the Association.

49.14 Gifts & Hospitality

Members shall exercise good judgment when accepting or offering gifts or hospitality.

No person shall solicit or accept gifts, hospitality, or benefits intended to improperly influence official decisions or create an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

The Association may establish separate policies governing gifts, hospitality, and declarations where appropriate.

49.15 Professional Appearance

Individuals representing the Association are encouraged to maintain an appearance appropriate to the nature of the event or activity, reflecting professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and respect for the dignity of the Association.

49.16 Respect for Diversity & Inclusion

The Association is committed to providing an inclusive environment that values diversity.

Members shall:

- Respect cultural differences.
- Promote equal opportunity.
- Encourage inclusive participation.
- Avoid discriminatory behaviour.
- Support accessibility where reasonably practicable.

49.17 Reporting Misconduct

Any member who becomes aware of conduct that may materially violate this Code is encouraged to report the matter through the Association's established governance or grievance mechanisms.

Reports shall be handled fairly, confidentially where appropriate, and in accordance with principles of natural justice.

49.18 Consequences of Misconduct

Material violations of this Code may result in disciplinary action under the Association's Constitution, By-Laws, and applicable policies.

Disciplinary measures may include:

- Counselling.
- Written Warning.
- Suspension from Assigned Responsibilities.
- Suspension of Membership.
- Removal from Office.
- Termination of Membership.
- Other appropriate action.

Any disciplinary process shall provide procedural fairness and an opportunity to be heard.

49.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) affirms that professionalism is essential to effective governance, member confidence, and organizational excellence.

Every member and representative shall conduct themselves with dignity, competence, respect, accountability, and professionalism, thereby strengthening the reputation of the Association and contributing to its long-term success.

Professional Conduct Principle

“Professionalism is demonstrated through conduct, not position. Every individual representing the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall uphold the highest standards of courtesy, competence, accountability, respect, and responsible leadership in every interaction and every decision.”

Article 49 Summary

Article 49 establishes the **Code of Professional Conduct** for the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the behavioural and professional standards expected of all members, office bearers, employees, volunteers, advisors, committee members, and representatives. Covering workplace conduct, member relations, digital communications, use of organizational resources, meeting etiquette, diversity and inclusion, reporting of misconduct, and disciplinary consequences, this Article provides the operational framework for maintaining professionalism and institutional excellence throughout the Association.

ARTICLE 50

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS *CONFLICT OF INTEREST*

50.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that decisions made by its members and leaders must be objective, impartial, transparent, and always in the best interests of the Association.

Accordingly, this Article establishes a comprehensive framework for identifying, declaring, managing, and resolving **actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest** that may arise in the governance, administration, financial management, procurement, partnerships, events, publications, committees, and other activities of the Association.

The objective of this Article is not to prohibit legitimate professional, business, or personal relationships, but to ensure that such relationships do not improperly influence, or appear to influence, the decisions or activities of the Association.

50.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Promote integrity in decision-making.
- b. Protect institutional credibility.
- c. Encourage transparency.
- d. Prevent improper influence.
- e. Strengthen public confidence.
- f. Promote fairness.
- g. Protect Association resources.
- h. Support ethical governance.
- i. Ensure impartial administration.
- j. Promote accountability.

50.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to:

- National Office Bearers.
- State Office Bearers.
- District Office Bearers.
- International Chapter Leaders.
- Governing Council Members.
- Executive Committee Members.
- Sector Council Members.
- Committee Members.
- Employees.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Volunteers.
- Event Organizers.
- Any individual participating in decision-making on behalf of the Association.

50.4 Definition of Conflict of Interest

A **Conflict of Interest** exists where a person's private interests, financial interests, family relationships, business associations, professional obligations, or other personal considerations may improperly influence, or reasonably appear to influence, the person's judgment or official responsibilities on behalf of the Association.

A conflict may exist even where no improper conduct has occurred.

50.5 Types of Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of Interest may include:

(a) Actual Conflict

A situation where a person's personal interests directly conflict with their official responsibilities.

(b) Potential Conflict

A situation that may reasonably develop into an actual conflict in the future.

(c) Perceived Conflict

A situation where an independent observer could reasonably believe that a person's judgment may be influenced, even if no actual conflict exists.

The Association shall address all three forms of conflict appropriately.

50.6 Examples of Conflict of Interest

Without limitation, conflicts may arise where a person:

- Participates in decisions affecting their own business.
- Recommends contracts involving a family member.
- Influences procurement involving a company in which they have a financial interest.
- Uses confidential information for personal benefit.
- Participates in selecting themselves for awards or appointments.
- Influences sponsorship decisions involving related organizations.
- Participates in evaluation panels where personal relationships exist.
- Uses Association resources for personal commercial gain.
- Accepts improper benefits connected with official duties.

These examples are illustrative and not exhaustive.

50.7 Duty to Disclose

Every individual covered by this Article shall promptly disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest as soon as they become aware of it.

Disclosure shall be made to the appropriate authority designated by the Association and, where appropriate, recorded in the relevant meeting minutes or conflict register.

Failure to disclose a material conflict may constitute misconduct.

50.8 Register of Interests

The Association may maintain a **Register of Interests** for Office Bearers and other designated persons.

The Register may include declarations relating to:

- Business Interests.
- Directorships.

- Partnerships.
- Significant Shareholdings.
- Consultancy Engagements.
- Family Relationships relevant to Association activities.
- Other interests reasonably capable of giving rise to a conflict.

The Register shall be maintained with appropriate regard to privacy and applicable law.

50.9 Recusal

Where a material conflict exists, the affected individual shall, unless otherwise determined by the appropriate authority:

- Declare the conflict.
- Refrain from participating in related discussions.
- Abstain from voting on the relevant matter.
- Withdraw from the meeting while the matter is considered, where appropriate.

The recusal shall be recorded in the meeting minutes where applicable.

50.10 Procurement & Financial Decisions

Any individual with a material conflict of interest relating to:

- Procurement.
- Vendor Selection.
- Sponsorship.
- Financial Assistance.
- Service Contracts.
- Asset Acquisition.
- Partnership Agreements.

shall not participate in the evaluation, recommendation, approval, or supervision of the relevant transaction.

All procurement shall be conducted in accordance with the Association's financial policies and applicable laws.

50.11 Awards, Appointments & Selection Processes

Persons involved in:

- Awards Evaluation.
- Recruitment.
- Appointments.
- Elections Administration.
- Scholarship Selection.
- Recognition Programmes.
- Grant Recommendations.

shall disclose any material conflict and recuse themselves where appropriate.

Selection processes shall remain impartial, merit-based, and transparent.

50.12 Related-Party Transactions

Where the Association proposes to enter into a transaction involving a related party, the transaction shall:

- Be disclosed appropriately.
- Be reviewed by the competent authority.
- Be demonstrably fair to the Association.
- Comply with applicable laws and internal policies.

Related-party transactions shall be managed with enhanced transparency and oversight.

50.13 Gifts, Hospitality & Benefits

Individuals shall not solicit or accept gifts, hospitality, discounts, commissions, or other benefits that could reasonably be perceived as influencing official decisions.

Modest hospitality consistent with customary professional practice may be accepted where it does not create an actual or perceived conflict of interest and is not prohibited by law or Association policy.

The Association may adopt a separate Gifts & Hospitality Policy.

50.14 Confidential Information

No individual shall use confidential information obtained through the Association for:

- Personal financial gain.
- Business advantage.
- Competitive advantage.
- Benefit of family members.
- Benefit of associated organizations.

Confidential information shall be used solely for authorized Association purposes.

50.15 External Positions

Members may hold positions in other organizations.

However, where such positions create an actual, potential, or perceived conflict with Association responsibilities, the individual shall disclose the conflict and comply with any management measures determined by the Association.

Holding an external position shall not, by itself, constitute a conflict.

50.16 Review & Management

The Governing Council, Ethics Committee, or another designated authority may:

- Review declared conflicts.
- Seek additional information.
- Determine appropriate management measures.
- Recommend recusal.
- Impose conditions.
- Monitor compliance.

Every matter shall be considered on its own facts and circumstances.

50.17 Failure to Disclose

Failure to disclose a material conflict of interest, or knowingly providing false or misleading information in relation to a conflict declaration, may result in disciplinary action under the Constitution, these By-Laws, and applicable policies.

Any action shall be taken in accordance with principles of natural justice.

50.18 Education & Awareness

The Association shall encourage awareness regarding conflicts of interest through:

- Leadership Training.
- Governance Workshops.
- Orientation Programmes.
- Ethics Training.
- Policy Guidance.
- Educational Resources.

Preventive education shall form an important part of the Association's governance framework.

50.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining impartial, transparent, and accountable governance.

By requiring the timely disclosure and responsible management of conflicts of interest, the Association protects the integrity of its decision-making processes, strengthens public confidence, and reinforces its commitment to ethical leadership and good governance.

Conflict of Interest Principle

“Every decision of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be made in the best interests of the Association. Transparency in declaring and responsibly managing conflicts of interest protects fairness, strengthens trust, and preserves the integrity of institutional governance.”

Article 50 Summary

Article 50 establishes the comprehensive **Conflict of Interest** framework for the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest; establishes disclosure obligations, recusal procedures, governance safeguards, related-party transaction oversight, procurement protections, and conflict management processes; and reinforces the Association's commitment to transparency, impartiality, accountability, and ethical decision-making. Through these measures, the Association safeguards the integrity of its governance and maintains the confidence of its members, partners, and stakeholders.

ARTICLE

51

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS *ANTI-CORRUPTION & TRANSPARENCY*

51.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to conducting all of its affairs with the highest standards of integrity, honesty, transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.

The Association adopts a **zero-tolerance approach** towards bribery, corruption, fraud, embezzlement, financial misconduct, abuse of authority, improper influence, and any form of unethical or unlawful conduct.

This Article establishes the Association's Anti-Corruption & Transparency Framework to promote ethical governance, protect organizational resources, strengthen stakeholder confidence, ensure financial accountability, and comply with applicable laws.

51.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Prevent corruption.
- b. Promote transparency.
- c. Strengthen accountability.
- d. Protect organizational assets.
- e. Encourage ethical leadership.
- f. Prevent fraud.
- g. Promote responsible financial management.
- h. Protect public confidence.
- i. Encourage lawful conduct.
- j. Strengthen institutional governance.

51.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to:

- National Office Bearers.
- State Office Bearers.
- District Office Bearers.
- International Chapter Leaders.
- Governing Council Members.
- Executive Committee Members.
- Employees.
- Members.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Contractors acting on behalf of the Association.
- Committee Members.
- Sector Council Members.

Every individual acting on behalf of the Association shall comply with this Article.

51.4 Zero-Tolerance Policy

The Association shall maintain a zero-tolerance policy towards:

- Bribery.
- Corruption.
- Fraud.
- Embezzlement.
- Financial Misappropriation.
- Kickbacks.
- Abuse of Authority.
- Falsification of Records.

- Misuse of Organizational Assets.
- Unlawful Financial Practices.

No person shall engage in, authorize, facilitate, or knowingly ignore such conduct.

51.5 Bribery

No person shall:

- Offer a bribe.
- Request a bribe.
- Solicit a bribe.
- Receive a bribe.
- Promise a bribe.
- Authorize a bribe.

directly or indirectly in connection with any Association activity.

This prohibition applies regardless of whether the intended recipient is a public official, private individual, or organization.

51.6 Fraud

Fraud includes any dishonest act intended to obtain an improper benefit or cause loss to the Association or another person.

Examples include:

- False expense claims.
- Forged documents.
- False invoices.
- Misrepresentation.
- Identity misuse.
- Financial deception.
- Unauthorized diversion of funds.

Fraud shall not be tolerated under any circumstances.

51.7 Misuse of Association Assets

Association assets shall be used solely for authorized organizational purposes.

Assets include:

- Funds.
- Equipment.
- Digital Systems.
- Intellectual Property.
- Publications.
- Membership Data.
- Office Facilities.
- Vehicles.
- Official Documents.

Personal use beyond authorized limits is prohibited.

51.8 Financial Integrity

The Association shall promote financial integrity through:

- Accurate Accounting.
- Budgetary Controls.
- Proper Authorization.
- Financial Reporting.
- Independent Audit.
- Internal Financial Controls.
- Record Retention.
- Responsible Procurement.

Financial records shall accurately reflect organizational transactions.

51.9 Procurement Transparency

All procurement undertaken by the Association shall be guided by:

- Fair Competition.
- Transparency.
- Value for Money.
- Objective Evaluation.
- Accountability.
- Proper Documentation.

Procurement decisions shall not be influenced by personal interests or improper considerations.

51.10 Sponsorship & Donations

The Association may accept lawful:

- Sponsorships.
- Donations.
- Grants.
- Contributions.
- CSR Support.
- Partnership Funding.

Acceptance shall be subject to:

- Applicable laws.
- Association Policies.
- Ethical Standards.
- Appropriate Approval Procedures.

The Association shall not accept funding that is unlawful or inconsistent with its Vision, Mission, or reputation.

51.11 Financial Reporting

The Association shall prepare appropriate financial reports including:

- Annual Financial Statements.
- Budget Reports.
- Audit Reports.

- Programme Financial Reports.
- Event Financial Statements.

Financial reporting shall promote accountability and responsible stewardship.

51.12 Transparency

The Association shall encourage transparency by:

- Maintaining proper records.
- Communicating accurately.
- Following approved governance procedures.
- Making decisions fairly.
- Recording significant resolutions.
- Maintaining appropriate financial documentation.

Transparency shall always be balanced with legitimate confidentiality obligations and applicable privacy laws.

51.13 Reporting Suspected Misconduct

Any person who becomes aware of suspected:

- Corruption.
- Fraud.
- Bribery.
- Financial Misconduct.
- Abuse of Authority.
- Misappropriation.
- Serious Ethical Violations.

is encouraged to report the matter through the Association's designated reporting or grievance mechanisms.

Reports shall be assessed fairly, confidentially where appropriate, and in accordance with applicable procedures.

51.14 Protection Against Retaliation

The Association shall not knowingly permit retaliation against any individual who, in good faith:

- Reports suspected misconduct.
- Cooperates in an investigation.
- Provides relevant information.
- Participates in governance proceedings.

This protection shall not apply to reports knowingly made in bad faith or with malicious intent.

51.15 Investigations

Where appropriate, the Association may conduct or authorize investigations into allegations of:

- Fraud.
- Corruption.
- Financial Misconduct.
- Serious Policy Violations.
- Abuse of Authority.

Investigations shall:

- Be conducted impartially.
- Respect procedural fairness.
- Maintain confidentiality where appropriate.
- Follow applicable laws and internal procedures.

51.16 Cooperation

All members and representatives shall cooperate with lawful investigations, audits, reviews, and governance processes conducted by or on behalf of the Association.

Failure to cooperate without reasonable justification may be considered during disciplinary proceedings.

51.17 Disciplinary Action

Where a material violation of this Article is established, the Association may take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Constitution, these By-Laws, and applicable policies.

Such action may include:

- Written Warning.
- Suspension.
- Removal from Office.
- Termination of Membership.
- Recovery of Organizational Assets where legally permissible.
- Referral to competent authorities where required by law.

Any disciplinary action shall respect the principles of natural justice.

51.18 Education & Awareness

The Association shall promote awareness regarding anti-corruption and transparency through:

- Ethics Training.
- Governance Workshops.
- Leadership Development Programmes.
- Financial Management Training.
- Policy Guidance.
- Awareness Campaigns.

Preventive education shall form an integral part of the Association's governance framework.

51.19 Periodic Review

The Governing Council may periodically review:

- Anti-Corruption Policies.
- Financial Controls.
- Governance Practices.
- Procurement Procedures.
- Risk Management Systems.
- Transparency Measures.

Recommendations shall support continuous improvement and alignment with good governance practices.

51.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in all of its activities.

Through strong governance, ethical leadership, responsible financial management, and a zero-tolerance approach to corruption and fraud, the Association seeks to protect the confidence of its members, partners, stakeholders, and the public while advancing sustainable economic development.

Integrity & Transparency Principle

“Integrity cannot be compromised. Every decision, transaction, and action undertaken by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be guided by honesty, transparency, accountability, and the unwavering commitment to protect the Association, its members, and the public interest.”

Article 51 Summary

Article 51 establishes the **Anti-Corruption & Transparency Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It sets out the Association’s zero-tolerance policy toward bribery, corruption, fraud, financial misconduct, abuse of authority, and misuse of organizational resources. The Article also defines standards for transparent financial management, procurement, reporting, investigations, protection against retaliation for good-faith reporting, and disciplinary action. Through these measures, the Association reinforces ethical governance, financial accountability, and public confidence while ensuring compliance with applicable laws and recognized principles of good governance.

ARTICLE 52

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS CONFIDENTIALITY

52.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that confidential information entrusted to the Association by its members, partners, employees, volunteers, sponsors, donors, government agencies, educational institutions, business organizations, and other stakeholders is a valuable organizational asset requiring responsible protection.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing the collection, use, storage, access, disclosure, retention, and protection of confidential information obtained or generated during the course of the Association's activities.

The objective of this Article is to protect organizational interests, preserve member confidence, safeguard sensitive information, comply with applicable laws, and promote responsible governance while balancing legitimate requirements for transparency.

52.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Protect confidential information.
- b. Safeguard member privacy.
- c. Preserve organizational integrity.
- d. Promote responsible information management.
- e. Protect intellectual property.
- f. Encourage lawful information sharing.
- g. Strengthen cybersecurity awareness.
- h. Support transparent governance.
- i. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.
- j. Maintain stakeholder confidence.

52.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to:

- National Office Bearers.
- State Office Bearers.
- District Office Bearers.
- International Chapter Leaders.
- Governing Council Members.
- Executive Committee Members.
- Employees.
- Members.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Sector Council Members.
- Committee Members.
- Contractors.
- Any individual authorized to access confidential information of the Association.

The obligation of confidentiality shall continue during and, where applicable, after the individual's relationship with the Association, subject to applicable law.

52.4 Definition of Confidential Information

Confidential Information includes any non-public information relating to the Association, its members, partners, stakeholders, programmes, or operations that is not intended for unrestricted public disclosure.

Confidential Information may include:

- Membership Records.
- Personal Information.
- Financial Records.
- Internal Reports.

- Governance Documents.
- Committee Discussions.
- Procurement Information.
- Business Plans.
- Strategic Plans.
- Partnership Agreements.
- Research Data.
- Digital Credentials.
- Meeting Minutes.
- Internal Policies.
- Investigation Records.
- Commercial Information.
- Intellectual Property.
- Technology Systems.
- Unpublished Publications.

The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

52.5 Duty of Confidentiality

Every person covered by this Article shall:

- Protect confidential information.
- Prevent unauthorized disclosure.
- Use confidential information only for authorized purposes.
- Exercise reasonable care in handling confidential material.
- Report suspected unauthorized access or disclosure.

Confidential information shall not be used for personal, commercial, political, or other unauthorized purposes.

52.6 Authorized Access

Access to confidential information shall be limited to individuals who require such access for

legitimate Association purposes.

Access shall be granted based on:

- Official Responsibilities.
- Operational Requirements.
- Governance Needs.
- Legal Obligations.
- Approved Authorization.

The Association may implement role-based access controls where appropriate.

52.7 Personal Information

The Association shall take reasonable measures to protect personal information collected from:

- Members.
- Employees.
- Volunteers.
- Partners.
- Sponsors.
- Event Participants.
- Applicants.
- Other stakeholders.

Personal information shall be collected, used, stored, and disclosed in accordance with applicable privacy and data protection laws.

52.8 Use of Information

Confidential information shall be used only:

- For authorized Association activities.
- To fulfil governance responsibilities.
- To administer programmes.
- To provide member services.
- To comply with legal obligations.

Confidential information shall not be used to obtain an improper personal or commercial advantage.

52.9 Disclosure of Information

Confidential information shall not be disclosed except:

- With appropriate authorization.
- With the consent of the affected person where required.
- Where required by applicable law.
- Pursuant to a lawful order of a competent authority.
- As otherwise permitted under the Association's policies.

Only the minimum information reasonably necessary shall be disclosed.

52.10 Electronic Information

Individuals shall take reasonable measures to protect electronic information, including:

- Secure Password Management.
- Authorized Access.
- Protection of Digital Devices.
- Secure Storage.
- Responsible Email Usage.
- Appropriate Backup Procedures.

The Association may establish separate Information Technology and Cybersecurity Policies.

52.11 Intellectual Property

Confidential intellectual property of the Association shall be protected.

Such information may include:

- Publications.
- Training Materials.
- Research.
- Digital Content.
- Databases.
- Software.

- Strategic Documents.
- Branding Assets.

Unauthorized reproduction, distribution, or commercial use is prohibited unless authorized or otherwise permitted by law.

52.12 Meetings

Participants attending meetings designated as confidential shall:

- Respect confidentiality.
- Avoid unauthorized recording.
- Protect meeting documents.
- Refrain from unauthorized disclosure of discussions or decisions before official communication.

Meeting confidentiality shall be determined by the Chair or the applicable governance procedures.

52.13 Third-Party Information

Where the Association receives confidential information from third parties, it shall take reasonable measures to:

- Respect confidentiality obligations.
- Comply with contractual commitments.
- Protect proprietary information.
- Avoid unauthorized disclosure.

Third-party rights shall be respected in accordance with applicable agreements and laws.

52.14 Record Retention

The Association may establish policies governing:

- Document Retention.
- Digital Archives.
- Secure Disposal.
- Record Preservation.
- Access Controls.

Records shall be retained for appropriate periods consistent with legal, operational, and governance requirements.

52.15 Reporting Unauthorized Disclosure

Any individual who becomes aware of:

- Unauthorized Disclosure.
- Data Loss.
- Information Theft.
- Cybersecurity Incidents.
- Confidentiality Breaches.

shall promptly report the matter through the Association's designated reporting mechanisms.

Appropriate corrective action shall be taken where necessary.

52.16 Confidentiality During Investigations

Individuals participating in:

- Internal Reviews.
- Ethics Proceedings.
- Disciplinary Matters.
- Governance Investigations.
- Audit Processes.

shall maintain confidentiality except where disclosure is authorized or required by law.

Maintaining confidentiality shall protect procedural fairness and the integrity of investigations.

52.17 Exceptions

Nothing in this Article shall prevent disclosure where:

- Required by applicable law.
- Required by a court or competent authority.
- Necessary to protect the lawful interests of the Association.
- Authorized by the Governing Council or another competent authority.
- Permitted under applicable privacy or information laws.

Such disclosures shall be limited to what is reasonably necessary.

52.18 Consequences of Breach

Unauthorized disclosure or misuse of confidential information may result in disciplinary action under the Constitution, these By-Laws, and applicable policies.

Appropriate action may include:

- Counselling.
- Written Warning.
- Suspension.
- Removal from Office.
- Termination of Membership.
- Recovery of organizational property where legally permissible.
- Referral to competent authorities where required by law.

Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with principles of natural justice.

52.19 Education & Awareness

The Association shall promote awareness regarding confidentiality through:

- Member Orientation.
- Leadership Training.
- Governance Workshops.
- Cybersecurity Awareness.
- Privacy Training.
- Information Management Guidance.

Education shall support responsible information handling across all organizational levels.

52.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to protecting confidential information entrusted to it by its members, partners, employees, and stakeholders.

Through responsible information management, strong governance, respect for privacy, and secure handling of organizational records, the Association seeks to maintain public confidence, protect legitimate interests, and strengthen its reputation as a trusted and professionally governed institution.

Confidentiality Principle

“Trust is preserved when information is protected responsibly. Every member and representative of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall safeguard confidential information with integrity, discretion, and respect for privacy, while ensuring that transparency is maintained wherever required by law and good governance.”

Article 52 Summary

Article 52 establishes the **Confidentiality Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines confidential information, sets standards for its collection, use, storage, disclosure, retention, and protection, and establishes responsibilities relating to privacy, cybersecurity, intellectual property, investigations, and authorized access. By balancing confidentiality with lawful transparency and accountability, this Article strengthens the Association’s governance framework, protects stakeholder trust, and ensures responsible management of sensitive organizational information.

PART - X

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION



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ARTICLE 53

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION *FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT*

53.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that sound financial management is fundamental to ensuring institutional sustainability, operational efficiency, transparency, accountability, and the responsible stewardship of resources entrusted to the Association.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the financial governance framework governing the planning, management, administration, utilization, safeguarding, reporting, and oversight of all financial resources belonging to or administered by the Association.

The Association shall manage its finances prudently, ethically, and in accordance with these By-Laws, approved financial policies, applicable laws, and generally accepted principles of financial management.

53.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Promote sound financial governance.
- b. Ensure responsible stewardship of resources.
- c. Maintain financial sustainability.
- d. Promote transparency and accountability.
- e. Strengthen internal financial controls.
- f. Support strategic planning.
- g. Protect Association assets.
- h. Ensure lawful financial administration.
- i. Promote efficient resource utilization.
- j. Strengthen public confidence.

53.3 Financial Principles

The financial affairs of the Association shall be governed by the principles of:

- Integrity.
- Accountability.
- Transparency.
- Prudence.
- Sustainability.
- Value for Money.
- Financial Discipline.
- Responsible Stewardship.
- Compliance with Applicable Laws.
- Good Governance.

All financial decisions shall be made in the best interests of the Association.

53.4 Sources of Funds

The Association may receive funds from lawful sources including:

- Membership Fees.
- Admission Fees.
- Annual Renewals.
- Sponsorships.
- Grants.
- Donations.
- Conference Registrations.
- Event Participation Fees.
- Training Programme Fees.
- Publication Revenue.
- Advertising Revenue.
- Business Directory Listings.

- Consultancy Services.
- Research Projects.
- Lawful Investments.
- Other lawful income approved by the Governing Council.

All funds shall be utilized exclusively for the lawful objectives of the Association.

53.5 Financial Year

The Association shall maintain a Financial Year as determined by the Governing Council and in accordance with applicable laws.

All financial reporting, budgeting, auditing, and statutory compliance shall be prepared with reference to the approved financial year.

53.6 Annual Budget

The Association shall prepare an Annual Budget prior to the commencement of each financial year.

The Annual Budget may include:

- Estimated Revenue.
- Operational Expenditure.
- Programme Expenditure.
- Administrative Expenses.
- Capital Expenditure.
- Strategic Projects.
- Contingency Allocation.
- Reserve Funds.

The Annual Budget shall be reviewed and approved by the Governing Council.

53.7 Financial Planning

Financial planning shall support:

- Organizational Growth.
- Membership Expansion.
- Chapter Development.

- Programme Sustainability.
- Digital Transformation.
- Capacity Building.
- Infrastructure Development.
- Strategic Initiatives.

Financial planning shall promote long-term sustainability rather than short-term expenditure.

53.8 Bank Accounts

The Association may maintain one or more bank accounts with scheduled banks or other legally authorized financial institutions.

Bank accounts shall:

- Be opened in the name of the Association.
- Be operated only by authorized signatories.
- Be used solely for official purposes.
- Be administered in accordance with approved financial policies.

53.9 Authorized Signatories

The Governing Council shall designate authorized signatories for banking operations.

The Association may prescribe dual authorization or other appropriate approval mechanisms for financial transactions based on risk and value.

Changes to authorized signatories shall be approved by the Governing Council and documented appropriately.

53.10 Receipts

Every receipt of funds shall be:

- Properly acknowledged.
- Recorded accurately.
- Deposited promptly where appropriate.
- Supported by documentation.
- Accounted for in the Association's financial records.

Official receipts shall be issued for monies received where applicable.

53.11 Payments

Payments shall be made only:

- For authorized purposes.
- Against appropriate documentation.
- Following approved authorization procedures.
- In accordance with the approved budget or subsequent authorization where required.

The Association shall encourage traceable payment methods wherever reasonably practicable.

53.12 Asset Management

The Association shall maintain appropriate records of its assets, including:

- Cash and Bank Balances.
- Furniture.
- Equipment.
- Information Technology Assets.
- Publications.
- Vehicles.
- Intellectual Property.
- Digital Assets.
- Investments (if any).

Assets shall be safeguarded and used only for authorized organizational purposes.

53.13 Reserve Funds

Subject to available resources, the Association may establish reserve funds for:

- Organizational Sustainability.
- Emergency Requirements.
- Strategic Projects.
- Infrastructure Development.
- Future Expansion.

Reserve funds shall be administered in accordance with policies approved by the Governing Council.

53.14 Financial Records

The Association shall maintain complete and accurate financial records including:

- Cash Books.
- General Ledgers.
- Bank Records.
- Budget Documents.
- Financial Statements.
- Receipts.
- Payment Records.
- Asset Registers.
- Supporting Documentation.

Financial records shall be retained in accordance with applicable laws and approved record retention policies.

53.15 Financial Reporting

Periodic financial reports may include:

- Monthly Financial Reports.
- Quarterly Financial Reports.
- Annual Financial Statements.
- Budget Performance Reports.
- Cash Flow Reports.
- Programme Financial Reports.

Reports shall be submitted to the appropriate governing authority within prescribed timelines.

53.16 Financial Risk Management

The Association shall identify and manage financial risks including:

- Budgetary Risks.
- Liquidity Risks.
- Operational Risks.

- Fraud Risks.
- Compliance Risks.
- Revenue Risks.
- Project Risks.

Appropriate mitigation measures shall be implemented where necessary.

53.17 Compliance

Financial administration shall comply with:

- Applicable Laws.
- Taxation Requirements.
- Regulatory Obligations.
- These By-Laws.
- Approved Financial Policies.
- Governing Council Resolutions.

The Association shall maintain financial discipline and statutory compliance at all times.

53.18 Delegation of Financial Authority

The Governing Council may establish a Financial Delegation Policy specifying approval limits for:

- Routine Expenditure.
- Procurement.
- Contracts.
- Programme Expenses.
- Administrative Costs.
- Capital Purchases.

Delegated authority shall not diminish accountability.

53.19 Financial Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review:

- Budget Performance.

- Revenue Growth.
- Expenditure Trends.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Asset Management.
- Internal Controls.
- Financial Risks.

Recommendations arising from such reviews shall support continuous improvement.

53.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of financial management through prudent planning, transparent administration, responsible stewardship, and strong governance.

Every financial decision shall be guided by integrity, accountability, sustainability, and the best interests of the Association, ensuring that its financial resources continue to support entrepreneurship, economic development, member services, and institutional excellence.

Financial Stewardship Principle

“Every financial resource entrusted to the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is held in trust for its members and mission. Sound financial management, transparency, accountability, and prudent stewardship shall guide every financial decision and every use of organizational resources.”

Article 53 Summary

Article 53 establishes the **Financial Management Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the principles governing budgeting, financial planning, banking, receipts, payments, asset management, reserve funds, financial reporting, risk management, compliance, and delegated financial authority. By promoting transparency, accountability, prudent stewardship, and long-term financial sustainability, this Article provides the foundation for the Association’s financial governance and responsible administration.

ARTICLE 54

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

MEMBERSHIP REVENUE

54.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that membership revenue constitutes one of the principal sources of financial sustainability and organizational growth.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the governance framework governing the assessment, collection, administration, allocation, utilization, accounting, and oversight of all membership-related revenue generated by the Association.

The Membership Revenue Framework is intended to support the long-term financial sustainability of the Association while ensuring fairness, transparency, accountability, consistency, and responsible financial management across all organizational levels.

54.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Ensure sustainable organizational revenue.
- b. Promote transparent fee administration.
- c. Support membership growth.
- d. Strengthen financial planning.
- e. Promote accountability.
- f. Ensure equitable revenue allocation.
- g. Support chapter development.
- h. Encourage long-term member retention.
- i. Maintain financial discipline.
- j. Strengthen institutional sustainability.

54.3 Membership Revenue Sources

Membership revenue may include:

- Admission Fees.
- Registration Fees.
- Annual Membership Fees.
- Membership Renewal Fees.
- Lifetime Membership Fees.
- Corporate Membership Fees.
- Institutional Membership Fees.
- International Membership Fees.
- Student Membership Fees.
- Affiliate Membership Fees.
- Professional Membership Fees.
- Chapter Membership Contributions.
- Membership Upgrade Fees.
- Membership Reinstatement Fees.

Additional membership-related charges may be approved by the Governing Council where consistent with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

54.4 Membership Categories

The Association may establish membership categories including:

- General Member.
- Student Member.
- Professional Member.
- Entrepreneur Member.
- MSME Member.
- Startup Member.
- Corporate Member.

- Institutional Member.
- Chamber / Association Member.
- International Member.
- Honorary Member.
- Lifetime Member.
- Patron Member.

The Governing Council may create, modify, merge, or discontinue membership categories from time to time.

54.5 Membership Fee Structure

The Governing Council shall prescribe the fee structure applicable to each membership category.

The approved fee schedule may specify:

- Admission Fee.
- Annual Subscription.
- Renewal Charges.
- Lifetime Membership Fee.
- Upgrade Charges.
- Chapter Contributions.
- Administrative Charges where applicable.

The official fee schedule shall be communicated through approved Association channels.

54.6 Determination & Revision of Fees

Membership fees shall be reviewed periodically having regard to:

- Financial Sustainability.
- Inflation.
- Programme Expansion.
- Administrative Costs.
- Member Services.
- Strategic Objectives.

- Market Conditions.

Any revision of membership fees shall require approval by the Governing Council.

Unless otherwise determined, revised fees shall apply prospectively.

54.7 Collection of Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be collected through methods approved by the Association, including:

- Online Payment Portals.
- Bank Transfers.
- Electronic Payment Systems.
- Cheques.
- Demand Drafts.
- Other lawful payment mechanisms approved by the Governing Council.

Appropriate records shall be maintained for every payment received.

54.8 Official Receipts

Every membership payment received shall, where applicable, be acknowledged by an official receipt or electronic confirmation issued by the Association.

Receipts shall contain sufficient information to identify:

- Member.
- Membership Category.
- Amount Paid.
- Date of Payment.
- Payment Reference.
- Purpose of Payment.

54.9 Membership Validity

Membership shall ordinarily remain valid for the applicable membership period upon payment of the prescribed fees and compliance with the Constitution, these By-Laws, and Association policies.

Renewal requirements shall be communicated to members in a timely manner.

54.10 Revenue Allocation

Membership revenue may be allocated towards:

- Administrative Operations.
- Member Services.
- Chapter Development.
- Conferences.
- Business Forums.
- Publications.
- Research Activities.
- Digital Infrastructure.
- Capacity Building.
- Marketing & Membership Promotion.
- International Cooperation.
- Strategic Projects.

Allocation of funds shall be determined through the approved budget and financial planning process.

54.11 Chapter Revenue Sharing

The Governing Council may establish a **Membership Revenue Sharing Policy** governing the allocation of membership revenue among:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.

The policy may consider:

- Membership Origin.
- Administrative Responsibilities.
- Programme Delivery.
- Capacity Building.

- Chapter Development.
- Financial Sustainability.

The Governing Council may revise the revenue-sharing formula from time to time.

54.12 Membership Incentive Programmes

The Association may establish lawful membership promotion programmes to encourage organizational growth.

Such programmes may include:

- Membership Campaigns.
- Referral Recognition Programmes.
- Chapter Performance Incentives.
- Membership Growth Awards.
- Recruitment Recognition.

Any incentive programme shall be approved by the Governing Council and administered transparently.

54.13 Waivers & Concessions

The Governing Council may establish policies providing for:

- Membership Fee Waivers.
- Scholarships.
- Student Concessions.
- Special Category Discounts.
- Humanitarian Considerations.
- Strategic Membership Programmes.

Waivers or concessions shall be granted in accordance with approved criteria and shall not create arbitrary or discriminatory treatment.

54.14 Refunds

Membership fees shall ordinarily be non-refundable unless:

- Required by applicable law.
- Approved under an Association Refund Policy.

- Authorized by the Governing Council in exceptional circumstances.

Refund requests shall be considered in accordance with published procedures.

54.15 Membership Suspension & Financial Obligations

Where membership is suspended or terminated, financial obligations already lawfully incurred shall remain subject to the applicable terms and conditions.

The cessation of membership shall not automatically extinguish financial obligations lawfully arising prior to such cessation.

54.16 Financial Records

The Association shall maintain complete and accurate records relating to:

- Membership Revenue.
- Payment History.
- Outstanding Membership Fees.
- Renewals.
- Refunds.
- Concessions.
- Revenue Allocation.

Records shall be maintained in accordance with approved financial policies and applicable laws.

54.17 Audits & Reviews

Membership revenue administration may be subject to:

- Internal Review.
- Financial Audit.
- Compliance Review.
- Governance Oversight.

The objective shall be to promote accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement.

54.18 Digital Membership Systems

The Association may establish digital systems for:

- Online Membership Applications.

- Digital Payments.
- Renewal Reminders.
- Membership Certificates.
- Digital Receipts.
- Member Portals.
- Revenue Reporting.

Digital systems shall be managed in accordance with the Association's technology, financial, and privacy policies.

54.19 Review of Membership Revenue Policy

The Governing Council shall periodically review:

- Membership Growth.
- Revenue Performance.
- Fee Structure.
- Chapter Sustainability.
- Collection Efficiency.
- Member Retention.
- Financial Impact.

Recommendations shall support the continuous development of a sustainable membership model.

54.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to building a financially sustainable membership-based organization founded upon transparency, accountability, fairness, and value for its members.

Membership revenue shall be managed responsibly and utilized to strengthen member services, expand organizational capacity, support chapter development, enhance professional programmes, and advance the Association's mission of entrepreneurship, business excellence, and sustainable economic development.

Membership Sustainability Principle

“Membership is more than a financial contribution—it is a commitment to a shared vision. Every membership fee entrusted to the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be managed responsibly, transparently, and in the best interests of the members and the long-term sustainability of the Association.”



Article 54 Summary

Article 54 establishes the **Membership Revenue Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It governs the collection, administration, allocation, accounting, and oversight of all membership-related revenue, including admission fees, annual subscriptions, renewals, concessions, refunds, chapter revenue sharing, and digital membership systems. By promoting financial transparency, accountability, equitable revenue distribution, and long-term sustainability, this Article provides the financial foundation for a strong and growing membership-based organization.

ARTICLE 55

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION *SPONSORSHIP & GRANTS*

55.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that sponsorships, grants, donations, corporate partnerships, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions, institutional funding, and philanthropic support can significantly strengthen the Association's ability to advance entrepreneurship, economic development, education, research, business networking, and member services.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the governance framework governing the solicitation, acceptance, administration, utilization, reporting, and oversight of all sponsorships, grants, donations, CSR contributions, and other external financial or in-kind support received by the Association.

The Association shall ensure that all sponsorships and grants are managed with integrity, transparency, accountability, and independence while complying with applicable laws.

55.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Promote responsible fundraising.
- b. Ensure financial sustainability.
- c. Encourage strategic partnerships.
- d. Strengthen transparency.
- e. Protect institutional independence.
- f. Promote ethical funding.
- g. Ensure accountability.
- h. Support organizational growth.
- i. Protect the Association's reputation.
- j. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.

55.3 Sources of Sponsorship & Grants

The Association may receive lawful financial or non-financial support from:

- Corporate Organizations.
- MSMEs.
- Business Associations.
- Chambers of Commerce.
- Educational Institutions.
- Universities.
- Government Agencies.
- Public Sector Undertakings.
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programmes.
- International Organizations.
- Development Agencies.
- Foundations.
- Philanthropic Organizations.
- Individual Donors.
- Trusts.
- Professional Bodies.
- Industry Associations.

Additional lawful funding sources may be approved by the Governing Council.

55.4 Categories of Funding

Funding received by the Association may include:

- Sponsorships.
- Grants.
- Donations.
- CSR Contributions.
- Programme Funding.

- Event Sponsorship.
- Publication Sponsorship.
- Research Grants.
- Scholarships.
- Endowments.
- Infrastructure Support.
- Technology Support.
- Equipment Donations.
- Capacity Building Grants.
- In-Kind Contributions.

55.5 Authority to Accept Funding

The acceptance of sponsorships and grants shall be subject to approval by the competent authority designated by the Governing Council.

The Governing Council may establish financial approval limits for different categories of funding.

Acceptance of funding shall not compromise the Association's independence, governance, or reputation.

55.6 Ethical Funding Principles

The Association shall accept only funding that:

- Supports its Vision and Mission.
- Is consistent with applicable laws.
- Does not compromise institutional independence.
- Does not require unlawful activities.
- Does not create improper influence.
- Does not adversely affect the reputation of the Association.

Funding shall never influence governance decisions or policy positions in an improper manner.

55.7 Due Diligence

Before accepting significant sponsorships or grants, the Association may conduct reasonable due

diligence regarding:

- Identity of the Sponsor or Donor.
- Nature of the Organization.
- Reputation.
- Source of Funds (where appropriate).
- Legal Compliance.
- Compatibility with Association Values.

The level of due diligence shall be proportionate to the nature and value of the proposed funding.

55.8 Sponsorship Agreements

Where appropriate, sponsorships shall be documented through written agreements specifying:

- Sponsorship Amount.
- Purpose.
- Duration.
- Rights and Responsibilities.
- Branding Opportunities.
- Payment Terms.
- Reporting Requirements.
- Termination Provisions.
- Compliance Requirements.

Written agreements shall protect the interests of both parties.

55.9 Grant Agreements

Grant-funded projects may be governed by written grant agreements specifying:

- Project Objectives.
- Approved Activities.
- Funding Amount.
- Budget.

- Reporting Requirements.
- Monitoring Arrangements.
- Completion Requirements.
- Applicable Conditions.

The Association shall comply with the lawful terms of accepted grant agreements.

55.10 Sponsorship Recognition

Sponsors may receive appropriate recognition including:

- Logo Display.
- Event Branding.
- Acknowledgement in Publications.
- Website Recognition.
- Conference Recognition.
- Exhibition Opportunities.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Appreciation Certificates.

Recognition shall not imply endorsement of a sponsor's products, services, or commercial activities unless expressly approved and consistent with applicable law.

55.11 Donations

The Association may receive voluntary donations from individuals or organizations.

Donations shall:

- Be voluntary.
- Be properly acknowledged.
- Be accurately recorded.
- Be utilized for lawful organizational purposes.
- Comply with applicable legal and financial requirements.

The Association may decline donations that are inconsistent with its values or legal obligations.

55.12 Restricted Funding

Where a sponsor or donor lawfully restricts funding to a specific programme or project, the Association shall make reasonable efforts to utilize the funds in accordance with the agreed purpose.

Where fulfillment of the restriction becomes impracticable or unlawful, the Association shall address the matter in accordance with the applicable agreement and relevant laws.

55.13 Sponsorship of Events

The Association may seek sponsorship for:

- Conferences.
- Trade Shows.
- Business Forums.
- CEO Roundtables.
- Investor Meets.
- Awards Programmes.
- Research Projects.
- Publications.
- Educational Programmes.
- International Delegations.

Event sponsorship shall be administered transparently and in accordance with approved policies.

55.14 Sponsorship Benefits

Subject to approved policies, sponsorship benefits may include:

- Brand Visibility.
- Exhibition Space.
- Speaking Opportunities (where appropriate).
- Digital Promotion.
- Event Recognition.
- Advertising Opportunities.
- Business Networking.

Benefits shall be proportionate to the sponsorship arrangement and shall not compromise editorial, governance, or programme independence.

55.15 Financial Administration

All sponsorships, grants, and donations shall:

- Be properly recorded.
- Be deposited through authorized financial channels.
- Be reflected in the Association's financial records.
- Be subject to internal financial controls.
- Be administered in accordance with approved budgets and applicable laws.

Supporting documentation shall be retained in accordance with the Association's record retention policies.

55.16 Reporting

Where required by law, agreement, or internal policy, the Association shall prepare:

- Financial Reports.
- Programme Reports.
- Utilization Certificates.
- Progress Reports.
- Completion Reports.

Reports shall be accurate, timely, and supported by appropriate documentation.

55.17 Monitoring & Evaluation

The Association may monitor:

- Sponsorship Outcomes.
- Grant Utilization.
- Programme Performance.
- Financial Compliance.
- Contractual Compliance.
- Strategic Impact.

Monitoring shall support accountability and continuous improvement.

55.18 Conflicts of Interest

Individuals involved in negotiating, recommending, approving, or administering sponsorships or grants shall comply with **Article 50 (Conflict of Interest)**.

Any actual, potential, or perceived conflict shall be promptly disclosed and managed in accordance with the Association's Conflict of Interest Framework.

55.19 Transparency

The Association shall maintain appropriate transparency regarding sponsorships and grants while respecting:

- Confidentiality Obligations.
- Privacy Rights.
- Commercially Sensitive Information.
- Contractual Commitments.
- Applicable Laws.

Transparency shall be balanced with legitimate confidentiality requirements.

55.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to developing sustainable partnerships that support its mission while preserving its independence, integrity, and public trust.

Every sponsorship, grant, donation, or external contribution shall be accepted and administered responsibly, transparently, and ethically, ensuring that all external funding strengthens the Association's programmes, member services, research, education, entrepreneurship initiatives, and long-term institutional development without compromising its governance or values.

Responsible Partnership Principle

“Partnerships strengthen institutions when they are founded on integrity, transparency, and shared purpose. Every sponsorship, grant, or donation accepted by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall support its mission while preserving its independence, ethical standards, and commitment to serving its members and society.”



Article 55 Summary

Article 55 establishes the **Sponsorship & Grants Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It governs the acceptance, administration, reporting, and oversight of sponsorships, grants, CSR contributions, donations, endowments, and other external funding. The Article defines ethical funding principles, due diligence requirements, sponsorship agreements, financial administration, transparency measures, conflict-of-interest safeguards, and reporting obligations. By promoting responsible fundraising and financial accountability, it enables the Association to build sustainable partnerships while safeguarding its independence, credibility, and commitment to lawful and ethical governance.

ARTICLE 56

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTING & AUDIT

56.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that proper accounting, financial reporting, independent audit, and financial oversight are fundamental to maintaining transparency, accountability, public confidence, and good governance.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing the accounting systems, financial records, preparation of financial statements, audit processes, internal financial reviews, statutory compliance, record retention, and corrective action mechanisms of the Association.

The Association shall maintain accurate financial records and conduct its accounting and audit activities in accordance with applicable laws, recognized accounting principles, and these By-Laws.

56.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Maintain accurate financial records.
- b. Promote financial transparency.
- c. Strengthen accountability.
- d. Ensure statutory compliance.
- e. Protect Association assets.
- f. Promote sound governance.
- g. Support informed decision-making.
- h. Detect financial irregularities.
- i. Strengthen internal controls.
- j. Maintain stakeholder confidence.

56.3 Accounting Principles

The Association shall maintain its financial records in accordance with:

- Applicable Indian laws.
- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), or other applicable accounting standards adopted by the Association.
- These By-Laws.
- Approved Financial Policies.
- Governing Council resolutions.

Financial records shall present a true and fair representation of the Association's financial position.

56.4 Books of Account

The Association shall maintain complete and accurate books of account, including:

- Cash Book.
- General Ledger.
- Bank Book.
- Journal Register.
- Fixed Asset Register.
- Membership Revenue Register.
- Sponsorship & Grant Register.
- Accounts Receivable Register.
- Accounts Payable Register.
- Investment Register (where applicable).
- Payroll Records (where applicable).
- Inventory Register (where applicable).

Additional accounting records may be maintained as required.

56.5 Accounting System

The Association may maintain:

- Manual Accounting Systems.

- Computerized Accounting Software.
- Cloud-Based Accounting Platforms.
- Integrated Financial Management Systems.

Accounting systems shall ensure:

- Accuracy.
- Security.
- Audit Trail.
- Data Backup.
- Controlled Access.

56.6 Financial Statements

The Association shall prepare financial statements, which may include:

- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet).
- Statement of Income & Expenditure.
- Receipts & Payments Account.
- Cash Flow Statement (where applicable).
- Notes to Accounts.
- Schedule of Assets & Liabilities.

Financial statements shall be prepared at intervals determined by the Governing Council and in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

56.7 Supporting Documentation

Every financial transaction shall be supported by appropriate documentation, including:

- Invoices.
- Bills.
- Receipts.
- Contracts.
- Payment Vouchers.
- Purchase Orders.

- Bank Statements.
- Approval Records.
- Grant Agreements.
- Sponsorship Agreements.

Supporting documents shall be retained in accordance with applicable legal and organizational requirements.

56.8 Record Retention

Financial records shall be retained for the period prescribed by applicable law or the Association's Record Retention Policy, whichever requires the longer retention period.

Records may be maintained in physical or secure electronic form.

56.9 Internal Financial Review

The Association may conduct periodic internal financial reviews to evaluate:

- Budget Compliance.
- Financial Controls.
- Revenue Collection.
- Expenditure.
- Asset Management.
- Procurement Compliance.
- Financial Risks.

Internal reviews are intended to strengthen governance and improve financial performance.

56.10 Internal Audit

The Governing Council may establish an Internal Audit function or appoint an Internal Auditor to:

- Review financial controls.
- Evaluate compliance with policies.
- Identify operational risks.
- Verify accounting records.
- Recommend improvements.

The Internal Auditor shall function independently of routine financial administration to the extent reasonably practicable.

56.11 External Audit

The Association shall appoint an Independent External Auditor in accordance with applicable laws.

The External Auditor shall:

- Examine the financial statements.
- Review accounting records.
- Verify supporting documentation.
- Evaluate financial reporting.
- Report findings independently.

The External Auditor shall not participate in the day-to-day financial administration of the Association.

56.12 Audit Committee

The Governing Council may constitute an Audit Committee responsible for:

- Reviewing audit reports.
- Monitoring implementation of recommendations.
- Strengthening financial governance.
- Reviewing financial risks.
- Supporting internal control improvements.

The Audit Committee shall function independently and objectively.

56.13 Auditor Independence

Auditors shall perform their responsibilities with:

- Independence.
- Objectivity.
- Professional Competence.
- Integrity.
- Confidentiality.

Persons responsible for preparing financial statements shall not audit their own work.

56.14 Audit Reports

Audit reports may include:

- Auditor's Opinion.
- Financial Observations.
- Internal Control Findings.
- Compliance Findings.
- Risk Assessment.
- Recommendations.

Audit reports shall be submitted to the appropriate governing authority for consideration.

56.15 Management Response

Where audit observations identify deficiencies, the responsible authority shall prepare an appropriate management response addressing:

- Corrective Actions.
- Implementation Timelines.
- Responsible Officers.
- Monitoring Arrangements.

The Governing Council shall monitor the implementation of significant audit recommendations.

56.16 Access to Records

Authorized auditors shall be provided reasonable access to:

- Financial Records.
- Supporting Documentation.
- Bank Records.
- Contracts.
- Accounting Systems.
- Relevant Personnel.

Access shall be subject to confidentiality obligations and applicable legal requirements.

56.17 Fraud Reporting

Where an audit identifies suspected:

- Fraud.
- Financial Misconduct.
- Corruption.
- Misappropriation.
- Material Irregularities.

the matter shall be referred to the appropriate authority for review and further action in accordance with these By-Laws and applicable law.

56.18 Cooperation

All members, employees, office bearers, and representatives shall cooperate with:

- Internal Audits.
- External Audits.
- Financial Reviews.
- Compliance Reviews.
- Governance Assessments.

Failure to cooperate without reasonable justification may constitute misconduct.

56.19 Continuous Improvement

The Association shall periodically review:

- Accounting Systems.
- Financial Reporting.
- Audit Processes.
- Internal Controls.
- Risk Management.
- Governance Practices.

Recommendations shall support continuous improvement in financial management and accountability.

56.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a robust accounting and audit framework that promotes transparency, accountability, financial integrity, and responsible stewardship.

Through accurate accounting records, independent audits, effective financial oversight, and continuous improvement, the Association seeks to ensure that every financial resource is managed responsibly in support of its members, programmes, and long-term mission of sustainable economic development.

Financial Accountability Principle

“Accurate accounting and independent audit are essential pillars of good governance. Every financial transaction of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be recorded faithfully, reviewed independently, and administered transparently to preserve public trust, protect organizational resources, and strengthen institutional accountability.”

Article 56 Summary

Article 56 establishes the **Accounting & Audit Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the standards governing accounting principles, financial records, financial statements, internal and external audits, audit committees, record retention, management responses, fraud reporting, and continuous financial improvement. By ensuring accurate accounting, independent oversight, and transparent reporting, this Article reinforces the Association’s commitment to financial integrity, accountability, and sound governance.

ARTICLE 57

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION *FINANCIAL CONTROLS*

57.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that an effective system of internal financial controls is essential to safeguard organizational assets, ensure responsible financial management, prevent fraud and financial irregularities, strengthen governance, and maintain public confidence.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing internal financial controls, authorization procedures, segregation of duties, expenditure approvals, banking controls, procurement controls, asset protection, financial monitoring, and risk management throughout the Association.

Financial controls shall be designed to ensure that every financial transaction is lawful, properly authorized, accurately recorded, appropriately monitored, and consistent with the Association's Vision, Mission, Constitution, By-Laws, and approved financial policies.

57.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Protect organizational assets.
- b. Prevent financial misconduct.
- c. Strengthen internal controls.
- d. Promote accountability.
- e. Ensure lawful financial administration.
- f. Support transparent governance.
- g. Minimize financial risks.
- h. Improve operational efficiency.
- i. Promote responsible decision-making.
- j. Maintain stakeholder confidence.

57.3 Internal Financial Control Framework

The Association shall establish and maintain an Internal Financial Control Framework designed to ensure:

- Proper Authorization.
- Financial Accountability.
- Segregation of Duties.
- Asset Protection.
- Budgetary Control.
- Procurement Oversight.
- Financial Reporting.
- Risk Management.
- Compliance Monitoring.
- Continuous Improvement.

The Financial Control Framework shall be reviewed periodically by the Governing Council.

57.4 Financial Delegation of Authority

The Governing Council shall establish a **Financial Delegation of Authority Policy** specifying approval limits for:

- Routine Administrative Expenditure.
- Programme Expenditure.
- Procurement.
- Capital Expenditure.
- Consultancy Services.
- Contracts.
- Travel Expenses.
- Event Expenditure.
- Emergency Expenditure.

Delegated authority shall be documented and communicated to the relevant officials.

No person shall approve expenditure beyond the authority delegated to them.

57.5 Segregation of Duties

To reduce the risk of fraud and error, financial responsibilities shall, where reasonably practicable, be appropriately segregated.

Key financial functions should not ordinarily be performed solely by the same individual, including:

- Authorization.
- Procurement.
- Payment Processing.
- Accounting.
- Bank Reconciliation.
- Asset Custody.
- Financial Review.

Where operational constraints limit segregation, compensating controls shall be implemented.

57.6 Budgetary Controls

No expenditure shall ordinarily be incurred unless:

- Included within an approved budget; or
- Specifically authorized by the competent authority in accordance with approved financial policies.

Budget performance shall be monitored periodically, and significant variances shall be reviewed by the appropriate governing authority.

57.7 Expenditure Approval

Every expenditure shall:

- Serve a legitimate organizational purpose.
- Be supported by appropriate documentation.
- Be approved by an authorized official.
- Comply with the approved budget or applicable authorization.
- Be accurately recorded.

No expenditure shall be approved for personal benefit unless specifically authorized under an approved Association policy.

57.8 Procurement Controls

Procurement shall be conducted in accordance with principles of:

- Transparency.
- Fair Competition.
- Value for Money.
- Accountability.
- Ethical Conduct.
- Proper Documentation.

The Association may establish procurement thresholds requiring:

- Competitive Quotations.
- Comparative Evaluation.
- Written Approvals.
- Procurement Committee Review.
- Governing Council Approval.

57.9 Banking Controls

Banking arrangements shall include appropriate controls such as:

- Authorized Signatories.
- Dual Authorization where appropriate.
- Secure Banking Access.
- Regular Bank Reconciliation.
- Controlled Online Banking Access.
- Protection of Banking Credentials.

Changes to banking authorities shall be approved and documented.

57.10 Cash Management

The Association shall encourage the use of traceable banking and electronic payment methods.

Where cash transactions are necessary:

- Cash shall be safeguarded.
- Receipts shall be issued.
- Cash balances shall be reconciled.
- Cash handling responsibilities shall be assigned appropriately.
- Cash transactions shall be recorded promptly.

57.11 Asset Protection

The Association shall maintain appropriate controls over its assets, including:

- Physical Assets.
- Financial Assets.
- Digital Assets.
- Intellectual Property.
- Equipment.
- Publications.
- Membership Databases.
- Information Technology Infrastructure.

Asset registers shall be maintained and periodically verified.

57.12 Financial Documentation

Every financial transaction shall be supported by appropriate documentation, including:

- Purchase Orders.
- Contracts.
- Invoices.
- Bills.
- Receipts.
- Payment Vouchers.
- Approval Notes.
- Delivery Confirmations.

- Bank Records.

Incomplete or unsupported transactions shall not ordinarily be processed.

57.13 Bank Reconciliation

Bank accounts shall be reconciled periodically to:

- Verify cash balances.
- Identify discrepancies.
- Detect unauthorized transactions.
- Ensure accuracy of financial records.

Material discrepancies shall be investigated promptly.

57.14 Financial Monitoring

The Association shall periodically monitor:

- Budget Performance.
- Revenue Collection.
- Expenditure.
- Membership Revenue.
- Sponsorship Income.
- Grant Utilization.
- Asset Management.
- Cash Flow.
- Financial Risks.

Monitoring reports shall be presented to the appropriate governing authority.

57.15 Risk Management

Financial risks shall be identified, assessed, and managed through appropriate controls.

Potential risks may include:

- Fraud Risk.
- Budget Risk.

- Cash Flow Risk.
- Procurement Risk.
- Cybersecurity Risk.
- Compliance Risk.
- Reputational Risk.
- Operational Risk.

Risk mitigation measures shall be reviewed periodically.

57.16 Information Technology Controls

Where financial systems are computerized, appropriate controls shall include:

- User Authentication.
- Role-Based Access.
- Password Protection.
- Data Backup.
- System Audit Trails.
- Cybersecurity Measures.
- Access Monitoring.

The Association may adopt separate Information Technology Security Policies.

57.17 Financial Compliance Reviews

The Association may periodically conduct compliance reviews to evaluate adherence to:

- Financial Policies.
- Procurement Policies.
- Delegation of Authority.
- Budget Controls.
- Accounting Procedures.
- Applicable Laws.
- Audit Recommendations.

Corrective measures shall be implemented where necessary.

57.18 Reporting Irregularities

Any individual who becomes aware of suspected:

- Financial Misconduct.
- Fraud.
- Unauthorized Expenditure.
- Misappropriation.
- Internal Control Weaknesses.
- Material Financial Irregularities.

is encouraged to report the matter through the Association's designated governance or reporting mechanisms.

Reports shall be assessed fairly and confidentially where appropriate.

57.19 Periodic Review of Controls

The Governing Council shall periodically review the effectiveness of:

- Internal Controls.
- Delegation of Authority.
- Procurement Systems.
- Banking Controls.
- Financial Reporting.
- Asset Protection.
- Risk Management.
- Audit Findings.

Recommendations arising from such reviews shall support continuous improvement in financial governance.

57.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a robust internal financial control system that promotes accountability, protects organizational resources, strengthens public confidence, and supports sustainable institutional growth.

Through effective authorization procedures, prudent financial oversight, independent monitoring, risk

management, and continuous improvement, the Association shall ensure that every financial resource is administered responsibly and in furtherance of its Vision, Mission, and Objectives.

Financial Control Principle

“Strong financial controls protect more than money—they protect trust. Every financial transaction undertaken by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be authorized, documented, monitored, and reviewed in accordance with the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and responsible governance.”

Article 57 Summary

Article 57 establishes the **Internal Financial Control Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the standards governing financial delegation, segregation of duties, budgetary control, procurement, banking, cash management, asset protection, financial documentation, compliance monitoring, risk management, information technology controls, and reporting of irregularities. By implementing comprehensive internal controls and periodic governance reviews, the Association safeguards its financial resources, enhances operational efficiency, and reinforces its commitment to transparency, accountability, and institutional excellence.

PART - XI

DISCIPLINE & COMPLIANCE



ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION
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Article 59	Disciplinary Procedures
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ARTICLE 58

DISCIPLINE & COMPLIANCE *COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES*

58.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that a fair, transparent, impartial, and accessible complaints and grievance mechanism is essential for maintaining member confidence, promoting accountability, protecting organizational integrity, and ensuring good governance.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing the submission, receipt, assessment, investigation, resolution, and closure of complaints and grievances arising in connection with the affairs of the Association.

The objective of this Article is to ensure that concerns are addressed promptly, fairly, confidentially where appropriate, and in accordance with the principles of natural justice and applicable laws.

58.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Provide a fair grievance mechanism.
- b. Promote transparency.
- c. Strengthen accountability.
- d. Protect member rights.
- e. Encourage early resolution of disputes.
- f. Maintain organizational discipline.
- g. Promote ethical governance.
- h. Strengthen institutional trust.
- i. Ensure procedural fairness.
- j. Promote continuous organizational improvement.

58.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to complaints or grievances involving:

- Members.
- Office Bearers.
- Employees.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Chapter Office Bearers.
- Committee Members.
- Sector Council Members.
- Event Organizers.
- Representatives acting on behalf of the Association.

58.4 Scope of Complaints

Complaints may relate to matters including:

- Violation of the Constitution.
- Violation of these By-Laws.
- Breach of Association Policies.
- Professional Misconduct.
- Ethical Concerns.
- Abuse of Authority.
- Conflict of Interest.
- Financial Misconduct.
- Improper Behaviour.
- Membership Matters.
- Election-related administrative matters.
- Programme Administration.

- Service Delivery.
- Governance Issues.

Nothing in this Article shall prevent any person from exercising rights available under applicable law.

58.5 Who May Submit a Complaint

A complaint may be submitted by:

- A Member.
- An Office Bearer.
- An Employee.
- A Volunteer.
- A Committee.
- A Chapter.
- A Partner Organization.
- Any individual directly affected by the matter.

Anonymous complaints may be considered where they contain sufficient information to permit reasonable assessment, but the Association shall not be obliged to investigate anonymous complaints that are vague, speculative, or unsupported.

58.6 Form of Complaint

Complaints should ordinarily:

- Be submitted in writing.
- Clearly identify the issue.
- Include relevant facts.
- Provide supporting information where available.
- Identify the relief or outcome sought, where appropriate.

The Association may prescribe standard complaint forms.

58.7 Receipt & Acknowledgement

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Association shall, where reasonably practicable:

- Record the complaint.

- Acknowledge receipt.
- Assign a reference number.
- Conduct an initial assessment.

Acknowledgement of receipt does not imply acceptance of the merits of the complaint.

58.8 Preliminary Assessment

The designated authority may conduct a preliminary assessment to determine:

- Whether the complaint falls within the jurisdiction of the Association.
- Whether sufficient information has been provided.
- Whether informal resolution is appropriate.
- Whether a formal investigation is warranted.
- Whether the matter should be referred to another competent authority.

58.9 Informal Resolution

Where appropriate and with the consent of the parties where required, the Association may encourage early resolution through:

- Clarification.
- Discussion.
- Facilitation.
- Mediation.
- Voluntary settlement.

Informal resolution shall not be used where the allegations involve serious misconduct requiring formal investigation.

58.10 Formal Investigation

Where a formal investigation is warranted, the Association may appoint:

- An Investigating Officer.
- A Grievance Committee.
- An Ethics Committee.
- Another competent authority.

Investigations shall be conducted fairly, objectively, and without unreasonable delay.

58.11 Rights of the Respondent

A person against whom a complaint is made shall ordinarily be:

- Informed of the substance of the complaint.
- Given a reasonable opportunity to respond.
- Treated fairly and impartially.
- Permitted to provide supporting information.

No adverse decision shall ordinarily be made without providing an opportunity to be heard, except where immediate interim action is necessary to protect the Association or comply with applicable law.

58.12 Confidentiality

Complaints and grievance proceedings shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, be handled confidentially.

Information shall be disclosed only:

- To persons with a legitimate need to know.
- As required by law.
- As necessary for the proper conduct of the proceedings.

Confidentiality shall not prevent lawful reporting obligations.

58.13 Protection Against Retaliation

No individual shall be subjected to retaliation for making a complaint or participating in a grievance process in good faith.

This protection shall not apply to complaints that are knowingly false, malicious, or made in bad faith.

58.14 Findings & Recommendations

Following consideration of the complaint, the designated authority may:

- Dismiss the complaint.
- Recommend corrective action.
- Recommend mediation.
- Refer the matter for disciplinary proceedings.
- Recommend policy improvements.

- Take any other action authorized under these By-Laws.

Recommendations shall be based upon the available evidence and applicable Association policies.

58.15 Communication of Outcome

The parties shall ordinarily be informed of the outcome of the complaint process to the extent appropriate and consistent with:

- Privacy Rights.
- Confidentiality Obligations.
- Applicable Laws.
- Organizational Policies.

Detailed disciplinary information relating to another individual need not be disclosed unless required by law.

58.16 Record Keeping

The Association shall maintain appropriate records relating to:

- Complaints Received.
- Investigations Conducted.
- Decisions.
- Corrective Actions.
- Appeals.
- Final Outcomes.

Records shall be retained in accordance with applicable legal requirements and the Association's record retention policies.

58.17 Continuous Improvement

The Association may periodically review complaint trends to:

- Improve governance.
- Strengthen member services.
- Enhance policies.
- Reduce recurring issues.

- Improve organizational effectiveness.

Lessons learned may inform future governance reforms.

58.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining an accessible, fair, impartial, and transparent complaints and grievance system that respects the rights of all persons involved while promoting accountability, good governance, and institutional excellence.

Grievance Resolution Principle

“A fair organization provides a fair hearing. Every complaint received by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be considered objectively, respectfully, and in accordance with the principles of natural justice, transparency, and responsible governance.”

Article 58 Summary

Article 58 establishes the **Complaints & Grievances Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It provides a structured mechanism for receiving, assessing, investigating, resolving, and recording complaints while ensuring fairness, confidentiality, protection against retaliation, and compliance with the principles of natural justice. Through this framework, the Association strengthens accountability, member confidence, and institutional integrity.

ARTICLE

59

DISCIPLINE & COMPLIANCE

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

59.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that effective disciplinary procedures are essential to maintaining organizational integrity, professional standards, ethical leadership, accountability, and public confidence.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing the investigation, adjudication, and resolution of disciplinary matters arising from alleged violations of the Constitution, these By-Laws, approved policies, the Code of Ethics, the Code of Professional Conduct, or any other lawful obligations applicable to members and representatives of the Association.

The disciplinary process shall be guided by the principles of **fairness, impartiality, proportionality, consistency, confidentiality, and natural justice**.

59.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Maintain organizational discipline.
- b. Promote ethical conduct.
- c. Ensure accountability.
- d. Protect the reputation of the Association.
- e. Promote procedural fairness.
- f. Encourage voluntary compliance.
- g. Strengthen institutional governance.
- h. Protect member confidence.
- i. Promote responsible leadership.
- j. Ensure consistent disciplinary standards.

59.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to:

- National Office Bearers.
- State Office Bearers.
- District Office Bearers.
- International Chapter Leaders.
- Governing Council Members.
- Executive Committee Members.
- Members.
- Employees.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Committee Members.
- Sector Council Members.
- Any person officially representing the Association.

59.4 Grounds for Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated where there is reasonable evidence of:

- Violation of the Constitution.
- Violation of these By-Laws.
- Breach of Association Policies.
- Violation of the Code of Ethics.
- Violation of the Code of Professional Conduct.
- Financial Misconduct.
- Fraud or Misrepresentation.
- Conflict of Interest not properly disclosed.
- Abuse of Authority.

- Misuse of Association Assets.
- Unauthorized Use of the Association's Name or Logo.
- Serious Misconduct during Association Activities.
- Conduct materially prejudicial to the reputation or lawful interests of the Association.

The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

59.5 Principles of Natural Justice

Every disciplinary proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice, including:

- Fair Hearing.
- Impartial Decision-Making.
- Opportunity to Respond.
- Consideration of Relevant Evidence.
- Freedom from Bias.
- Reasoned Decision.

No disciplinary sanction shall ordinarily be imposed without giving the affected individual a reasonable opportunity to present their response, except where interim action is necessary to protect the Association or comply with applicable law.

59.6 Preliminary Assessment

Before commencing formal disciplinary proceedings, the designated authority may conduct a preliminary assessment to determine:

- Whether the allegation falls within the Association's jurisdiction.
- Whether sufficient information exists.
- Whether informal resolution is appropriate.
- Whether disciplinary proceedings should be initiated.
- Whether referral to another authority is appropriate.

59.7 Disciplinary Authority

The Governing Council may establish one or more **Disciplinary Committees** or designate an appropriate authority to administer disciplinary proceedings.

The Disciplinary Authority shall:

- Act independently.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Conduct proceedings fairly and impartially.

Members of the Disciplinary Authority shall disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

59.8 Notice of Allegations

Where formal disciplinary proceedings are initiated, the respondent shall ordinarily receive written notice containing:

- A summary of the allegations.
- The relevant provisions alleged to have been breached.
- Information regarding the disciplinary process.
- A reasonable opportunity to submit a written response.
- Details of any hearing where applicable.

59.9 Investigation

The Disciplinary Authority may:

- Review documents.
- Obtain written statements.
- Interview relevant persons.
- Examine records.
- Seek expert advice where appropriate.
- Obtain additional evidence.

Investigations shall be conducted objectively, confidentially where appropriate, and without unreasonable delay.

59.10 Interim Measures

Where reasonably necessary to protect the Association, its members, or the integrity of an investigation, the competent authority may impose interim administrative measures, including:

- Temporary suspension from specific responsibilities.
- Temporary suspension from participation in designated Association activities.
- Restriction of access to confidential information or Association systems.

Interim measures are administrative in nature and shall not be treated as a finding of misconduct.

59.11 Hearing Procedures

Where a disciplinary hearing is conducted, the respondent shall ordinarily have the opportunity to:

- Present a response.
- Submit relevant documents.
- Identify relevant witnesses where appropriate.
- Respond to material evidence relied upon by the Association.
- Make representations before a decision is reached.

Hearings may be conducted in person or through secure electronic means where appropriate.

59.12 Standard of Decision-Making

The Disciplinary Authority shall determine disciplinary matters based on the information and evidence available to it, applying the standard of proof appropriate under the Association's internal governance processes and consistent with principles of fairness.

59.13 Decisions

Following consideration of the matter, the Disciplinary Authority may:

- Dismiss the complaint.
- Issue advice or counselling.
- Issue a written warning.
- Require corrective action.
- Require additional training.
- Recommend mediation where appropriate.
- Recommend suspension.
- Recommend removal from a position held within the Association.
- Recommend termination of membership where authorized by these By-Laws.

Every decision shall include reasons sufficient to explain the outcome.

59.14 Factors to be Considered

In determining an appropriate outcome, the Disciplinary Authority may consider:

- Nature and seriousness of the conduct.
- Intent.
- Impact on the Association.
- Previous conduct.
- Cooperation during the proceedings.
- Corrective action taken.
- Any mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

Disciplinary measures shall be proportionate to the circumstances.

59.15 Implementation of Decisions

Disciplinary decisions shall be implemented by the appropriate authority in accordance with these By-Laws and any applicable governance procedures.

Implementation shall be documented appropriately.

59.16 Confidentiality

Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted with appropriate confidentiality.

Information shall be disclosed only:

- To persons with a legitimate governance role.
- Where required by applicable law.
- As necessary to implement disciplinary decisions.

Confidentiality shall be balanced with the Association's obligations relating to transparency and procedural fairness.

59.17 Record Keeping

The Association shall maintain appropriate records relating to:

- Allegations.
- Investigations.
- Hearings.
- Decisions.

- Disciplinary Measures.
- Appeals.
- Final Outcomes.

Records shall be retained in accordance with applicable laws and the Association's Record Retention Policy.

59.18 Relationship with External Proceedings

Where alleged misconduct is also the subject of proceedings before a court, regulatory authority, or other competent body, the Association may:

- Continue its internal disciplinary process.
- Suspend the internal process pending the outcome of external proceedings.
- Take any other action considered appropriate, having regard to fairness, the interests of the Association, and applicable law.

Internal disciplinary proceedings are administrative in nature and do not determine civil or criminal liability.

59.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to administering disciplinary proceedings fairly, consistently, and impartially.

By ensuring that allegations of misconduct are investigated responsibly and resolved through transparent procedures, the Association reinforces ethical leadership, protects institutional integrity, and promotes confidence among its members and stakeholders.

Disciplinary Principle

“Discipline is not intended to punish—it is intended to uphold integrity, protect the Association, and maintain public confidence. Every disciplinary decision of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be guided by fairness, proportionality, accountability, and the principles of natural justice.”

Article 59 Summary

Article 59 establishes the **Disciplinary Procedures Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the grounds for disciplinary action, investigation procedures, hearing processes, interim measures, decision-making principles, sanctions, implementation, confidentiality, and record-keeping. By embedding procedural fairness, impartiality, and proportionality into every disciplinary process, the Article ensures that organizational discipline is maintained while protecting the rights of individuals and the integrity of the Association.

ARTICLE 60

DISCIPLINE & COMPLIANCE *APPEALS*

60.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that fairness, transparency, accountability, and good governance require an appropriate mechanism for reviewing certain administrative and disciplinary decisions.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing appeals against decisions made under the Constitution, these By-Laws, or approved Association policies.

The Appeals Framework is intended to ensure that decisions are reviewed independently, objectively, and fairly while maintaining the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Association's governance processes.

Nothing in this Article limits any rights available under applicable law.

60.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Promote procedural fairness.
- b. Protect the rights of members.
- c. Strengthen accountability.
- d. Ensure consistency in decision-making.
- e. Promote transparency.
- f. Maintain confidence in governance.
- g. Correct procedural errors where appropriate.
- h. Encourage responsible administration.
- i. Protect institutional integrity.
- j. Promote good governance.

60.3 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Subject to these By-Laws and any applicable policies, appeals may be made against decisions relating to:

- Membership Decisions.
- Disciplinary Decisions.
- Suspension of Membership.
- Removal from Office.
- Committee Decisions.
- Chapter Administrative Decisions.
- Election Administration (where applicable).
- Eligibility Determinations.
- Other administrative decisions designated by the Governing Council.

Decisions expressly declared final under the Constitution or applicable law shall not be subject to appeal unless otherwise provided.

60.4 Persons Eligible to Appeal

An appeal may ordinarily be filed by:

- A Member.
- An Office Bearer.
- An Employee.
- A Volunteer.
- A Committee.
- A Chapter.
- Any person directly affected by the decision.

The appellant shall demonstrate a sufficient interest in the matter being appealed.

60.5 Grounds of Appeal

An appeal shall ordinarily be based upon one or more of the following grounds:

(a) Procedural Error

A material failure to follow the Constitution, these By-Laws, or applicable Association procedures.

(b) New Evidence

Relevant evidence that was not reasonably available during the original decision-making process and that may materially affect the outcome.

(c) Unreasonable Decision

A decision that, having regard to the available information, is alleged to be unreasonable or unsupported by the evidence considered.

(d) Conflict of Interest or Bias

A material conflict of interest or reasonable apprehension of bias affecting the original decision-making process.

An appeal shall not be used merely to re-argue matters previously considered without identifying a recognized ground of appeal.

60.6 Time for Filing an Appeal

An appeal shall ordinarily be submitted within the period prescribed by the Association's Appeal Policy or, where no period is prescribed, within a reasonable time after the appellant becomes aware of the decision.

The Appeals Authority may extend the time for filing where exceptional circumstances justify such an extension.

60.7 Form of Appeal

An appeal should ordinarily:

- Be submitted in writing.
- Identify the decision being appealed.
- State the grounds of appeal.
- Include relevant supporting documents.
- Specify the outcome sought.

The Association may prescribe standard appeal forms.

60.8 Appeals Authority

The Governing Council may establish an independent **Appeals Committee** or designate another competent authority to hear appeals.

Members of the Appeals Authority shall:

- Be impartial.
- Have no material conflict of interest.
- Not have participated in making the original decision under appeal.
- Maintain confidentiality throughout the appeal process.

60.9 Preliminary Review

Upon receipt of an appeal, the Appeals Authority may conduct a preliminary review to determine:

- Whether the appeal falls within its jurisdiction.
- Whether it has been filed within the applicable time.
- Whether the appeal discloses a recognized ground.
- Whether additional information is required.

Appeals that do not meet the minimum requirements may be declined with reasons.

60.10 Appeal Proceedings

The Appeals Authority may:

- Review the original decision.
- Consider written submissions.
- Request additional information.
- Review relevant records.
- Conduct a hearing where appropriate.
- Seek expert advice where necessary.

Appeal proceedings shall be conducted fairly and efficiently.

60.11 Hearing

Where an appeal hearing is conducted, the appellant shall ordinarily have the opportunity to:

- Present their case.
- Submit relevant documents.
- Respond to material relied upon by the Appeals Authority.

- Make written or oral representations as permitted.

Hearings may be conducted in person or through secure electronic means.

60.12 Powers of the Appeals Authority

Following consideration of the appeal, the Appeals Authority may:

- Confirm the original decision.
- Vary the original decision.
- Set aside the original decision.
- Refer the matter back for reconsideration.
- Substitute another decision permitted under these By-Laws.
- Make any other determination authorized by the Constitution or these By-Laws.

60.13 Reasons for Decision

The Appeals Authority shall ordinarily provide written reasons for its decision, identifying:

- The issues considered.
- The applicable provisions.
- The findings reached.
- The outcome of the appeal.

Reasons shall be proportionate to the nature and complexity of the matter.

60.14 Finality

Unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, these By-Laws, or applicable law, the decision of the Appeals Authority shall be final within the Association's internal governance framework.

Nothing in this Article limits any rights that may exist under applicable law.

60.15 Implementation

The appropriate Association authority shall implement the decision of the Appeals Authority without unreasonable delay.

Implementation shall be documented appropriately.

60.16 Confidentiality

Appeal proceedings shall be conducted with appropriate confidentiality.

Information shall be disclosed only:

- To persons involved in the appeal.
- Where required by applicable law.
- Where necessary to implement the decision.

Confidentiality shall be balanced with procedural fairness and transparency obligations.

60.17 Record Keeping

The Association shall maintain records relating to:

- Appeals Received.
- Supporting Documents.
- Hearings.
- Decisions.
- Reasons.
- Implementation.

Records shall be retained in accordance with applicable laws and the Association's Record Retention Policy.

60.18 Continuous Improvement

The Governing Council may periodically review appeal outcomes to:

- Improve governance.
- Strengthen decision-making.
- Enhance procedural fairness.
- Improve policies.
- Promote consistency.

Lessons learned may inform future governance reforms.

60.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to providing an independent, impartial, and transparent appeals process that protects the rights of members while reinforcing the integrity of the Association's governance framework.

Through fair review procedures and objective decision-making, the Association seeks to maintain confidence in its disciplinary and administrative processes and uphold the principles of justice, accountability, and institutional excellence.

Appeals Principle

“Fair governance includes the opportunity for fair review. Every appeal within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be considered independently, impartially, and in accordance with the principles of natural justice, ensuring that decisions are transparent, accountable, and consistent with the Constitution and these By-Laws.”

Article 60 Summary

Article 60 establishes the **Appeals Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the decisions that may be appealed, eligibility requirements, recognized grounds of appeal, appeal procedures, the powers of the Appeals Authority, confidentiality obligations, record-keeping requirements, and implementation of appeal decisions. By providing an independent and transparent review mechanism, the Article strengthens accountability, protects member rights, and reinforces confidence in the Association's governance system.

ARTICLE

61

DISCIPLINE & COMPLIANCE

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

61.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to conducting all of its activities in full compliance with the Constitution of India, applicable Central and State laws, statutory requirements, regulatory obligations, and the principles of good governance.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing legal compliance, regulatory obligations, statutory reporting, governance standards, legal risk management, and cooperation with competent authorities.

Nothing contained in this Constitution, these By-Laws, or any policy, resolution, programme, agreement, or activity of the Association shall authorize or permit any act that is unlawful or contrary to applicable legislation.

61.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.
- b. Promote lawful governance.
- c. Protect the Association from legal risks.
- d. Strengthen institutional credibility.
- e. Promote responsible administration.
- f. Ensure regulatory compliance.
- g. Encourage ethical organizational practices.
- h. Strengthen stakeholder confidence.
- i. Promote accountability.
- j. Support sustainable institutional development.

61.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters operating under the Association.
- Governing Council.
- Executive Committee.
- Sector Councils.
- Committees.
- Office Bearers.
- Members.
- Employees.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Advisors.
- Contractors.
- Any individual acting on behalf of the Association.

Every person representing the Association shall comply with applicable laws while performing Association responsibilities.

61.4 General Duty to Comply

Every Office Bearer, Member, Employee, Volunteer, and Representative shall:

- Comply with applicable laws.
- Comply with statutory obligations.
- Comply with regulatory requirements.
- Comply with lawful government directions.
- Comply with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

- Act honestly and responsibly.

No individual shall knowingly participate in unlawful conduct on behalf of the Association.

61.5 Compliance with Organizational Documents

Every person acting on behalf of the Association shall comply with:

- The Constitution.
- These By-Laws.
- Approved Policies.
- Governing Council Resolutions.
- Financial Policies.
- Codes of Ethics.
- Codes of Professional Conduct.
- Lawfully issued administrative directions.

Where any internal document conflicts with applicable law, the applicable law shall prevail.

61.6 Statutory Compliance

The Association shall take reasonable measures to comply with applicable statutory obligations, including, where relevant:

- Registration requirements.
- Financial reporting obligations.
- Taxation requirements.
- Labour and employment laws.
- Contractual obligations.
- Intellectual property laws.
- Data protection and privacy laws.
- Other legal requirements applicable to the Association's activities.

The Association shall maintain appropriate records to support compliance.

61.7 Regulatory Compliance

The Association shall cooperate with competent regulatory authorities and comply with applicable regulatory requirements relevant to its lawful activities.

Regulatory compliance shall include:

- Timely statutory filings where required.
- Maintenance of required records.
- Compliance with lawful inspections.
- Submission of information where legally required.
- Adherence to applicable regulatory standards.

61.8 International Activities

Where the Association conducts activities outside India or through International Chapters, those activities shall, in addition to complying with the Constitution and these By-Laws, comply with the applicable laws of the relevant jurisdiction.

International Chapters shall not undertake activities that would place the Association in violation of applicable Indian law or the laws of the country in which they operate.

61.9 Contracts & Legal Commitments

Only individuals authorized by the Governing Council or other competent authority may enter into contracts, agreements, or legal commitments on behalf of the Association.

Every contract shall:

- Serve a lawful organizational purpose.
- Be properly authorized.
- Be appropriately documented.
- Comply with applicable laws.
- Protect the interests of the Association.

Unauthorized commitments shall not bind the Association unless subsequently ratified by the competent authority.

61.10 Legal Risk Management

The Association shall take reasonable measures to identify, assess, and manage legal risks arising from:

- Governance Activities.
- Financial Transactions.
- Contracts.
- Employment Matters.
- Intellectual Property.
- Publications.
- Events.
- Digital Operations.
- International Activities.
- Partnerships.

Appropriate legal advice may be obtained where necessary.

61.11 Cooperation with Authorities

The Association shall cooperate with competent governmental, judicial, regulatory, or law enforcement authorities where required by applicable law.

Such cooperation shall be conducted lawfully while respecting:

- Privacy Rights.
- Confidentiality Obligations.
- Due Process.
- Legitimate Legal Privilege where applicable.

61.12 Legal Representation

The Governing Council may authorize legal representatives to:

- Advise the Association.
- Represent the Association.
- Conduct legal proceedings.
- Defend legal claims.
- Negotiate settlements where appropriate.

Legal representation shall be authorized in accordance with approved governance procedures.

61.13 Compliance Training

The Association may organize:

- Legal Awareness Programmes.
- Governance Training.
- Compliance Workshops.
- Ethics Programmes.
- Risk Management Training.
- Leadership Orientation.

Training shall promote awareness of legal responsibilities and good governance practices.

61.14 Monitoring & Compliance Reviews

The Governing Council may periodically review:

- Legal Compliance.
- Regulatory Compliance.
- Governance Practices.
- Internal Policies.
- Risk Management.
- Statutory Reporting.
- Compliance Performance.

Recommendations shall support continuous organizational improvement.

61.15 Reporting Legal Concerns

Any member who becomes aware of a material legal or regulatory concern affecting the Association is encouraged to report the matter through the Association's established governance or reporting mechanisms.

Reports shall be considered responsibly, confidentially where appropriate, and in accordance with applicable law.

61.16 Corrective Action

Where non-compliance is identified, the Association may take appropriate corrective measures including:

- Policy Improvements.
- Administrative Action.
- Additional Training.
- Governance Reforms.
- Financial Corrections.
- Disciplinary Proceedings where appropriate.
- Other lawful remedial measures.

Corrective action shall be proportionate to the circumstances.

61.17 Relationship with Applicable Laws

Nothing contained in:

- The Constitution.
- These By-Laws.
- Association Policies.
- Governing Council Resolutions.
- Administrative Decisions.
- Agreements.

shall authorize any activity contrary to applicable law.

Where a provision of these By-Laws is found to be inconsistent with applicable law, that provision shall be interpreted, modified, or applied to the minimum extent necessary to achieve compliance, and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

61.18 Good Governance Commitment

The Association shall promote internationally recognized principles of good governance including:

- Accountability.
- Transparency.
- Integrity.
- Rule of Law.
- Participation.

- Fairness.
- Responsible Leadership.
- Ethical Decision-Making.
- Financial Responsibility.

These principles shall guide all governance activities.

61.19 Periodic Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review:

- Changes in Applicable Laws.
- Regulatory Developments.
- Governance Standards.
- Organizational Policies.
- Legal Risks.
- Compliance Systems.

Necessary amendments to policies or procedures may be recommended to ensure ongoing legal compliance.

61.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) affirms its commitment to operating as a responsible, transparent, ethical, and law-abiding organization.

Every member, Office Bearer, employee, volunteer, and representative shares responsibility for ensuring that the Association's activities remain fully consistent with applicable laws, good governance principles, and the highest standards of professional and institutional conduct.

Compliance Principle

“The rule of law is the foundation of responsible governance. Every activity undertaken by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall comply with applicable laws, uphold ethical standards, respect regulatory obligations, and strengthen public confidence through transparency, accountability, and integrity.”

Article 61 Summary

Article 61 establishes the **Compliance with Applicable Laws Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the Association's commitment to legal compliance, statutory and regulatory obligations, governance standards, legal risk management, authorized contracting, international operations, cooperation with competent authorities, corrective action, and continuous compliance monitoring. By ensuring that all organizational activities are conducted within the framework of applicable laws and recognized principles of good governance, this Article safeguards the Association's integrity, credibility, and long-term sustainability.

PART - XII

LEGAL PROVISIONS

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ARTICLE

62

LEGAL PROVISIONS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

62.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that its intellectual property constitutes a valuable organizational asset developed through the collective efforts of its members, office bearers, employees, volunteers, advisors, contributors, and partners.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing the ownership, protection, use, licensing, reproduction, publication, and enforcement of the Association's intellectual property rights.

The Association is committed to respecting the intellectual property rights of others while protecting its own intellectual assets in accordance with applicable laws.

62.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Protect the Association's intellectual property.
- b. Promote responsible use of organizational materials.
- c. Safeguard the Association's identity and reputation.
- d. Encourage innovation and creativity.
- e. Protect publications and educational materials.
- f. Promote lawful use of copyrighted works.
- g. Strengthen brand protection.
- h. Protect research outputs.
- i. Encourage ethical collaboration.
- j. Ensure compliance with applicable intellectual property laws.

62.3 Ownership of Intellectual Property

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all intellectual property created, commissioned, developed, or acquired by or for the Association in connection with its official activities shall belong to the

Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

This includes intellectual property developed through:

- Official Committees.
- Working Groups.
- Employees.
- Consultants.
- Contractors.
- Volunteers acting within the scope of authorized Association activities.

Nothing in this Article affects the moral rights of authors where recognized under applicable law.

62.4 Association Intellectual Property

The Association's intellectual property may include:

- Official Name.
- Registered or Unregistered Logos.
- Emblems.
- Trademarks.
- Service Marks.
- Taglines.
- Publications.
- Training Manuals.
- Research Reports.
- Business Directories.
- Policy Papers.
- Digital Content.
- Websites.
- Mobile Applications.
- Software developed by or for the Association.
- Educational Resources.

- Videos.
- Photographs.
- Graphic Designs.
- Databases.
- Event Branding.
- Certificates.
- Awards Designs.
- Membership Materials.

The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

62.5 Copyright

Copyright in original works created by or for the Association shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing, belong to the Association subject to applicable law.

Copyright protection may apply to:

- Books.
- Manuals.
- Newsletters.
- Research Publications.
- Reports.
- Articles.
- Training Materials.
- Conference Proceedings.
- Presentations.
- Website Content.
- Audio-Visual Materials.
- Marketing Materials.

62.6 Trademarks & Branding

The Association shall take reasonable measures to protect its:

- Name.
- Logo.
- Brand Identity.
- Taglines.
- Event Names.
- Publication Titles.
- Digital Branding.

Unauthorized use, imitation, alteration, or commercial exploitation of the Association's branding is prohibited.

62.7 Authorized Use

The Association may authorize the use of its intellectual property by:

- National Headquarters.
- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.
- Approved Partners.
- Sponsors (where applicable).
- Educational Institutions.
- Event Organizers.
- Contractors.

Authorization may be subject to written conditions and may be revoked in accordance with applicable agreements.

62.8 Prohibited Use

No person shall, without appropriate authorization:

- Reproduce official publications for commercial purposes.
- Use the Association's logo in a misleading manner.
- Modify official branding.

- Sell Association materials without permission.
- Claim ownership of Association intellectual property.
- Register confusingly similar branding intended to misrepresent an affiliation with the Association.

Nothing in this clause prevents fair dealing or other uses permitted under applicable law.

62.9 Member Contributions

Where members voluntarily contribute articles, research, photographs, presentations, or other original works for Association publications, the ownership and permitted use of such contributions shall be governed by the applicable submission terms or written agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed, contributors retain ownership of their original works while granting the Association a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, publish, distribute, and archive the contributed material for lawful Association purposes.

62.10 Research & Publications

Intellectual property arising from Association-sponsored research, conferences, seminars, workshops, and publications shall be managed in accordance with:

- Publication Policies.
- Research Policies.
- Contributor Agreements.
- Applicable Intellectual Property Laws.

Appropriate acknowledgment shall be given to contributors where applicable.

62.11 Digital Content

The Association's digital content shall be protected, including:

- Website Content.
- Digital Publications.
- Online Courses.
- Member Portals.
- Databases.
- Videos.
- Podcasts.

- Learning Materials.
- Mobile Applications.

Unauthorized downloading, copying, distribution, or commercial use beyond permissions granted by law or the Association is prohibited.

62.12 Third-Party Intellectual Property

The Association shall respect the intellectual property rights of third parties.

No publication, website, training material, presentation, or promotional material shall knowingly infringe the copyright, trademark, patent, design, or other intellectual property rights of another person or organization.

Appropriate permissions shall be obtained where required.

62.13 Licensing

The Association may grant licenses permitting the use of its intellectual property for:

- Educational Purposes.
- Conferences.
- Research.
- Chapter Activities.
- Publications.
- Joint Programmes.
- Collaborative Projects.

Licenses shall ordinarily be documented in writing and specify the scope, duration, and conditions of use.

62.14 Enforcement

Where the Association becomes aware of unauthorized use or infringement of its intellectual property, it may take appropriate administrative or legal action in accordance with applicable law to protect its rights.

Any enforcement action shall be proportionate to the circumstances and consistent with the Association's governance principles.

62.15 Record Keeping

The Association may maintain appropriate records relating to:

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LEGAL PROVISIONS *DATA PRIVACY & INFORMATION SECURITY*

- Copyright Registrations (where applicable).
- Trademark Registrations (where applicable).
- Licenses Granted.
- Contributor Agreements.
- Intellectual Property Assets.
- Branding Guidelines.

Such records shall support the effective management and protection of the Association's intellectual property.

62.16 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to fostering innovation, encouraging knowledge creation, and protecting the intellectual property that supports its educational, professional, research, and organizational activities.

Through responsible stewardship of intellectual property, the Association seeks to preserve its institutional identity, encourage collaboration, and ensure that its publications, educational resources, research outputs, and branding continue to benefit its members and society while respecting the rights of others.

Intellectual Property Principle

“Knowledge and creativity are valuable organizational assets. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall respect the intellectual property rights of others while protecting its own publications, research, educational resources, branding, and innovations through lawful, ethical, and responsible stewardship.”

Article 62 Summary

Article 62 establishes the **Intellectual Property Rights Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines ownership, protection, licensing, authorized use, contributor rights, digital content management, respect for third-party intellectual property,

and enforcement mechanisms relating to the Association's intellectual assets. By safeguarding its intellectual property while promoting lawful collaboration and innovation, the Association strengthens its institutional identity, protects its knowledge resources, and supports sustainable organizational growth.

63.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that the responsible collection, use, storage, processing, protection, and disposal of information are fundamental to maintaining the trust of its members, partners, employees, sponsors, government agencies, educational institutions, and other stakeholders.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the governance framework governing **data privacy, information security, cybersecurity, digital records management, access control, and responsible information handling** throughout the Association.

The Association shall manage personal information and organizational data responsibly and in accordance with applicable laws relating to privacy, information technology, electronic communications, cybersecurity, and data protection.

63.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Protect personal information.
- b. Strengthen cybersecurity.
- c. Protect confidential organizational data.
- d. Promote responsible information management.
- e. Ensure lawful collection and use of information.
- f. Maintain stakeholder confidence.
- g. Protect digital infrastructure.
- h. Promote secure digital transformation.
- i. Minimize information security risks.
- j. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.

63.3 Applicability

This Article shall apply to:

- National Headquarters.

- State Chapters.
- District Chapters.
- International Chapters.
- Governing Council.
- Executive Committee.
- Office Bearers.
- Employees.
- Members.
- Volunteers.
- Consultants.
- Contractors.
- Advisors.
- Committees.
- Sector Councils.
- Any individual authorized to access the Association's information systems.

63.4 Information Covered

Information protected under this Article may include:

- Member Records.
- Employee Records.
- Volunteer Records.
- Financial Information.
- Research Data.
- Business Information.
- Meeting Records.
- Membership Databases.
- Digital Documents.
- Contracts.

- Publications.
- Intellectual Property.
- Event Registration Data.
- Training Records.
- Communication Records.
- Digital Credentials.

The above list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

63.5 Collection of Information

The Association shall collect information only where reasonably necessary for lawful organizational purposes, including:

- Membership Administration.
- Event Management.
- Training Programmes.
- Research Activities.
- Publications.
- Financial Administration.
- Communication.
- Governance.
- Legal Compliance.

Information shall be collected through lawful and fair means.

63.6 Lawful Use of Information

Information collected by the Association shall be used only for legitimate organizational purposes consistent with:

- The Association's Vision and Mission.
- Applicable Laws.
- Approved Policies.
- Member Services.

- Programme Administration.
- Governance Activities.

Information shall not be used for unauthorized personal or commercial purposes.

63.7 Data Accuracy

The Association shall take reasonable measures to ensure that information maintained in its systems is:

- Accurate.
- Relevant.
- Complete where reasonably practicable.
- Updated when necessary.

Members are encouraged to notify the Association of material changes to their information.

63.8 Access Control

Access to information shall be restricted to authorized individuals based upon:

- Official Responsibilities.
- Operational Requirements.
- Governance Needs.
- Security Clearance where applicable.
- Lawful Authorization.

Role-based access controls may be implemented where appropriate.

63.9 Information Security

The Association shall take reasonable administrative, technical, and organizational measures to protect information against:

- Unauthorized Access.
- Unauthorized Disclosure.
- Loss.
- Theft.
- Alteration.

- Destruction.
- Cybersecurity Threats.
- Malware.
- Data Corruption.

Information security measures shall be proportionate to the nature and sensitivity of the information.

63.10 Electronic Systems

The Association may maintain secure electronic systems including:

- Membership Management Systems.
- Accounting Systems.
- Email Platforms.
- Cloud Storage.
- Learning Management Systems.
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Platforms.
- Digital Libraries.
- Online Registration Systems.

Electronic systems shall be managed responsibly and monitored appropriately.

63.11 Password & User Account Security

Users of Association information systems shall:

- Maintain secure passwords.
- Protect login credentials.
- Avoid unauthorized account sharing.
- Report suspected unauthorized access promptly.
- Follow approved cybersecurity procedures.

Individual users are responsible for protecting their authorized access credentials.

63.12 Data Sharing

Information may be shared only:

- With authorized personnel.

- With service providers engaged by the Association where appropriate safeguards exist.
- With competent authorities where required by law.
- With the consent of the affected individual where required.
- As otherwise permitted by applicable law.

Only the minimum information reasonably necessary shall be disclosed.

63.13 Data Retention

Information shall be retained only for:

- The period required by applicable law.
- The Association's operational requirements.
- Approved Record Retention Policies.
- Governance requirements.

Information no longer required shall be securely archived or disposed of in accordance with approved procedures.

63.14 Information Security Incidents

Any individual who becomes aware of:

- Unauthorized Access.
- Data Loss.
- Cybersecurity Incidents.
- Malware Attacks.
- Information Theft.
- Unauthorized Disclosure.
- Digital Security Weaknesses.

shall promptly report the matter through the Association's designated reporting mechanisms.

The Association shall take appropriate measures to assess, contain, investigate, and respond to reported incidents.

63.15 Third-Party Service Providers

Where the Association engages third-party service providers to process or manage information on its behalf, reasonable contractual and organizational safeguards shall be implemented to protect

information and ensure compliance with applicable legal obligations.

63.16 Training & Awareness

The Association may conduct:

- Cybersecurity Awareness Programmes.
- Privacy Training.
- Digital Governance Workshops.
- Information Security Orientation.
- Leadership Training.
- Data Management Programmes.

Education shall promote responsible handling of information across all organizational levels.

63.17 Monitoring & Review

The Governing Council may periodically review:

- Information Security Controls.
- Cybersecurity Risks.
- Privacy Practices.
- Digital Governance Policies.
- Data Retention Procedures.
- Technology Infrastructure.
- Compliance with Applicable Laws.

Recommendations shall support continuous improvement.

63.18 Relationship with Confidentiality

This Article shall be read together with **Article 52 (Confidentiality)**.

Where information is both confidential and subject to privacy obligations, both Articles shall apply to the extent consistent with applicable law.

63.19 Compliance with Applicable Laws

All information management activities undertaken by the Association shall comply with applicable laws relating to:

- Privacy.
- Information Technology.
- Electronic Records.
- Cybersecurity.
- Intellectual Property.
- Digital Communications.
- Other relevant legal obligations.

Where legal requirements change, the Association shall take reasonable steps to update its policies and practices accordingly.

63.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to protecting the privacy of its members and stakeholders while maintaining secure, reliable, and resilient information systems.

Through responsible information governance, strong cybersecurity practices, and lawful data management, the Association seeks to safeguard personal information, strengthen digital trust, and support its mission as a modern, technology-enabled, membership-based professional organization.

Information Security Principle

“Information is one of the Association’s most valuable assets. Every member, Office Bearer, employee, volunteer, and representative of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shares responsibility for protecting personal information, organizational data, and digital systems through lawful, secure, and ethical information management.”

Article 63 Summary

Article 63 establishes the **Data Privacy & Information Security Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It governs the lawful collection, processing, storage, protection, sharing, retention, and disposal of personal and organizational information while establishing standards for cybersecurity, digital systems, access controls, incident reporting, third-party data processing, and compliance with applicable laws. Through these measures, the Association strengthens digital governance, protects stakeholder trust, and promotes responsible information management in an increasingly technology-driven environment.

ARTICLE

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LEGAL PROVISIONS

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

64.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes the importance of clearly defining the legal responsibilities of the Association, its Office Bearers, members, employees, volunteers, committees, advisors, and representatives while ensuring that the Association continues to operate responsibly, ethically, and in compliance with applicable laws.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework governing the limitation of liability applicable to the Association and persons acting on its behalf.

Nothing contained in this Article shall exclude or limit any liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited under applicable law.

64.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Define organizational responsibility.
- b. Protect individuals acting in good faith.
- c. Promote responsible governance.
- d. Clarify legal accountability.
- e. Reduce unnecessary legal exposure.
- f. Encourage responsible decision-making.
- g. Protect volunteers and Office Bearers.
- h. Promote prudent risk management.
- i. Strengthen institutional stability.
- j. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.

64.3 Good Faith Protection

No Office Bearer, Member, Employee, Volunteer, Committee Member, Advisor, Consultant, or authorized representative of the Association shall incur personal liability for any act or omission performed honestly, reasonably, and in good faith while acting within the scope of their authorized responsibilities.

This protection shall not extend to conduct involving:

- Fraud.
- Wilful Misconduct.
- Gross Negligence.
- Criminal Conduct.
- Corruption.
- Deliberate Breach of Law.
- Abuse of Authority.

64.4 Organizational Liability

The Association shall be responsible only for those obligations lawfully incurred through authorized decisions, agreements, or activities undertaken on behalf of the Association.

No individual shall bind the Association unless acting within duly authorized powers.

Unauthorized commitments shall not automatically create liability for the Association unless subsequently approved or ratified by the competent authority.

64.5 Volunteer Protection

Volunteers acting in good faith and within the scope of their authorized responsibilities shall not ordinarily be personally liable for losses arising from lawful Association activities.

This protection shall not apply where the loss results from:

- Intentional Misconduct.
- Fraud.
- Criminal Acts.
- Gross Negligence.
- Deliberate Violation of Law.

64.6 Office Bearers

Office Bearers shall exercise:

- Reasonable Care.
- Skill.
- Diligence.
- Integrity.
- Good Faith.

Where these duties are fulfilled, Office Bearers shall not ordinarily be personally liable for decisions made collectively or individually within the scope of their lawful authority.

64.7 Professional Advice

The Association may provide:

- Educational Information.
- Business Knowledge Sharing.
- Research Publications.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Workshops.
- Conferences.
- Professional Forums.
- Business Support Services.

Unless expressly stated otherwise in writing, such activities are intended for general informational and educational purposes only and shall not constitute legal, taxation, accounting, financial, investment, immigration, engineering, medical, or other regulated professional advice.

Members and participants should obtain independent professional advice appropriate to their individual circumstances where necessary.

64.8 Third-Party Services

The Association may facilitate introductions, networking, collaborations, referrals, exhibitions, trade opportunities, business matchmaking, educational opportunities, and professional connections among members and external organizations.

Unless expressly agreed in writing, the Association is not a party to agreements entered into between

members or between members and third parties and shall not be responsible for the performance, quality, legality, or outcomes of such independent arrangements.

64.9 Events

Participants attending conferences, seminars, workshops, trade shows, exhibitions, business forums, CEO roundtables, networking events, delegations, and other Association programmes participate at their own responsibility.

The Association shall take reasonable measures to organize events responsibly but shall not be liable for circumstances beyond its reasonable control or for risks inherent in participation, except to the extent liability cannot lawfully be excluded.

64.10 Digital Platforms

The Association may provide:

- Websites.
- Member Portals.
- Mobile Applications.
- Online Learning Platforms.
- Digital Libraries.
- CRM Systems.
- Business Directories.
- Online Forums.

While reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure system reliability and security, the Association does not guarantee uninterrupted or error-free availability and shall not be responsible for interruptions caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

64.11 Publications

The Association's publications, newsletters, research papers, journals, business directories, reports, articles, and educational materials are prepared in good faith using information believed to be reliable at the time of publication.

The Association does not warrant that every publication will remain complete, current, or applicable to every circumstance.

Users should exercise independent judgment and obtain professional advice where appropriate.

64.12 External Websites

The Association may provide references or links to external websites, organizations, publications, or digital resources.

Such references are provided for convenience and informational purposes only.

Unless expressly stated, the Association does not control or endorse the content, policies, services, or products of third-party websites or organizations.

64.13 Force Majeure

The Association shall not be liable for failure or delay in performing its obligations where such failure results from events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to:

- Natural Disasters.
- Fire.
- Flood.
- Pandemic.
- Epidemic.
- War.
- Civil Disturbance.
- Government Restrictions.
- Cybersecurity Incidents.
- Failure of Public Utilities.
- Other unforeseen circumstances beyond reasonable control.

The Association shall take reasonable steps to minimize the impact of such events where practicable.

64.14 Indemnification

Subject to applicable law and any approved indemnification policy, the Association may indemnify its Office Bearers, Committee Members, Employees, and Volunteers against reasonable costs and liabilities incurred while acting honestly, in good faith, and within the scope of their authorized responsibilities.

No indemnification shall apply in respect of fraud, wilful misconduct, criminal conduct, or gross negligence.

64.15 Insurance

The Governing Council may obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the Association, including coverage relating to:

- Property.
- Events.
- Public Liability.
- Professional Activities.
- Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability.
- Cybersecurity Risks.
- Other organizational risks.

The existence or absence of insurance shall not alter legal responsibilities established by applicable law.

64.16 Limitation

Nothing contained in this Article shall:

- Exclude liability prohibited by applicable law.
- Prevent lawful disciplinary action.
- Restrict statutory rights.
- Prevent compliance with lawful orders of competent authorities.
- Limit obligations arising from fraud, criminal conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

Applicable law shall prevail where inconsistent with these By-Laws.

64.17 Risk Management

The Association shall maintain appropriate risk management practices, including:

- Governance Controls.
- Financial Controls.
- Cybersecurity Measures.
- Legal Compliance.
- Event Risk Assessments.

- Insurance Review.
- Internal Policies.

Risk management supports, but does not eliminate, organizational risk.

64.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to conducting all of its activities responsibly, transparently, and lawfully while protecting the legitimate interests of the Association, its members, volunteers, Office Bearers, employees, and stakeholders.

Through prudent governance, responsible decision-making, effective risk management, and respect for applicable laws, the Association seeks to minimize legal risks while encouraging leadership, innovation, collaboration, and public service.

Liability Principle

“Responsible governance requires both accountability and protection. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall encourage leadership undertaken in good faith while ensuring that every person remains accountable for unlawful conduct, fraud, wilful misconduct, or actions taken beyond the authority granted by the Association or applicable law.”

Article 64 Summary

Article 64 establishes the **Limitation of Liability Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the legal responsibilities of the Association, its Office Bearers, members, volunteers, committees, employees, and representatives while providing appropriate protection for those acting honestly, in good faith, and within the scope of their authorized duties. The Article also addresses organizational liability, volunteer protection, professional information disclaimers, third-party services, event participation, digital platforms, force majeure, indemnification, insurance, and risk management, while preserving liabilities that cannot lawfully be excluded under applicable Indian law.

ARTICLE

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LEGAL PROVISIONS *AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS*

65.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that its By-Laws constitute the principal governance framework governing the administration, operations, rights, responsibilities, and functioning of the Association.

As the Association continues to expand nationally and internationally, its By-Laws shall remain capable of responding to changes in legislation, governance practices, technology, organizational growth, and the evolving needs of its members.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the procedures governing the proposal, review, approval, adoption, publication, and implementation of amendments to these By-Laws while preserving institutional stability, transparency, democratic participation, and legal compliance.

65.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Maintain an effective governance framework.
- b. Promote democratic decision-making.
- c. Ensure legal compliance.
- d. Strengthen organizational adaptability.
- e. Preserve institutional continuity.
- f. Promote transparency.
- g. Encourage member participation.
- h. Maintain governance consistency.
- i. Support continuous organizational improvement.
- j. Protect the long-term interests of the Association.

65.3 Authority to Amend

The authority to amend these By-Laws shall vest in the **General Body**, acting upon the recommendation of the **Governing Council**, in accordance with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

No individual Office Bearer, Committee, Chapter, Employee, or Member shall independently alter, suspend, or repeal any provision of these By-Laws.

65.4 Persons Entitled to Propose Amendments

Amendments may be proposed by:

- The Governing Council.
- The Executive Committee.
- The National President.
- The Secretary General.
- The Constitution & Governance Committee.
- Any Standing Committee authorized by the Governing Council.
- Any State Chapter through a duly passed resolution.
- Any International Chapter through a duly passed resolution.
- A prescribed number of eligible voting members as determined by the Constitution.

Every proposal shall be submitted in writing together with a statement of reasons.

65.5 Form of Amendment Proposal

Every amendment proposal shall ordinarily contain:

- Existing Provision.
- Proposed New Provision.
- Purpose of the Amendment.
- Reasons supporting the Amendment.
- Governance Impact.
- Financial Implications (if any).
- Administrative Implications.
- Proposed Effective Date.

The Association may prescribe a standard amendment submission format.

65.6 Preliminary Review

Every proposed amendment shall ordinarily undergo review by the **Constitution & Governance Committee**, or another committee designated by the Governing Council.

The review may consider:

- Consistency with the Constitution.
- Compliance with applicable laws.
- Governance implications.
- Financial implications.
- Administrative feasibility.
- Consistency with the Vision and Mission of the Association.
- Impact on Members and Chapters.

The reviewing authority may recommend approval, modification, deferment, or rejection.

65.7 Legal Review

Where appropriate, proposed amendments may be referred to the Association's Legal Advisor or another qualified professional for review to ensure compliance with applicable laws and governance principles.

The legal review shall be advisory in nature unless otherwise required by law.

65.8 Notice of Proposed Amendments

Reasonable notice of every proposed amendment shall be provided to eligible voting members before the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

The notice may include:

- Text of the proposed amendment.
- Existing provision.
- Reasons for the amendment.
- Committee recommendations.
- Date, time, and place of consideration.
- Voting procedures.

Members shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the proposal before voting.

65.9 Approval Procedure

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be approved only in accordance with the voting requirements prescribed by the Constitution.

The voting process shall:

- Be transparent.
- Be properly recorded.
- Comply with approved governance procedures.
- Respect the rights of eligible voting members.

Voting may be conducted in person, electronically, or through any other method authorized by the Governing Council and consistent with the Constitution.

65.10 Effective Date

Unless otherwise specified in the approving resolution, an amendment shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Where implementation requires operational preparation, training, technological changes, or administrative arrangements, the approving authority may specify a future commencement date.

65.11 Editorial Corrections

The Governing Council may authorize minor editorial corrections that do not alter the legal meaning or substantive effect of these By-Laws, including:

- Typographical Corrections.
- Formatting Improvements.
- Numbering Adjustments.
- Cross-Reference Updates.
- Grammar Corrections.
- Citation Updates.

Such editorial changes shall not constitute amendments requiring member approval.

65.12 Register of Amendments

The Association shall maintain an official **Register of Amendments** containing:

- Amendment Number.

- Article Amended.
- Summary of Amendment.
- Date of Approval.
- Effective Date.
- Approving Authority.
- Reference Number.

The Register shall form part of the permanent governance records of the Association.

65.13 Publication of Amendments

Following approval, amendments shall be:

- Incorporated into the official By-Laws.
- Published through appropriate Association channels.
- Communicated to all Chapters.
- Made available to Members through the official website or member portal where appropriate.

The Association may periodically publish consolidated editions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

65.14 Transitional Implementation

Where an amendment materially affects governance, membership, financial administration, elections, committees, or organizational structures, the Governing Council may adopt reasonable transitional measures to facilitate orderly implementation.

Such transitional measures shall remain consistent with the Constitution and applicable laws.

65.15 Periodic Governance Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review these By-Laws to ensure they remain:

- Legally Compliant.
- Operationally Effective.
- Financially Sustainable.
- Consistent with International Best Practices.
- Responsive to Organizational Growth.
- Supportive of the Association's Vision and Mission.

Recommendations for future amendments may arise from such reviews.

65.16 Preservation of Constitutional Supremacy

No amendment to these By-Laws shall:

- Contradict the Constitution.
- Authorize unlawful activities.
- Diminish fundamental governance principles established by the Constitution.

Where inconsistency arises, the Constitution shall prevail.

65.17 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining By-Laws that reflect modern governance practices, democratic participation, legal compliance, institutional stability, and organizational excellence.

The amendment process shall remain transparent, structured, inclusive, and focused on strengthening the Association while preserving its founding Vision, Mission, Objectives, and values.

Governance Evolution Principle

“Strong organizations continuously improve their governance while remaining faithful to their founding principles. Every amendment to the By-Laws of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall strengthen transparency, accountability, legal compliance, democratic participation, and the long-term sustainability of the Association.”

Article 65 Summary

Article 65 establishes the **Amendment Framework for the By-Laws** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It governs the proposal, review, legal assessment, approval, publication, implementation, and recording of amendments while preserving constitutional supremacy, democratic governance, and legal compliance. By providing a structured and transparent amendment process, this Article ensures that the Association’s governance framework remains responsive to future organizational growth while safeguarding institutional continuity and integrity.

ARTICLE

66

LEGAL PROVISIONS

INTERPRETATION & SAVING CLAUSE

66.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that the effective administration of its Constitution and By-Laws requires clear principles governing their interpretation, application, and legal effect.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the framework for interpreting the Constitution and these By-Laws, resolving ambiguities, preserving the validity of lawful provisions, ensuring continuity of governance, and safeguarding the Association against unintended legal uncertainty.

This Article shall promote consistency, legal certainty, institutional stability, and compliance with applicable laws while preserving the Vision, Mission, Objectives, and founding principles of the Association.

66.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Promote consistent interpretation.
- b. Preserve institutional continuity.
- c. Ensure legal certainty.
- d. Protect the validity of lawful provisions.
- e. Support effective governance.
- f. Prevent unnecessary legal disputes.
- g. Promote constitutional consistency.
- h. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.
- i. Protect members' rights.
- j. Strengthen long-term institutional stability.

66.3 Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- Words importing one gender shall include all genders.
- References to a person include natural persons, bodies corporate, associations, institutions, and other legal entities where applicable.
- Headings and titles are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of these By-Laws.
- References to Articles refer to Articles of these By-Laws unless otherwise stated.

66.4 Governing Documents

The governance documents of the Association shall be interpreted in the following order of precedence:

1. Applicable Laws.
2. Constitution of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).
3. These By-Laws.
4. Policies approved by the Governing Council.
5. Rules, Procedures, Guidelines, and Administrative Directives.

Where inconsistency exists, the higher-ranking document shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

66.5 Good Faith Interpretation

Every provision of these By-Laws shall be interpreted:

- Reasonably.
- In Good Faith.
- Consistently with the Vision and Mission of the Association.
- In a manner that promotes effective governance.
- In accordance with applicable laws.

Interpretation shall seek to preserve, rather than defeat, the lawful purposes of the Association.

66.6 Powers of Interpretation

Where uncertainty, ambiguity, or inconsistency arises in the interpretation of these By-Laws, the

Governing Council may issue an official interpretation, subject to:

- The Constitution.
- Applicable Laws.
- Any subsequent amendment approved in accordance with these By-Laws.

Interpretations issued by the Governing Council shall be recorded and communicated appropriately.

66.7 Reference to Applicable Laws

References to any law, regulation, statute, rule, or governmental requirement shall include:

- Amendments.
- Replacements.
- Re-enactments.
- Successor legislation.

unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

66.8 Saving Clause

If any provision of these By-Laws is declared invalid, unlawful, unenforceable, or ineffective by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of applicable law:

- Such invalidity shall affect only the specific provision declared invalid.
- The remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- The Association shall take reasonable steps to amend the affected provision at the earliest appropriate opportunity.

66.9 Partial Invalidity

Where only part of a provision is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining part shall continue to operate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

The invalid portion shall be interpreted or modified only to the minimum extent necessary to achieve legal compliance.

66.10 Continuity of Decisions

The invalidity or amendment of any provision shall not automatically invalidate:

- Previous Decisions.

- Elections.
- Appointments.
- Membership Decisions.
- Contracts.
- Financial Transactions.
- Committee Actions.
- Lawful Administrative Decisions.

provided such actions were lawfully undertaken under the governing documents in force at the relevant time.

66.11 Existing Policies

Policies, rules, procedures, manuals, guidelines, standing orders, and administrative directions approved before the adoption of these By-Laws shall continue to remain in force to the extent that they are:

- Consistent with these By-Laws.
- Consistent with the Constitution.
- Consistent with applicable laws.

Any inconsistency shall be resolved in accordance with the hierarchy established in Article 66.4.

66.12 Waiver

Failure by the Association to enforce any provision of these By-Laws on a particular occasion shall not constitute:

- A waiver of that provision.
- A permanent relaxation of that requirement.
- A limitation upon future enforcement.

Any waiver shall require express authorization by the competent authority where appropriate.

66.13 Relationship with Other Agreements

Nothing contained in these By-Laws shall automatically override:

- Lawful Contracts.
- Memoranda of Understanding.

- Partnership Agreements.
- Employment Agreements.
- Service Agreements.

except to the extent required by applicable law or where expressly provided within those agreements.

66.14 Transitional Interpretation

Where new Articles or amendments are introduced, they shall be interpreted in a manner that promotes orderly implementation while minimizing unnecessary disruption to the ongoing operations of the Association.

66.15 Institutional Records

The official version of these By-Laws, together with all approved amendments and official interpretations, shall be maintained by the National Headquarters as the authoritative governance record of the Association.

Certified copies may be issued where appropriate.

66.16 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a governance framework that is legally sound, internally consistent, transparent, and capable of supporting the Association's long-term growth.

Through fair interpretation, preservation of lawful provisions, and responsible governance, the Association seeks to ensure certainty, continuity, and stability for all members, chapters, partners, and stakeholders.

Interpretation Principle

“The Constitution and By-Laws of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall always be interpreted fairly, consistently, and in good faith, preserving the lawful intent of the Association while ensuring compliance with applicable laws, institutional continuity, and responsible governance.”

Article 66 Summary

Article 66 establishes the **Interpretation & Saving Clause Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It provides the legal principles governing interpretation, hierarchy of governing documents, resolution of ambiguities, constitutional supremacy, severability, preservation of lawful actions, continuity of governance, and institutional records. By ensuring that invalidity of one provision does not affect the remainder of the By-Laws and by promoting consistent interpretation in accordance with applicable law, this Article safeguards legal certainty, organizational stability, and the long-term continuity of the Association.

ARTICLE 67

LEGAL PROVISIONS *DISSOLUTION*

67.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that, although it is established as a permanent membership-based professional organization dedicated to national and international economic development, good governance requires the existence of a lawful framework governing the voluntary dissolution or winding up of the Association should such circumstances ever arise.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the procedures governing the dissolution of the Association, the settlement of its affairs, the discharge of liabilities, the preservation of records, and the lawful disposition of its remaining assets in accordance with applicable laws.

The dissolution provisions contained herein shall be interpreted strictly in accordance with applicable legislation and shall be implemented only as a measure of last resort.

67.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Establish a lawful dissolution process.
- b. Protect the interests of members.
- c. Protect creditors and stakeholders.
- d. Ensure transparent administration.
- e. Preserve organizational records.
- f. Protect organizational assets.
- g. Ensure compliance with applicable laws.
- h. Maintain public confidence.
- i. Promote responsible governance.
- j. Preserve the legacy of the Association.

67.3 Authority to Dissolve

The Association may be dissolved only:

- By a resolution of the General Body adopted in accordance with the Constitution.
- In compliance with applicable laws.
- Subject to the completion of all statutory and regulatory requirements.

No individual Office Bearer, Committee, Chapter, or employee shall have authority to dissolve the Association.

67.4 Notice of Proposed Dissolution

Reasonable written notice of a proposed resolution for dissolution shall be provided to all eligible voting members before the meeting convened for that purpose.

The notice shall ordinarily include:

- Reasons for the proposed dissolution.
- Financial position of the Association.
- Summary of assets and liabilities.
- Proposed procedure for winding up.
- Date, time, and venue of the meeting.
- Voting requirements.

67.5 Approval

A resolution for dissolution shall be adopted only upon obtaining the approval required under the Constitution and applicable law.

The proceedings shall be properly recorded in the official minutes of the Association.

67.6 Appointment of Winding-Up Authority

Following approval of dissolution, the Association may appoint an appropriate person or committee, or comply with any legally required appointment process, to supervise the orderly winding up of the Association's affairs.

The appointed authority shall act honestly, impartially, and in accordance with applicable law.

67.7 Settlement of Liabilities

Before any remaining assets are distributed or otherwise dealt with, the Association shall make

reasonable provision for the settlement of its lawful obligations, including:

- Outstanding Debts.
- Contractual Obligations.
- Employee Entitlements (where applicable).
- Statutory Dues.
- Taxes.
- Outstanding Service Providers.
- Other lawful liabilities.

No distribution of remaining assets shall occur until lawful liabilities have been appropriately addressed.

67.8 Disposal of Assets

After settlement of all lawful liabilities, any remaining assets shall be dealt with in accordance with:

- Applicable Laws.
- The Constitution.
- The Resolution approving dissolution.

Remaining assets shall not be distributed among members except where expressly permitted by applicable law.

Where required by law or the Constitution, remaining assets shall be transferred to another lawful not-for-profit organization or institution having substantially similar charitable, educational, professional, or public-benefit objectives.

67.9 Membership

Upon completion of the dissolution process:

- Membership shall cease.
- Offices shall cease.
- Committees shall cease.
- Chapters shall cease to operate under the authority of the Association.

Any continuing obligations imposed by law, confidentiality agreements, or surviving contractual obligations shall remain enforceable where applicable.

67.10 Preservation of Records

The Association shall make reasonable arrangements for preserving important organizational records, including:

- Constitutional Documents.
- Financial Records.
- Audit Reports.
- Membership Registers.
- Minutes.
- Intellectual Property Records.
- Contracts.
- Publications.
- Historical Archives.

Records shall be retained for the period required by applicable law.

67.11 Intellectual Property

Following dissolution, the intellectual property of the Association shall be dealt with in accordance with:

- Applicable Laws.
- Existing Agreements.
- Decisions adopted during the dissolution process.

Where transferred, such transfer shall preserve the lawful rights of contributors and comply with applicable intellectual property laws.

67.12 Ongoing Legal Proceedings

The dissolution of the Association shall not automatically terminate:

- Existing Legal Proceedings.
- Contractual Rights.
- Outstanding Claims.
- Regulatory Proceedings.
- Financial Obligations.

Such matters shall continue to be managed in accordance with applicable law.

67.13 Cooperation with Authorities

During the dissolution process, the Association shall cooperate with competent governmental, regulatory, taxation, judicial, and other lawful authorities as required by applicable legislation.

67.14 Final Financial Statement

Upon completion of the winding-up process, a final statement of accounts may be prepared showing:

- Assets Realized.
- Liabilities Settled.
- Administrative Costs.
- Final Distribution of Remaining Assets.
- Completion of Winding-Up.

The final statement shall be retained as part of the permanent records of the Association.

67.15 Protection of Good Faith Actions

Nothing contained in this Article shall affect the validity of lawful acts, contracts, decisions, or obligations entered into by the Association prior to its dissolution.

Office Bearers, Members, Employees, and Volunteers acting honestly and in good faith shall continue to receive the protections provided elsewhere in these By-Laws, subject to applicable law.

67.16 Institutional Legacy

Where practicable, the Association may make reasonable arrangements to preserve:

- Historical Publications.
- Research.
- Educational Resources.
- Archives.
- Institutional Records.
- Awards History.
- Historical Documents.

The preservation of institutional history shall support future research and public interest.

67.17 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is established with the intention of serving as a long-term institution dedicated to entrepreneurship, business excellence, knowledge sharing, economic development, and international cooperation.

Accordingly, dissolution shall be regarded as an exceptional measure undertaken only where necessary and strictly in accordance with applicable laws, responsible governance, and the best interests of members, stakeholders, and the public.

Continuity & Stewardship Principle

“The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is founded to create lasting value for society. If circumstances ever require its dissolution, every action shall be undertaken lawfully, transparently, responsibly, and with due regard to the interests of its members, stakeholders, creditors, and the public, while preserving the Association’s legacy and commitment to public benefit.”

Article 67 Summary

Article 67 establishes the **Dissolution Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the procedures governing voluntary dissolution, approval by the General Body, settlement of liabilities, preservation of records, disposition of assets, continuation of legal obligations, cooperation with authorities, and protection of the Association’s institutional legacy. By ensuring that any dissolution is carried out lawfully, transparently, and responsibly, this Article safeguards the interests of members, creditors, stakeholders, and the public while preserving the principles upon which the Association was founded.

ARTICLE

68

LEGAL PROVISIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE

68.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes the importance of formally adopting and implementing its Constitution and By-Laws through a clear commencement provision that provides legal certainty, organizational continuity, and effective governance.

Accordingly, this Article establishes the effective date, implementation framework, transitional arrangements, certification, publication, and official recognition of these By-Laws.

This Article serves as the concluding legal provision of the Constitution and By-Laws and confirms the Association's commitment to operating under a comprehensive governance framework founded upon transparency, accountability, professionalism, ethical leadership, and compliance with applicable laws.

68.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Article are to:

- a. Formally adopt these By-Laws.
- b. Establish the effective date.
- c. Ensure orderly implementation.
- d. Confirm institutional authority.
- e. Promote governance continuity.
- f. Ensure legal certainty.
- g. Support organizational stability.
- h. Strengthen member confidence.
- i. Promote transparent administration.
- j. Preserve the official governance record of the Association.

68.3 Adoption

These By-Laws shall become the official governance document of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) upon their lawful adoption by the General Body in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.

The adoption shall be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting approving these By-Laws.

68.4 Effective Date

These By-Laws shall come into force on the effective date specified in the resolution adopting them, unless another commencement date is expressly stated in that resolution.

From the effective date, these By-Laws shall govern the administration, governance, operations, rights, obligations, and activities of the Association, subject always to applicable laws.

68.5 Supersession

Upon the effective date of these By-Laws:

- Any previous By-Laws.
- Administrative Rules.
- Internal Governance Documents.
- Operational Procedures.

shall stand superseded to the extent that they are inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Policies and procedures that remain consistent with these By-Laws may continue until revised, replaced, or withdrawn by the competent authority.

68.6 Transitional Arrangements

To facilitate orderly implementation, the Governing Council may establish transitional measures relating to:

- Governance Structures.
- Office Bearers.
- Committees.
- Membership Administration.
- Financial Systems.
- Digital Platforms.
- Operational Procedures.

- Policy Alignment.
- Chapter Administration.

Transitional arrangements shall be temporary and shall remain consistent with the Constitution, these By-Laws, and applicable laws.

68.7 Existing Decisions

Unless otherwise determined by the General Body or required by applicable law, all lawful:

- Memberships.
- Appointments.
- Elections.
- Committee Constitutions.
- Contracts.
- Financial Decisions.
- Policies.
- Programmes.
- Partnerships.

made before the effective date shall continue to remain valid until lawfully amended, completed, or terminated.

68.8 Authority for Implementation

The Governing Council shall be responsible for ensuring the effective implementation of these By-Laws and may issue:

- Administrative Directions.
- Operational Guidelines.
- Standard Operating Procedures.
- Implementation Manuals.
- Governance Circulars.

provided that such instruments remain consistent with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

68.9 Publication

Following adoption, the Association shall publish the official version of these By-Laws through appropriate channels, including:

- Official Website.
- Member Portal.
- Printed Handbook.
- Digital Governance Manual.
- Official Circulars.

Members shall be provided reasonable access to the current version of the By-Laws.

68.10 Official Language

The official version of these By-Laws shall be maintained in the English language unless the Governing Council approves an official translated version.

Where translated versions are issued, the officially adopted English version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistency, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

68.11 Certification

The official copy of these By-Laws shall be certified by the authorized Office Bearers of the Association and preserved at the National Headquarters as the authentic governance document.

Certified copies may be issued for official purposes as authorized by the Governing Council.

68.12 Periodic Review

The Governing Council shall periodically review the implementation of these By-Laws to ensure that they continue to:

- Support Organizational Growth.
- Reflect Good Governance Practices.
- Remain Legally Compliant.
- Promote Administrative Efficiency.
- Meet the Needs of Members.

Recommendations arising from such reviews may be considered in accordance with **Article 65 (Amendments to the By-Laws)**.

68.13 Relationship with Applicable Laws

Nothing contained in these By-Laws shall authorize any activity contrary to applicable law.

Where any provision becomes inconsistent with applicable legislation, the relevant provision shall be interpreted or amended to the minimum extent necessary to achieve legal compliance while preserving the remaining provisions.

68.14 Official Governance Manual

These By-Laws, together with the Constitution, approved policies, governance manuals, codes, and official regulations adopted by the Association, shall collectively constitute the official governance framework of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

The Association may publish consolidated governance editions for the benefit of members, Office Bearers, chapters, partners, and stakeholders.

68.15 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) hereby affirms its commitment to implementing these By-Laws with integrity, transparency, accountability, professionalism, democratic participation, and full compliance with applicable laws.

These By-Laws are intended to provide a stable governance framework that supports the Association's Vision of promoting entrepreneurship, economic development, international cooperation, knowledge sharing, business networking, and institutional excellence for generations to come.

Governance Commitment Principle

"These By-Laws represent the collective commitment of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) to ethical leadership, democratic governance, legal compliance, transparency, accountability, and institutional excellence. Every member, Office Bearer, employee, volunteer, and representative shares responsibility for upholding these principles in the service of the Association and society."

Article 68 Summary

Article 68 establishes the **Effective Date Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It formally provides for the adoption, commencement, implementation, publication, certification, supersession of previous governance documents, transitional arrangements, periodic review, and institutional commitment to these By-Laws. As the concluding Article, it confirms that the Constitution and By-Laws constitute the official governance framework of the Association and shall guide all activities in accordance with applicable laws and the Association's Vision, Mission, and Objectives.



Official Closing Declaration

This Constitution and By-Laws of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is hereby adopted as the official governance framework of the Association. It establishes the principles, governance structure, operational standards, legal provisions, financial controls, ethical obligations, and institutional processes necessary for the effective administration and sustainable growth of the Association.

Every Member, Office Bearer, Employee, Volunteer, Committee Member, Chapter, and Representative of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall uphold the provisions of this Constitution and these By-Laws in good faith and in accordance with applicable laws, promoting the values of integrity, professionalism, transparency, accountability, innovation, collaboration, and service to society.

Certification Page

FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FEDA GLOBAL INDIA)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Official Governance Handbook

This Constitution & By-Laws was duly adopted by the General Body of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) on:

Date of Adoption: 01 JANUARY 2026

Effective Date: 01 JANUARY 2026

Place of Adoption: NEW DELHI

Certified By: CORE COMMITTEE – FEDA GLOBAL INDIA

President

Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)

Name: Dr. Murshid Sarwar

Signature: _____

Date: 01 JANUARY 2026

Secretary General

Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official Seal of the Association

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APPENDICES

The following Appendices form an integral part of the **Constitution & By-Laws of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)**. While the Articles establish the legal and governance framework of the Association, these Appendices provide the operational standards, administrative procedures, templates, organizational models, and reference materials necessary for the effective implementation of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Governing Council may review, update, revise, or replace these Appendices from time to time, provided that such amendments remain consistent with the Constitution, these By-Laws, and applicable laws.

APPENDIX A ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A.1 Purpose

This Appendix establishes the official organizational structure of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) and illustrates the governance hierarchy, reporting relationships, and functional responsibilities across the National, State, District, and International levels of the Association.

The structure is designed to ensure:

- Clear leadership.
- Effective governance.
- Decentralized administration.
- Efficient communication.
- Accountability.
- Uniform implementation of Association policies.

A.2 Governance Philosophy

The Association follows a **multi-tier governance model** based upon:

- Democratic Leadership.
- Decentralized Operations.
- Centralized Policy Direction.
- Regional Empowerment.
- Professional Management.

- Member Participation.
- Transparency.
- Accountability.

A.3 National Organizational Structure

GENERAL BODY

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NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Vice President	Secretary General	Treasurer	Immediate Past President
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Standing Committees

Sector Councils

National Advisors

Special Task Forces

National Secretariat

A.4 State Governance Structure

Each State Chapter shall operate under the supervision of the National Governing Council.

STATE GENERAL BODY

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STATE GOVERNING BOARD

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STATE PRESIDENT

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Vice President

Secretary

Joint Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Members

Standing Committees

A.5 District Governance Structure

DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERS

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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Director

Programme Director

Committee Conveners

A.6 International Chapter Structure

International Chapters shall function under the strategic direction of the National Governing Council.

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

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Country President

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Executive Committee

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Members

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Country Committees

International Chapters shall comply with:

- Constitution.
- By-Laws.
- International Chapter Policy.
- Applicable local laws.

A.7 Sector Councils

The Association may establish Sector Councils including:

- MSME Council
- Startup Council
- Women Entrepreneurship Council
- Youth Council
- Education Council
- Healthcare Council
- Manufacturing Council
- Agriculture Council
- Technology Council
- International Trade Council
- Tourism Council
- Sustainability Council

A.8 Standing Committees

Standing Committees may include:

- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee
- Events Committee
- Publications Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Governance Committee
- Awards Committee
- Research Committee
- International Relations Committee
- Digital Transformation Committee

A.9 Reporting Hierarchy

National HQ

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State Chapters

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District Chapters

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Members

International Chapters report directly to National Headquarters unless otherwise determined by the Governing Council.

A.10 Organizational Principles

The organizational structure shall be governed by:

- Unity of Command.
- Clear Reporting Lines.
- Accountability.
- Professional Leadership.



- Member Participation.
- Decentralized Administration.
- Strategic Coordination.
- Good Governance.

Appendix A Summary

Appendix A establishes the official organizational hierarchy of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), defining governance levels, reporting relationships, leadership structures, committees, sector councils, and chapter administration. It provides the operational blueprint for the Association's national and international governance system.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX B

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

B.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is a membership-driven professional organization established to promote entrepreneurship, economic development, business excellence, innovation, international cooperation, education, research, policy advocacy, and sustainable development.

This Appendix establishes the official membership framework of the Association by defining the categories of membership, eligibility criteria, admission requirements, rights, privileges, responsibilities, renewal procedures, and membership lifecycle.

The objective is to ensure a transparent, inclusive, professional, and scalable membership structure capable of supporting individuals, entrepreneurs, businesses, institutions, investors, professionals, educational organizations, government stakeholders, and international partners.

B.2 Membership Principles

Membership shall be governed by the principles of:

- Voluntary Participation.
- Equal Opportunity.
- Professionalism.
- Integrity.
- Diversity.
- Transparency.
- Accountability.
- Mutual Respect.
- Lifelong Learning.
- Collaborative Development.

Membership is a privilege carrying both rights and responsibilities.

B.3 Categories of Membership

The Association may establish the following membership categories:



Individual Membership

- General Member
- Professional Member
- Student Member
- Young Entrepreneur Member
- Women Entrepreneur Member
- Startup Founder Member
- Investor Member
- Mentor Member
- Research Fellow
- Life Member

Business Membership

- MSME Member
- Corporate Member
- SME Member
- Startup Company Member
- Exporter Member
- Manufacturer Member
- Service Industry Member
- Chamber / Association Member

Institutional Membership

- Educational Institution
- University
- College
- Training Institute
- Research Centre
- Incubator

- Accelerator
- NGO
- Foundation
- Government Agency
- Public Institution

International Membership

- International Individual Member
- International Corporate Member
- International Institution Member
- International Chapter Member

Special Membership

- Honorary Member
- Distinguished Fellow
- Patron Member
- Strategic Partner
- Lifetime Patron

B.4 General Member

A General Member shall ordinarily be any individual interested in contributing to the objectives of the Association.

General Members may:

- Participate in Association activities.
- Attend Conferences.
- Join Networking Events.
- Access Member Resources.
- Participate in Training Programmes.
- Vote where eligible.
- Contest elections where permitted.

B.5 Professional Member

Professional Membership is intended for:

- Chartered Professionals
- Consultants
- Engineers
- Doctors
- Lawyers
- Architects
- Accountants
- Academicians
- Researchers
- Senior Executives

Professional Members are encouraged to contribute their expertise to the Association's professional development initiatives.

B.6 Student Member

Student Membership shall be available to individuals enrolled in:

- Universities
- Colleges
- Research Institutions
- Vocational Institutions
- Professional Training Institutions

Student Members may receive:

- Reduced Membership Fees.
- Internship Opportunities.
- Leadership Programmes.
- Career Guidance.
- Networking Opportunities.

Voting rights shall be determined by the Constitution or applicable policies.

B.7 MSME Member

MSME Membership shall be available to eligible Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.

Benefits may include:

- Business Networking.
- Government Policy Awareness.
- Business Conferences.
- Trade Delegations.
- Market Access.
- Investor Connections.
- Learning Programmes.
- Digital Business Support.

B.8 Startup Member

Startup Membership is intended for innovative early-stage businesses.

Benefits may include:

- Startup Mentorship.
- Investor Meets.
- Pitch Sessions.
- Incubation Support.
- Innovation Forums.
- International Exposure.
- Business Awards.
- Startup Showcase Opportunities.

B.9 Corporate Member

Corporate Membership shall be available to registered companies and large business organizations.

Corporate Members may receive:

- Corporate Branding Opportunities.
- Leadership Forums.
- CEO Roundtables.
- Policy Consultations.
- Exhibition Opportunities.
- Corporate Recognition.
- Research Participation.
- Strategic Partnerships.

B.10 Institutional Member

Institutional Membership may be granted to:

- Universities.
- Colleges.
- Schools.
- Training Institutions.
- Chambers.
- Industry Associations.
- Government Institutions.
- NGOs.
- Research Organizations.

Institutional Members may nominate representatives to participate in Association activities.

B.11 International Member

International Membership shall be available to individuals and organizations located outside India who support the Vision and Mission of the Association.

International Members may participate in:

- International Conferences.
- Global Business Forums.
- International Chapters.

- Trade Missions.
- Cross-Border Networking.
- Global Research Projects.

B.12 Honorary Member

Honorary Membership may be conferred upon distinguished individuals who have rendered exceptional service in fields including:

- Economic Development.
- Entrepreneurship.
- Public Service.
- Education.
- Science.
- Technology.
- International Cooperation.
- Social Development.

Honorary Membership shall ordinarily not carry voting rights unless otherwise determined by the Constitution.

B.13 Life Member

Life Membership may be granted upon payment of the prescribed fee or in accordance with criteria approved by the Governing Council.

Life Members shall enjoy continuing membership without annual renewal, subject to compliance with the Constitution and these By-Laws.

B.14 Patron Member

Patron Membership may be conferred upon individuals or organizations making significant contributions to the development and sustainability of the Association.

Patrons may serve as ambassadors and advisors to the Association.

B.15 Eligibility

Applicants shall ordinarily:

- Support the Vision and Mission.

- Agree to comply with the Constitution.
- Accept these By-Laws.
- Observe the Code of Ethics.
- Meet applicable eligibility requirements.
- Complete the prescribed application process.

B.16 Rights of Members

Members may enjoy rights including:

- Participation in Events.
- Access to Member Benefits.
- Professional Development.
- Networking Opportunities.
- Committee Participation.
- Leadership Opportunities.
- Publications.
- Digital Resources.
- Voting Rights (where applicable).
- Eligibility for Office (where applicable).

Rights shall vary according to membership category.

B.17 Responsibilities of Members

Every Member shall:

- Uphold the Constitution.
- Follow the By-Laws.
- Observe the Code of Ethics.
- Maintain Professional Conduct.
- Protect the Reputation of the Association.
- Pay Membership Fees.

- Cooperate with Governance Processes.
- Promote the Objectives of the Association.

B.18 Membership Benefits

Benefits may include:

- Membership Certificate.
- Digital Membership Card.
- Business Networking.
- Conferences.
- CEO Roundtables.
- Investor Meets.
- International Delegations.
- Publications.
- Business Directory Listing.
- FEDA Economist Access.
- FEDA Global Sources Access.
- Learning Portal.
- Awards Eligibility.
- Research Participation.
- Leadership Development.

Benefits may be revised by the Governing Council.

B.19 Membership Lifecycle

The membership lifecycle shall generally include:

1. Application.
2. Verification.
3. Approval.
4. Admission.

5. Orientation.
6. Participation.
7. Renewal.
8. Leadership Development.
9. Continued Membership.

B.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) believes that its members are its greatest strength.

The Association is committed to providing a dynamic, inclusive, and professionally rewarding membership experience that fosters collaboration, innovation, leadership, business growth, knowledge sharing, and national economic development.

Membership Principle

“Membership in the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) represents a commitment to professional excellence, ethical leadership, collaboration, and service. Every member contributes to building a stronger entrepreneurial ecosystem and a more prosperous economy through shared knowledge, responsible leadership, and collective action.”

Appendix B Summary

Appendix B establishes the **Membership Categories Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the various classes of membership, eligibility criteria, rights, responsibilities, benefits, and lifecycle management applicable to individuals, businesses, institutions, and international partners. This framework ensures that membership remains inclusive, transparent, professionally managed, and aligned with the Association’s mission of promoting entrepreneurship, economic development, and global collaboration.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX C

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

C.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to providing a transparent, efficient, standardized, and technology-enabled membership admission process that ensures consistency across all National, State, District, and International Chapters.

This Appendix establishes the official Membership Application Process governing the enquiry, application, evaluation, approval, onboarding, renewal, and lifecycle management of every member admitted into the Association.

The process is designed to promote operational efficiency while delivering an excellent member experience from first contact through long-term engagement.

C.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Appendix are to:

- a. Standardize the membership admission process.
- b. Improve applicant experience.
- c. Ensure transparency.
- d. Strengthen membership verification.
- e. Promote digital transformation.
- f. Improve operational efficiency.
- g. Enhance member engagement.
- h. Ensure accurate record management.
- i. Support chapter growth.
- j. Build a sustainable membership ecosystem.

C.3 Membership Admission Workflow

The official membership workflow shall ordinarily consist of the following stages:

Enquiry

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Lead Registration



Initial Counselling



Membership Category Selection



Application Submission



Document Verification



Eligibility Review



Membership Approval



Invoice Generation



Membership Fee Payment



Receipt Generation



Membership ID Creation



Welcome Email & WhatsApp



Digital Membership Card



Orientation Programme



Committee Allocation



CRM Follow-up

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Member Engagement

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Renewal

C.4 Stage 1 – Membership Enquiry

Prospective members may express interest through:

- Official Website
- Mobile Application
- QR Code Campaigns
- Conferences
- Business Forums
- Trade Shows
- CEO Roundtables
- District Membership Partners (DMPs)
- State Chapters
- International Chapters
- Referral Programmes
- Social Media Platforms
- Email
- Telephone
- Walk-in Visits

Every enquiry should be entered into the Association's CRM system.

C.5 Stage 2 – Lead Registration

Every prospective member shall be assigned a Lead Record containing:

- Applicant Name
- Organization Name (where applicable)

- Contact Number
- Email Address
- State
- District
- Country
- Membership Category
- Source of Lead
- Assigned Relationship Officer
- Lead Status

Each lead shall receive a unique CRM Reference Number.

C.6 Stage 3 – Initial Counselling

The Membership Officer shall conduct an introductory consultation covering:

- Vision & Mission of FEDA
- Membership Benefits
- Networking Opportunities
- Learning Programmes
- Conferences
- Business Awards
- Publications
- Committee Participation
- International Opportunities
- Membership Fees
- Application Process

Applicants shall be assisted in selecting the most appropriate membership category.

C.7 Stage 4 – Membership Category Selection

Applicants shall select the appropriate category, including:

- General Member
- Professional Member
- MSME Member
- Startup Member
- Corporate Member
- Institutional Member
- Student Member
- International Member
- Lifetime Member
- Patron Member
- Honorary Member (by invitation only)

C.8 Stage 5 – Application Submission

Applicants shall submit the prescribed Membership Application Form.

The application may be submitted:

- Online
- Mobile App
- Email
- District Office
- State Office
- National Office

The application shall include all mandatory declarations.

C.9 Supporting Documents

Applicants may be requested to submit relevant documents, including:

Individual Members

- Passport-size Photograph
- Government-issued Identity Proof

- Address Proof
- Professional Profile
- Visiting Card (optional)

Business Members

- Company Registration Certificate
- GST Registration (where applicable)
- PAN
- Business Profile
- Company Logo
- Website Details
- Authorized Representative Details

Institutional Members

- Registration Certificate
- Accreditation Documents (if applicable)
- Institutional Profile
- Authorized Signatory Letter

C.10 Verification Process

The Membership Department shall verify:

- Identity
- Contact Details
- Eligibility
- Membership Category
- Submitted Documents
- Payment Information

Additional verification may be undertaken where necessary.

C.11 Membership Review

Applications shall be reviewed based on:

- Eligibility
- Completeness
- Supporting Documents
- Compliance with Membership Policy
- Organizational Standards

Incomplete applications may be returned for correction.

C.12 Membership Approval

Membership may be approved by:

- National Headquarters
- State Chapter
- District Chapter
- International Chapter

subject to delegated authority approved by the Governing Council.

Approval decisions shall be recorded in the CRM.

C.13 Invoice Generation

Following approval, the applicant shall receive:

- Membership Invoice
- Payment Instructions
- Due Date
- Membership Reference Number

Invoices shall be generated through the Association's official financial system.

C.14 Membership Fee Payment

Payment may be made through:

- Bank Transfer

- UPI
- Credit Card
- Debit Card
- Online Payment Gateway
- NEFT / RTGS
- Cheque (where accepted)

Payments shall be acknowledged through official receipts.

C.15 Membership Confirmation

Upon successful payment, the Association shall issue:

- Membership Approval Letter
- Membership Number
- Membership Certificate
- Digital Membership Card
- Welcome Kit
- Login Credentials (where applicable)

C.16 Member Orientation

Every new member should participate in a Member Orientation Programme covering:

- About FEDA
- Governance Structure
- Member Rights
- Member Responsibilities
- Events
- Committees
- Digital Platforms
- Publications
- Volunteer Opportunities

Orientation may be conducted online or in person.

C.17 Digital Member Profile

Every member shall receive a digital profile within the Association's CRM containing:

- Membership Number
- Membership Status
- Membership Category
- Contact Information
- Committee Membership
- Event Participation
- Training Records
- Awards
- Renewal History

C.18 Membership Engagement

Following onboarding, members shall be encouraged to participate in:

- Conferences
- CEO Roundtables
- Investor Meets
- Business Forums
- Training Programmes
- Trade Missions
- Research Projects
- Publications
- Committees
- Networking Events

Regular communication shall be maintained through:

- Email
- WhatsApp
- SMS

- Mobile Application
- Member Portal

C.19 Renewal Process

The renewal process shall ordinarily include:

- Automated Reminder
- Renewal Invoice
- Payment
- Membership Verification
- Updated Digital Membership Card
- Renewal Confirmation

Members shall be reminded well before the expiry of their membership.

C.20 Membership Lifecycle Management

The Association shall actively manage the complete lifecycle of every member through:

- Recruitment
- Admission
- Orientation
- Engagement
- Leadership Development
- Committee Participation
- Recognition
- Renewal
- Retention
- Lifetime Relationship Management

CRM analytics may be used to improve member satisfaction and retention.

C.21 Service Standards

The Association shall strive to maintain the following service standards:

- Prompt acknowledgement of enquiries.
- Timely review of applications.
- Transparent communication.
- Accurate record management.
- Professional member support.
- Timely issuance of membership credentials.
- Efficient renewal services.

Service timelines may be established by the Governing Council and reviewed periodically.

C.22 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to delivering a seamless, professional, technology-enabled, and member-centric admission process that reflects the Association's values of excellence, integrity, transparency, and service.

Every applicant shall be treated with fairness, professionalism, and respect, ensuring that membership is not merely an administrative process but the beginning of a long-term partnership dedicated to entrepreneurship, economic development, leadership, and global collaboration.

Membership Experience Principle

“Every membership begins with trust. The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to providing every applicant with a transparent, efficient, welcoming, and professionally managed membership journey that builds lifelong engagement and strengthens the collective mission of economic development and business excellence.”

Appendix C Summary

Appendix C establishes the **Membership Application Process Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the complete end-to-end workflow from enquiry and application through verification, approval, payment, onboarding, orientation, CRM management, engagement, renewal, and lifecycle management. By standardizing membership administration across all chapters and integrating digital systems, this Appendix ensures consistency, transparency, operational efficiency, and an exceptional member experience.

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APPENDIX D

GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

D.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a governance system founded upon transparency, accountability, ethical leadership, democratic participation, strategic direction, and operational excellence.

This Appendix establishes the official Governance Framework of the Association by defining the governance hierarchy, delegation of authority, decision-making processes, reporting relationships, oversight mechanisms, leadership accountability, and operational governance standards applicable throughout the organization.

The Governance Framework is designed to support sustainable institutional growth while ensuring consistency across all National, State, District, and International Chapters.

D.2 Governance Philosophy

The governance model of FEDA Global India is based upon the following principles:

- Ethical Leadership
- Democratic Governance
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Rule of Law
- Strategic Leadership
- Operational Excellence
- Decentralized Administration
- Responsible Stewardship
- Member Participation

Every governance decision shall promote the Vision and Mission of the Association.

D.3 Governance Hierarchy

The governance structure of the Association shall ordinarily operate as follows:

GENERAL BODY



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NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Vice President

Secretary General

Treasurer

Joint Secretaries

National Executive Members

Standing Committees

Sector Councils

Advisory Council

National Secretariat

State Chapters

District Chapters

Members

International Chapters shall function under the strategic supervision of the National Governing Council.

D.4 Governance Levels

The Association shall operate through the following governance levels:

National Level

Responsible for:

- National Strategy
- Policy Development
- International Relations
- National Programmes
- Financial Governance
- Brand Management

State Level

Responsible for:

- State Operations
- Membership Development
- State Conferences
- District Coordination
- State Partnerships

District Level

Responsible for:

- Member Recruitment
- Local Networking
- District Programmes
- Business Development
- Community Engagement

International Level

Responsible for:

- Global Membership

- International Partnerships
- Country Programmes
- Trade Missions
- Global Networking

D.5 Governing Bodies

The principal governing bodies of the Association shall include:

- General Body
- National Governing Council
- Executive Committee
- Advisory Council
- Standing Committees
- Sector Councils
- State Governing Boards
- District Executive Committees
- International Chapter Executive Committees

Each governing body shall exercise only those powers assigned under the Constitution and By-Laws.

D.6 General Body

The General Body shall be the supreme deliberative body of the Association.

Its responsibilities include:

- Electing Office Bearers.
- Approving Constitutional Amendments.
- Approving major governance reforms.
- Considering annual reports.
- Receiving audited financial statements.
- Providing strategic direction.

The General Body shall exercise its authority in accordance with the Constitution.

D.7 National Governing Council

The National Governing Council shall serve as the principal policy-making authority between meetings of the General Body.

Its responsibilities include:

- Strategic Planning.
- Governance Oversight.
- Financial Supervision.
- National Expansion.
- International Cooperation.
- Policy Approval.
- Organizational Development.

D.8 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall oversee the day-to-day administration of the Association.

Responsibilities include:

- Programme Implementation.
- Operational Management.
- Membership Growth.
- Budget Execution.
- Event Coordination.
- Secretariat Supervision.
- Performance Monitoring.

D.9 Delegation of Authority

The Governing Council may delegate operational authority to:

- National President.
- Secretary General.
- Treasurer.
- Committee Chairs.

- State Presidents.
- District Presidents.
- International Chapter Presidents.
- National Secretariat.

Delegation shall:

- Be documented.
- Clearly define authority.
- Preserve accountability.
- Remain subject to Governing Council oversight.

Delegation of authority shall not constitute delegation of responsibility.

D.10 Governance Workflow

Major governance decisions shall ordinarily follow the following process:

Proposal

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Committee Review

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Executive Committee

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Legal / Financial Review (where required)

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Governing Council Approval

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Implementation

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Monitoring

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Evaluation

Where required by the Constitution, matters shall be referred to the General Body.

D.11 Accountability Framework

Every Office Bearer shall remain accountable for:

- Performance of Duties.
- Financial Responsibility.
- Ethical Conduct.
- Policy Compliance.
- Strategic Leadership.
- Responsible Decision-Making.
- Organizational Performance.

Accountability shall be supported through reporting, review, and evaluation mechanisms.

D.12 Reporting Structure

Reporting relationships shall generally operate as follows:

National Headquarters

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State Chapters

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District Chapters

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Members

International Chapters shall report directly to National Headquarters unless otherwise authorized by the Governing Council.

D.13 Strategic Planning

The Association shall prepare strategic plans covering:

- Membership Growth.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Digital Transformation.
- Leadership Development.
- International Expansion.

- Publications.
- Events.
- Research.
- Policy Advocacy.

Strategic plans should ordinarily cover three to five years and be reviewed periodically.

D.14 Governance Monitoring

The Governing Council shall periodically monitor:

- Governance Performance.
- Financial Performance.
- Membership Growth.
- Committee Effectiveness.
- Chapter Performance.
- Programme Delivery.
- Strategic Objectives.
- Risk Management.

Monitoring reports shall support informed decision-making and continuous improvement.

D.15 Governance Documentation

The Association shall maintain official governance documents including:

- Constitution.
- By-Laws.
- Governance Policies.
- Standard Operating Procedures.
- Committee Charters.
- Meeting Minutes.
- Strategic Plans.
- Annual Reports.

- Governance Registers.

All documents shall be maintained securely and updated as required.

D.16 Leadership Accountability

Every leader within the Association shall:

- Act honestly.
- Exercise due care.
- Promote ethical conduct.
- Respect the Constitution.
- Support organizational objectives.
- Protect Association assets.
- Encourage member participation.
- Lead by example.

Leadership positions are positions of trust and public responsibility.

D.17 Governance Review

The Governance Framework shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains:

- Legally Compliant.
- Operationally Effective.
- Financially Sustainable.
- Consistent with International Best Practices.
- Responsive to Organizational Growth.

Recommendations shall be submitted to the Governing Council for consideration.

D.18 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining a governance system that reflects the highest standards of leadership, accountability, transparency, professionalism, and institutional excellence.

Through effective governance, responsible delegation, ethical leadership, and active member participation, the Association seeks to create a sustainable organization capable of advancing entrepreneurship, economic development, business excellence, and international cooperation for



generations to come.

Governance Principle

“Strong governance creates strong institutions. Every decision of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall be guided by integrity, accountability, transparency, professionalism, democratic participation, and the collective interests of its members and society.”

Appendix D Summary

Appendix D establishes the **Governance Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the governance hierarchy, organizational authority, decision-making processes, delegation of powers, reporting relationships, leadership accountability, strategic planning, governance monitoring, and institutional oversight across National Headquarters, State Chapters, District Chapters, and International Chapters. This framework provides the operational foundation for effective governance and sustainable organizational growth.

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APPENDIX E

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

E.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that Committees are the operational engines of the Association and play a vital role in implementing policies, executing programmes, supporting governance, developing members, and achieving the strategic objectives of the organization.

This Appendix establishes the official Committee Structure of the Association, defining the categories of committees, their composition, authority, reporting relationships, responsibilities, appointment procedures, tenure, operational guidelines, and performance standards.

The Committee Framework promotes decentralized leadership while maintaining centralized governance and accountability.

E.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Appendix are to:

- a. Promote effective governance.
- b. Improve operational efficiency.
- c. Encourage member participation.
- d. Develop future leaders.
- e. Strengthen accountability.
- f. Enhance programme delivery.
- g. Support strategic implementation.
- h. Promote subject matter expertise.
- i. Improve organizational collaboration.
- j. Ensure consistency across all Chapters.

E.3 Committee Governance Principles

Every Committee shall function according to the principles of:

- Integrity

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Teamwork
- Professionalism
- Inclusiveness
- Efficiency
- Ethical Leadership
- Collaboration
- Service Excellence

Committees shall always act in the best interests of the Association.

E.4 Categories of Committees

The Association may establish the following categories of Committees:

Standing Committees

Permanent committees responsible for core governance and operational functions.

Sector Councils

Industry-specific advisory and programme development bodies.

Special Committees

Committees created for specific assignments or strategic initiatives.

Task Forces

Temporary groups established to execute time-bound projects.

Advisory Committees

Committees comprising experienced professionals providing strategic guidance.

E.5 Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees may be constituted by the Governing Council:

Governance & Constitution Committee

Responsible for:

- Governance Review
- Constitutional Matters
- Policy Development
- Organizational Reforms
- Governance Compliance

Membership Development Committee

Responsible for:

- Membership Growth
- Recruitment Strategies
- Member Retention
- Membership Campaigns
- Member Engagement

Finance & Audit Committee

Responsible for:

- Budget Review
- Financial Oversight
- Audit Coordination
- Risk Assessment
- Financial Compliance

Events & Conference Committee

Responsible for:

- Conferences
- Business Forums
- CEO Roundtables
- Trade Shows
- Awards Programmes
- Networking Events

Publications & Media Committee

Responsible for:

- FEDA Economist
- Newsletters
- Publications
- Press Releases
- Media Relations
- Digital Communications

Research & Policy Committee

Responsible for:

- Research Projects
- Policy Papers
- Economic Studies
- White Papers
- Government Recommendations

International Relations Committee

Responsible for:

- International Chapters
- Global Partnerships
- International Conferences
- Trade Missions
- Bilateral Cooperation

Ethics & Professional Standards Committee

Responsible for:

- Code of Ethics
- Professional Conduct
- Conflict of Interest

- Complaints Review
- Governance Standards

Awards & Recognition Committee

Responsible for:

- Business Awards
- Leadership Awards
- Recognition Programmes
- Award Evaluation
- Jury Coordination

Digital Transformation Committee

Responsible for:

- Technology Strategy
- CRM
- AI Systems
- Member Portal
- Digital Learning
- Cybersecurity Awareness

E.6 Sector Councils

Sector Councils may include:

- MSME Council
- Startup Council
- Women Entrepreneurship Council
- Youth Entrepreneurship Council
- Education Council
- Healthcare Council
- Manufacturing Council
- Agriculture Council

- Tourism Council
- Hospitality Council
- Technology & AI Council
- FinTech Council
- Export Promotion Council
- Sustainability & Green Economy Council
- Legal & Compliance Council
- Real Estate & Infrastructure Council

Additional Sector Councils may be established by the Governing Council as required.

E.7 Special Committees

The Governing Council may establish Special Committees for:

- Anniversary Celebrations
- International Conferences
- National Summits
- Strategic Projects
- Constitution Review
- Membership Expansion
- Organizational Transformation
- Brand Development

Special Committees shall automatically cease upon completion of their assigned mandate unless extended by the Governing Council.

E.8 Committee Composition

A Committee may ordinarily consist of:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary / Convenor
- Joint Convenor (where required)

- Committee Members
- Subject Matter Experts
- Special Invitees (Non-Voting)

Committee size shall be determined by the Governing Council according to operational requirements.

E.9 Appointment of Committee Members

Committee members may be appointed by the Governing Council based upon:

- Professional Experience
- Leadership Ability
- Subject Expertise
- Ethical Reputation
- Organizational Commitment
- Regional Representation
- Diversity
- Availability

Appointments shall be made transparently and on merit.

E.10 Tenure

Unless otherwise specified:

- Committee Members shall ordinarily serve a term consistent with the tenure of the Governing Council.
- Members may be reappointed.
- Vacancies may be filled at any time by the appointing authority.

E.11 Roles of Committee Chairperson

The Chairperson shall:

- Provide Leadership.
- Convene Meetings.
- Approve Agendas.
- Allocate Responsibilities.

- Guide Committee Work.
- Report to the Governing Council.
- Ensure Timely Completion of Assignments.

E.12 Roles of Committee Secretary / Convenor

The Secretary or Convenor shall:

- Coordinate Meetings.
- Prepare Agendas.
- Record Minutes.
- Maintain Committee Records.
- Follow Up on Action Items.
- Coordinate with the National Secretariat.
- Submit Reports.

E.13 Meetings

Committees shall ordinarily meet:

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- As Required
- Virtually
- Physically
- Hybrid Mode

The Chairperson may convene additional meetings whenever necessary.

E.14 Committee Decision-Making

Committees shall endeavour to make decisions through consensus.

Where consensus cannot be achieved, decisions may be determined by a simple majority of members present and voting, unless otherwise specified by the Constitution or these By-Laws.

The Chairperson may exercise a casting vote where required.

E.15 Reporting

Each Committee shall submit periodic reports covering:

- Activities Completed
- Programme Progress
- Financial Utilization (where applicable)
- Recommendations
- Challenges
- Future Plans

Reports shall be submitted to the Governing Council through the National Secretariat.

E.16 Committee Performance Evaluation

Committee performance may be evaluated using indicators including:

- Achievement of Objectives
- Meeting Attendance
- Programme Delivery
- Budget Management
- Member Participation
- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Reporting Compliance

Outstanding Committees may be formally recognized by the Association.

E.17 Removal & Vacancy

A Committee Member may cease to hold office upon:

- Resignation
- Expiry of Term
- Removal by the Governing Council
- Death
- Incapacity

- Persistent Non-Participation
- Violation of the Constitution or By-Laws

Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.

E.18 Secretariat Support

The National Secretariat shall provide administrative support to Committees, including:

- Meeting Coordination
- Documentation
- Communication
- Record Management
- Digital Platforms
- Logistics
- Follow-up of Action Items

E.19 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) believes that strong committees create strong institutions.

By empowering knowledgeable, ethical, and committed volunteers through a structured committee system, the Association strengthens leadership development, promotes member participation, and ensures the effective implementation of its Vision, Mission, strategic objectives, and national programmes.

Committee Leadership Principle

“Committees transform strategy into action. Every Committee of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) shall operate with professionalism, integrity, collaboration, and accountability, serving as a centre of excellence that advances the Association’s mission and creates measurable value for its members and society.”

Appendix E Summary

Appendix E establishes the **Committee Structure Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the categories of committees, sector councils, appointment procedures, composition, tenure, meeting protocols, reporting requirements, performance evaluation, and governance responsibilities. This framework ensures that committees function as effective operational and advisory bodies, supporting the Association’s governance, programmes, membership growth, research, events, and strategic initiatives through accountable and collaborative leadership.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX F

EVENT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

F.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that conferences, trade shows, business forums, CEO roundtables, investor meets, international delegations, awards programmes, networking events, exhibitions, and knowledge-sharing initiatives are among the Association's most important strategic activities.

This Appendix establishes the official Event Management Guidelines governing the planning, approval, budgeting, sponsorship, branding, execution, monitoring, reporting, and post-event evaluation of all events organized or officially supported by the Association.

The objective is to ensure that every event reflects the highest standards of professionalism, governance, operational excellence, financial accountability, safety, and participant satisfaction.

F.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Appendix are to:

- a. Standardize event management.
- b. Improve event quality.
- c. Strengthen operational efficiency.
- d. Enhance participant experience.
- e. Protect the Association's brand.
- f. Improve sponsor satisfaction.
- g. Promote financial accountability.
- h. Strengthen risk management.
- i. Support international standards.
- j. Ensure consistent event delivery.

F.3 Scope

These Guidelines shall apply to all official Association events including:

- International Conferences.

- National Conferences.
- State Conferences.
- District Conferences.
- Business Forums.
- CEO Roundtables.
- Investor Meets.
- Business Awards.
- Trade Shows.
- Exhibitions.
- Networking Events.
- Workshops.
- Seminars.
- Training Programmes.
- Leadership Summits.
- Webinars.
- Virtual Conferences.
- International Delegations.
- Industry Visits.
- Government Engagement Programmes.

F.4 Event Governance Structure

Every major event shall ordinarily operate under the following governance structure:

GOVERNING COUNCIL

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Event Steering Committee

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Event Director

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Programme Committee

Finance Committee

Marketing Committee

Sponsorship Committee

Registration Committee

Protocol Committee

Hospitality Committee

Logistics Committee

Media Committee

Volunteer Committee

IT & Digital Committee

Risk & Safety Committee

Operational Teams

F.5 Event Planning Timeline

Major national and international events should ordinarily follow the following planning schedule:

Timeline	Activity
12 Months Before	Event Approval & Venue Selection
10 Months Before	Budget Preparation
9 Months Before	Sponsorship Strategy
8 Months Before	Speaker Invitations
6 Months Before	Marketing Launch
5 Months Before	Registration Opens
4 Months Before	Partner Confirmation
3 Months Before	Programme Finalization
2 Months Before	Vendor Confirmation
1 Month Before	Operational Review
Event Week	Execution
Within 30 Days	Post Event Report

F.6 Event Approval

Major events shall be approved by the appropriate authority, taking into account:

- Strategic Alignment.
- Financial Feasibility.
- Operational Capacity.
- Brand Impact.
- Member Benefits.
- Risk Assessment.

No major event shall proceed without formal approval.

F.7 Event Budget

Every event shall have an approved budget covering:

Revenue

- Registration Fees.
- Sponsorship.
- Exhibition Booths.
- Advertising.
- Membership Conversions.
- Donations.
- Merchandise.
- Publications.

Expenses

- Venue.
- Audio Visual.
- Stage.
- Branding.
- Printing.
- Hospitality.

- Speakers.
- Travel.
- Accommodation.
- Marketing.
- Photography.
- Security.
- Technology.
- Administration.
- Contingency.

Budget monitoring shall continue throughout the event lifecycle.

F.8 Sponsorship Management

The Sponsorship Committee shall prepare:

- Sponsorship Prospectus.
- Sponsorship Packages.
- Sponsorship Agreements.
- Sponsor Deliverables.
- Branding Opportunities.
- Sponsor Reports.

Sponsor commitments shall be fulfilled professionally and transparently.

F.9 Branding Standards

Every event shall comply with the Association's Brand Guidelines.

Official branding shall include:

- FEDA Logo.
- Approved Colours.
- Official Fonts.
- Event Theme.

- Sponsor Branding.
- Digital Templates.
- Backdrop Standards.
- Certificate Design.
- Presentation Templates.

Unauthorized branding is prohibited.

F.10 Registration Management

Registration may be managed through:

- Official Website.
- Mobile App.
- CRM.
- QR Code Registration.
- Partner Registration.
- On-site Registration.

Registration records shall include:

- Delegate Details.
- Organization.
- Membership Status.
- Payment Status.
- Attendance.
- Badge Number.

F.11 Speaker Management

Speakers shall receive:

- Invitation Letter.
- Programme Schedule.
- Speaker Guidelines.

- Presentation Requirements.
- Hospitality Information.
- Travel Support (where applicable).

The Programme Committee shall coordinate all speaker communications.

F.12 Exhibition Management

Where exhibitions are conducted:

The Exhibition Committee shall manage:

- Booth Allocation.
- Floor Plans.
- Exhibitor Registration.
- Branding.
- Visitor Flow.
- Exhibitor Services.
- Compliance.

F.13 Protocol & Hospitality

The Protocol Committee shall coordinate:

- VIP Reception.
- Government Dignitaries.
- International Delegates.
- Speakers.
- Award Recipients.
- Sponsors.
- Media Representatives.

Hospitality standards shall reflect professionalism and cultural sensitivity.

F.14 Volunteer Management

Volunteers may be assigned responsibilities including:

- Registration.

- Delegate Assistance.
- Hall Management.
- Speaker Coordination.
- Exhibition Support.
- Hospitality.
- Stage Management.
- Media Support.
- Photography Assistance.

Volunteers shall receive orientation before the event.

F.15 Media & Communications

The Media Committee shall coordinate:

- Press Releases.
- Media Accreditation.
- Social Media Coverage.
- Photography.
- Videography.
- Live Streaming.
- Interviews.
- Post Event Highlights.

Official media communication shall follow approved branding and communication guidelines.

F.16 Risk Management

Every major event shall include a Risk Management Plan covering:

- Venue Safety.
- Emergency Response.
- Crowd Management.
- Medical Support.

- Fire Safety.
- Cybersecurity.
- Data Protection.
- Weather Contingencies.
- Business Continuity.

Risk mitigation measures shall be reviewed before the event.

F.17 Digital Event Management

The Association may utilize:

- Event Mobile Applications.
- Online Registration Systems.
- QR Code Check-In.
- Digital Certificates.
- AI Chatbots.
- CRM Integration.
- Live Streaming Platforms.
- Event Analytics.

Digital systems shall comply with the Association's Information Security Framework.

F.18 Post Event Evaluation

Following every major event, an Event Report shall be prepared covering:

- Attendance.
- Financial Performance.
- Sponsorship Performance.
- Media Coverage.
- Delegate Feedback.
- Programme Outcomes.
- Membership Conversions.

- Lessons Learned.
- Recommendations.

The report shall be submitted to the Governing Council.

F.19 Event Success Indicators

Performance may be evaluated using:

- Delegate Satisfaction.
- Number of Participants.
- Sponsorship Revenue.
- Membership Growth.
- Media Reach.
- Social Media Engagement.
- Financial Performance.
- Business Connections Generated.
- International Participation.
- Overall Strategic Impact.

F.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to organizing events that inspire innovation, foster business collaboration, promote entrepreneurship, strengthen international partnerships, and contribute meaningfully to economic development.

Every event shall reflect the Association's commitment to professionalism, operational excellence, financial responsibility, ethical leadership, and exceptional participant experience.

Event Excellence Principle

“Every event organized by the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is more than a programme—it is a platform for ideas, partnerships, innovation, and economic progress. Through meticulous planning, responsible governance, and professional execution, the Association shall deliver events that create lasting value for members, businesses, governments, academia, and society.”

Appendix F Summary

Appendix F establishes the **Event Management Guidelines** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It provides a comprehensive operational framework for planning, approving, budgeting, sponsoring, branding, executing, monitoring, and evaluating all Association events. By standardizing event governance, financial management, risk controls, stakeholder engagement, and quality assurance, this Appendix ensures that every conference, business forum, exhibition, awards programme, and international delegation is delivered to the highest professional standards.

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APPENDIX G

CHAPTER RECOGNITION FRAMEWORK

G.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) recognizes that Chapters are the primary operational units responsible for expanding the Association's presence, delivering member services, implementing programmes, strengthening business communities, and advancing the Association's Vision and Mission at the National, State, District, and International levels.

This Appendix establishes the official Chapter Recognition Framework governing the establishment, recognition, operation, evaluation, renewal, suspension, and dissolution of Chapters.

The Framework ensures that every Chapter operates with consistent governance standards, financial accountability, ethical leadership, operational excellence, and brand integrity.

G.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Appendix are to:

- a. Standardize Chapter establishment.
- b. Promote governance excellence.
- c. Ensure uniform operational standards.
- d. Strengthen accountability.
- e. Expand the Association strategically.
- f. Promote sustainable membership growth.
- g. Maintain brand consistency.
- h. Encourage leadership development.
- i. Improve member engagement.
- j. Ensure long-term organizational sustainability.

G.3 Types of Chapters

The Association may recognize the following Chapters:

National Headquarters

The supreme administrative office responsible for national governance.

State Chapters

Responsible for the administration and development of the Association within a State or Union Territory.

District Chapters

Responsible for implementing programmes and membership activities within a District.

City Chapters

Where approved by the Governing Council, City Chapters may be established in metropolitan or strategically important urban areas.

International Chapters

Responsible for representing the Association in countries outside India.

International Chapters shall comply with:

- Constitution
- By-Laws
- International Chapter Policy
- Applicable Local Laws

Institutional Chapters

The Governing Council may approve Chapters within:

- Universities
- Educational Institutions
- Industrial Parks
- Business Associations
- Technology Parks
- Corporate Networks

where strategically beneficial.

G.4 Eligibility for Chapter Recognition

Applicants seeking recognition as a Chapter shall ordinarily demonstrate:

- Commitment to the Vision and Mission of FEDA.

- Leadership Capacity.
- Minimum Membership Requirements.
- Operational Capability.
- Financial Responsibility.
- Compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Ability to conduct programmes.
- Commitment to ethical governance.

G.5 Application for Recognition

Applications shall ordinarily include:

- Chapter Application Form.
- Proposed Chapter Name.
- Geographic Jurisdiction.
- List of Founding Members.
- Proposed Office Bearers.
- Strategic Development Plan.
- Membership Growth Plan.
- Proposed Annual Activity Calendar.
- Declaration of Compliance.
- Supporting Documentation.

Applications shall be submitted to National Headquarters.

G.6 Evaluation Process

The Governing Council or its designated authority shall evaluate applications considering:

- Strategic Importance.
- Geographic Coverage.
- Membership Potential.
- Leadership Experience.

- Financial Sustainability.
- Governance Readiness.
- Operational Capacity.
- Alignment with Organizational Objectives.

Additional information or clarification may be requested before a decision is made.

G.7 Recognition

Upon approval, the Chapter shall receive:

- Official Recognition Certificate.
- Chapter Registration Number.
- Authorization Letter.
- Branding Guidelines.
- Governance Manual.
- Digital Access Credentials.
- Membership CRM Access (where applicable).
- Official Communication Templates.

Recognition shall authorize the Chapter to operate under the name and brand of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), subject to ongoing compliance.

G.8 Minimum Governance Structure

Every recognized Chapter shall ordinarily have:

- President.
- Vice President.
- Secretary.
- Joint Secretary (where required).
- Treasurer.
- Executive Committee.
- Membership Coordinator.
- Programme Coordinator.

Additional positions may be created with approval where operationally justified.

G.9 Responsibilities of Chapters

Recognized Chapters shall:

- Promote Membership Growth.
- Organize Events.
- Support National Programmes.
- Conduct Business Networking.
- Encourage Entrepreneurship.
- Maintain Member Records.
- Submit Reports.
- Maintain Financial Records.
- Comply with Governance Standards.
- Protect the Association's Brand.

G.10 Membership Targets

The Governing Council may prescribe annual performance expectations, including:

- Membership Growth.
- Member Retention.
- Corporate Memberships.
- Institutional Memberships.
- Event Participation.
- Committee Formation.
- Leadership Development.
- Revenue Generation.

Targets shall be reasonable and proportionate to the Chapter's size and maturity.

G.11 Branding Requirements

Every Chapter shall use:

- Official Logo.

- Approved Brand Colours.
- Official Letterheads.
- Approved Digital Templates.
- Standard Presentation Formats.
- Official Certificates.
- Approved Event Branding.

Unauthorized modification of the Association's branding is prohibited.

G.12 Financial Administration

Every Chapter shall maintain:

- Accurate Financial Records.
- Approved Budgets.
- Receipts.
- Payment Records.
- Banking Documentation.
- Financial Reports.

Financial administration shall comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Financial Policies of the Association.

G.13 Reporting Requirements

Each Chapter shall submit periodic reports covering:

- W

Reports shall be submitted through the National Secretariat.

G.14 Performance Evaluation

The Governing Council may evaluate Chapters using indicators including:

- Membership Growth.
- Membership Retention.
- Financial Performance.
- Governance Compliance.

- Event Delivery.
- Business Partnerships.
- Media Visibility.
- Community Impact.
- Innovation.
- Reporting Compliance.

Outstanding Chapters may receive national recognition and awards.

G.15 Capacity Building

The Association shall support Chapters through:

- Leadership Training.
- Governance Workshops.
- Digital Tools.
- CRM Training.
- Membership Development Programmes.
- Event Management Training.
- Financial Management Workshops.
- Strategic Planning Sessions.

G.16 Renewal of Recognition

Chapter recognition shall be subject to periodic review.

Renewal may consider:

- Compliance History.
- Governance Performance.
- Membership Development.
- Financial Accountability.
- Programme Delivery.
- Strategic Contribution.

Renewal shall be granted by the Governing Council or its authorized authority.

G.17 Suspension or Withdrawal of Recognition

Recognition may be suspended or withdrawn where a Chapter:

- Materially breaches the Constitution or By-Laws.
- Fails to meet minimum governance standards.
- Misuses the Association's name or logo.
- Engages in financial misconduct.
- Fails to submit required reports over an extended period.
- Becomes inactive without reasonable justification.
- Acts in a manner seriously prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the Association.

Except in urgent circumstances requiring immediate protective action, the Chapter shall ordinarily be given notice of the concerns and a reasonable opportunity to respond before a final decision is made.

G.18 Reinstatement

A suspended Chapter may apply for reinstatement after demonstrating that the deficiencies leading to suspension have been appropriately addressed.

The Governing Council may impose reasonable conditions before restoring recognition.

G.19 Best Practice Recognition

The Association may annually recognize high-performing Chapters through awards such as:

- Best National Chapter.
- Best State Chapter.
- Best District Chapter.
- Best International Chapter.
- Excellence in Membership Growth.
- Excellence in Governance.
- Excellence in Innovation.
- Excellence in Community Impact.

Recognition shall encourage excellence and knowledge sharing across the Association.

G.20 Institutional Commitment

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to building a strong network of professionally managed Chapters that serve as centres of entrepreneurship, innovation, business collaboration, leadership development, and economic progress.

Through consistent governance standards, leadership development, operational support, and performance monitoring, the Association seeks to establish every Chapter as a model of excellence, contributing to sustainable organizational growth and meaningful impact at the local, national, and international levels.

Chapter Excellence Principle

“Every Chapter is an ambassador of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). Through ethical leadership, professional governance, active membership engagement, and responsible stewardship, each Chapter shall uphold the Association’s Vision, strengthen its reputation, and create lasting value for entrepreneurs, businesses, institutions, and communities.”

Appendix G Summary

Appendix G establishes the **Chapter Recognition Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It provides the standards and procedures for the establishment, recognition, governance, operation, evaluation, renewal, suspension, and reinstatement of National, State, District, City, Institutional, and International Chapters. By promoting uniform governance, accountability, branding consistency, and continuous performance improvement, this Appendix enables the Association to expand sustainably while maintaining high organizational standards.



APPENDICES

APPENDIX H

CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

H.1 Purpose

This Declaration shall be completed and signed by every Office Bearer, Committee Member, Employee, Volunteer, Chapter Leader, Advisor, Consultant, and Member of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), acknowledging their commitment to uphold the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct, organizational policies, and the values of the Association.

This Declaration forms part of the official governance and membership records of the Association.

FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FEDA GLOBAL INDIA)

CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

Member / Office Bearer Information

Membership ID: _____

Full Name: _____

Designation: _____

Organization: _____

Membership Category: _____

State / District / Country: _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Date: _____

DECLARATION

I, _____, having voluntarily accepted membership and/or an official position within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India), hereby solemnly affirm, declare, and undertake that:

1. Commitment to the Association

I shall uphold the Vision, Mission, Objectives, Constitution, By-Laws, policies, rules, and lawful decisions of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

2. Professional Conduct

I shall conduct myself with professionalism, integrity, honesty, courtesy, and respect in all activities undertaken on behalf of the Association.

3. Ethical Behaviour

I shall comply with the Association's Code of Ethics and shall always act in a manner that promotes trust, fairness, transparency, and responsible leadership.

4. Compliance with Laws

I shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, governmental requirements, and professional obligations relevant to my role within the Association.

5. Respect for Others

I shall treat every member, employee, volunteer, sponsor, partner, government representative, student, entrepreneur, and stakeholder with dignity, fairness, equality, and mutual respect.

I shall not engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or abusive behaviour.

6. Conflict of Interest

I shall promptly disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Conflict of Interest Policy of the Association.

7. Confidentiality

I shall maintain the confidentiality of all non-public information entrusted to me through my role within the Association and shall not disclose such information except where authorized or required by law.

8. Financial Integrity

I shall safeguard the financial resources, assets, records, and property of the Association and shall not misuse organizational funds or resources for personal benefit.

9. Responsible Use of Brand

I shall use the name, logo, intellectual property, publications, digital platforms, and branding of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) only in accordance with authorized policies.

10. Responsible Communication

I shall communicate responsibly through meetings, emails, websites, social media, publications, and digital platforms and shall not make false, misleading, defamatory, or unauthorized statements on behalf of the Association.

11. Respect for Governance

I shall respect the authority of the General Body, Governing Council, Executive Committee, Committees, and other duly constituted bodies established under the Constitution and By-Laws.

12. Anti-Corruption Commitment

I shall neither offer nor accept any unlawful payment, improper benefit, bribe, inducement, or favour in connection with any activity of the Association.

13. Protection of Reputation

I shall conduct myself in a manner that protects and enhances the reputation, credibility, goodwill, and public standing of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

14. Responsible Leadership

Where I hold a leadership position, I shall lead by example, promote teamwork, encourage participation, mentor future leaders, and exercise my responsibilities with fairness and accountability.

15. Digital Responsibility

I shall use the Association's digital systems, membership database, CRM, communication platforms, and information technology resources responsibly and in accordance with approved policies.

16. Reporting Misconduct

Where I become aware of serious misconduct, fraud, corruption, financial irregularities, or significant violations of the Constitution or By-Laws, I shall report the matter through the Association's established governance mechanisms.

17. Continuing Compliance

I understand that this Declaration applies throughout my period of membership or appointment and that I shall remain bound by its provisions until my membership or appointment lawfully ceases.

18. Consequences of Non-Compliance

I acknowledge that failure to comply with this Declaration, the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, or other approved policies may result in administrative or disciplinary action in accordance with the governance procedures of the Association.

DECLARATION OF UNDERSTAKING

I confirm that:

- ☐ I have received and read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).
- ☐ I understand my rights and responsibilities.
- ☐ I agree to comply with all applicable governance documents.
- ☐ I understand that membership is a privilege carrying professional and ethical responsibilities.
- ☐ I agree to uphold the values, reputation, and objectives of the Association.
- ☐ I understand that breaches may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

MEMBER'S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I voluntarily agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, organizational policies, and lawful decisions of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

I further undertake to conduct myself with integrity, professionalism, accountability, and respect while representing the Association.

Signature

Member / Office Bearer

Name: _____



Signature: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Witness (Optional)

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Membership Number: _____

Verified By: _____

Designation: _____

Date Received: _____

Remarks:

Code of Conduct Commitment

“I acknowledge that membership in the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is founded upon integrity, professionalism, ethical leadership, and service. I voluntarily commit myself to uphold these values and to contribute positively to the growth, reputation, and long-term success of the Association.”

Appendix H Summary

Appendix H establishes the Code of Conduct Declaration for the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It serves as a formal undertaking by every member, Office Bearer, committee member, employee, volunteer, and representative to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, professional standards, confidentiality obligations, governance policies, and applicable laws. By requiring a signed declaration, the Association reinforces accountability, ethical conduct, responsible leadership, and organizational integrity.



APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

I.1 Purpose

The Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.

This Declaration is intended to ensure that every Office Bearer, Committee Member, Employee, Volunteer, Advisor, Consultant, and other designated representative identifies and appropriately discloses any **actual, potential, or perceived Conflict of Interest** that may influence, or reasonably appear to influence, the impartial performance of their duties.

This Declaration forms part of the official governance records of the Association and supports the implementation of **Article 50 – Conflict of Interest** of the Constitution & By-Laws.

FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FEDA GLOBAL INDIA)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Membership ID: _____

Full Name: _____

Designation: _____

Committee / Council: _____

Chapter: _____

Organization / Employer: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Date: _____

PART A

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Please disclose any interests that may influence, or reasonably appear to influence, your duties within the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

1. Financial Interests

Do you have any direct or indirect financial interest that could affect your decisions on behalf of the Association?

☐ No

☐ Yes

If Yes, provide details:

2. Business Interests

Do you own, manage, advise, or have a significant interest in any business that may interact with or benefit from the Association?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Details:

3. Employment

Are you employed by an organization that currently has, or may seek, a commercial, contractual, or strategic relationship with the Association?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Details:

4. Family Relationships

Do any immediate family members hold positions that could create an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Relationship:

Organization:

5. Committee Memberships

Do you currently serve on the governing body, board, executive committee, advisory committee, or management team of another organization that may have dealings with the Association?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Details:

6. Contracts or Procurement

Do you, or any organization associated with you, currently provide or intend to provide goods or services to the Association?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Details:

7. Sponsorship or Funding

Have you received, or do you expect to receive, sponsorship, grants, financial support, gifts, or other benefits from any organization that may have an interest in decisions of the Association?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Details:

8. Other Interests

Please disclose any other circumstance that could reasonably be regarded as an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

PART B

DECLARATION OF ONGOING OBLIGATIONS

I acknowledge that:

☐ I have read and understood **Article 50 – Conflict of Interest** of the Constitution & By-Laws.

☐ I understand my obligation to disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

☐ I shall immediately notify the Association if any new conflict arises after signing this Declaration.



- ☐ I shall withdraw from discussion, deliberation, evaluation, or decision-making whenever required by the Constitution, By-Laws, or the directions of the Chair.
- ☐ I shall not use my position within the Association for personal, financial, political, or commercial advantage.
- ☐ I shall always act in the best interests of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

PART C

UNDERTAKING

I hereby declare that:

1. The information contained in this Declaration is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. I have disclosed every actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest known to me.
3. I understand that failure to disclose a material conflict of interest may result in administrative or disciplinary action under the Constitution and By-Laws.
4. I undertake to maintain the highest standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, transparency, and professional conduct while performing my duties on behalf of the Association.
5. I understand that this Declaration remains valid throughout my tenure and shall be updated whenever circumstances materially change.

DECLARATION

I certify that I have carefully reviewed this Declaration and that all information provided is accurate and complete.

I agree to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, Conflict of Interest Policy, Code of Ethics, and all applicable governance requirements of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

DECLARANT

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Designation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____



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Date Received:

Reviewed By:

Designation:

Conflict Assessment:

- ☐ No Conflict Identified
- ☐ Potential Conflict Identified
- ☐ Actual Conflict Identified
- ☐ Additional Information Required

Action Taken:

- ☐ No Further Action
- ☐ Conflict Management Plan Implemented
- ☐ Recusal Required
- ☐ Matter Referred to Ethics Committee
- ☐ Matter Referred to Governing Council

Remarks:

Reviewing Officer Signature:

Date:

Annual Review Declaration

Office Bearers, Committee Members, and other designated officials shall ordinarily renew this Declaration:

- Upon Appointment.
- Annually.
- Whenever a material change in circumstances occurs.
- Before participating in procurement, sponsorship, grant evaluation, or other high-risk decision-making processes where a conflict may arise.

Conflict of Interest Commitment

“I recognize that public trust depends upon impartial decision-making. I voluntarily undertake to disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest and to act honestly, transparently, and solely in the best interests of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).”

Appendix I Summary

Appendix I establishes the **Conflict of Interest Declaration Framework** of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It provides a standardized disclosure mechanism for identifying, assessing, and managing actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest involving Office Bearers, Committee Members, employees, volunteers, advisors, consultants, and other designated representatives. By requiring periodic disclosure and appropriate management of conflicts, this Appendix strengthens transparency, impartiality, ethical governance, and public confidence in the Association’s decision-making processes.



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APPENDIX J

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

J.1 Purpose

This Glossary has been prepared to promote a common understanding of the terminology used throughout the Constitution & By-Laws of the **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)**.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Appendix. These definitions are intended to support consistent interpretation, governance, administration, and implementation of the Association's governing documents.

Where any definition conflicts with applicable law, the applicable law shall prevail.

A

Advisory Council

The body of distinguished professionals, industry leaders, academicians, policymakers, and experts appointed by the Governing Council to provide strategic guidance and recommendations to the Association.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The official annual meeting of the General Body convened in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws to consider reports, audited financial statements, elections (where applicable), and other official business.

Association

The **Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India)**.

Authorized Representative

A person officially appointed or delegated by the Association, a Chapter, or an Institutional Member to represent that entity in authorized matters.

B

Board

Refers to the National Governing Council unless otherwise specified.

Budget



The approved annual financial plan of the Association.

By-Laws

The official governance rules adopted by the Association governing its administration, operations, rights, responsibilities, and procedures.

C

Chapter

A National, State, District, City, Institutional, or International unit of the Association formally recognized under the Constitution and By-Laws.

Chairperson

The person appointed or elected to preside over a meeting, committee, council, or other official body of the Association.

Committee

A body established by the Governing Council or another competent authority to undertake specific governance, advisory, operational, or strategic responsibilities.

Conflict of Interest

Any actual, potential, or perceived situation in which personal, financial, professional, family, or other interests could improperly influence—or reasonably appear to influence—a person's impartial performance of duties for the Association.

Constitution

The principal governing document of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

Corporate Member

A registered company or business organization admitted as a member in accordance with the Membership Policy.

D

Delegate

A person officially nominated or authorized to represent a member, Chapter, institution, or organization at meetings, conferences, or other official Association activities.

District Chapter



A recognized Chapter responsible for implementing the Association's programmes within a designated District.

District Membership Partner (DMP)

An authorized partner appointed by the Association to promote membership growth, coordinate local outreach, support chapter development, and represent the Association within an assigned district under the policies and supervision of FEDA Global India.

Digital Membership Card

The official electronic membership identification issued by the Association.

E

Employee

A person employed by the Association under a contract of employment.

Ethics Committee

The committee responsible for promoting ethical conduct, reviewing ethics-related matters, and making recommendations concerning professional standards.

Executive Committee

The executive body responsible for the day-to-day administration and operational management of the Association.

F

FEDA

Federation of Economic Development Association.

FEDA Economist

The Association's official publication and media platform dedicated to economic development, business leadership, entrepreneurship, policy insights, research, interviews, industry trends, and organizational communications.

FEDA Global Sources

The Association's official business networking and digital business directory platform designed to showcase member organizations, products, services, investment opportunities, and business collaborations.

Financial Year

The accounting period adopted by the Association for financial reporting purposes.

G

General Body

The supreme governing body comprising eligible members of the Association vested with powers under the Constitution.

Governance

The system by which the Association is directed, managed, supervised, and held accountable.

Governing Council

The principal policy-making and governing authority of the Association between meetings of the General Body.

H

Honorary Member

A person upon whom Honorary Membership has been conferred in recognition of distinguished service or exceptional contributions.

Honorary Office

An office held without salary unless otherwise approved by the Association.

I

Institutional Member

A university, educational institution, research organization, government body, chamber, association, NGO, corporation, or other organization admitted into membership.

International Chapter

A Chapter established outside India and recognized by the Governing Council to represent the Association within another country.

International Delegation

An officially approved group representing the Association during overseas conferences, trade missions, study visits, or bilateral engagements.

J

Joint Secretary

An Office Bearer appointed or elected to assist the Secretary General or Secretary in carrying out official duties.

K

Knowledge Hub

The Association's organized platform for education, research, professional development, publications, webinars, training programmes, leadership development, and knowledge-sharing initiatives.

L

Life Member

A member granted continuing membership in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, or Membership Policy without the requirement for annual renewal, subject to continued compliance with governance requirements.

Logo

The officially approved visual identity of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

M

Member

Any individual, business, institution, or organization admitted into membership in accordance with the Constitution and Membership Policy.

Membership Certificate

The official certificate issued by the Association confirming membership.

Membership ID

The unique identification number assigned to every member.

Mission

The formal statement describing the fundamental purpose of the Association.

N

National Headquarters

The principal administrative office of the Association responsible for national governance and coordination.

National President

The elected head of the Association responsible for providing strategic leadership and representing the Association.

O

Office Bearer

Any person elected or appointed to hold an official leadership or governance position within the Association.

Official Publication

Any publication formally approved and issued by the Association.

P

Patron

An individual or organization recognized for providing significant support to the Association.

Policy

A formally approved governance or operational directive adopted by the Governing Council.

Professional Conduct

The standards of behaviour expected of members while representing the Association.

Programme

Any conference, seminar, workshop, project, campaign, delegation, training initiative, networking event, or other activity organized or approved by the Association.

Q

Quorum

The minimum number of eligible members required to be present for a meeting to validly transact business in accordance with the Constitution.

R

Research Publication

Any report, journal, article, white paper, policy paper, study, or other research document officially published by the Association.

Resolution

A formal decision adopted by the General Body, Governing Council, Committee, or other authorized body.

S

Secretary General

The principal administrative Office Bearer responsible for governance coordination, records, communications, and implementation of Governing Council decisions.

Sector Council

An industry-specific advisory and programme development body established by the Governing Council.

Sponsor

An individual or organization providing financial or other approved support to an Association activity.

Standing Committee

A permanent committee established to perform continuing governance or operational functions.

State Chapter

A recognized Chapter responsible for Association activities within a State or Union Territory.

Strategic Partner

An organization collaborating with the Association under a formal partnership arrangement.

T

Task Force

A temporary working group established to complete a defined project or assignment.

Treasurer

The Office Bearer responsible for financial oversight and stewardship in accordance with the Constitution and financial policies.

V

Vision

The long-term aspiration and strategic direction of the Association.

Volunteer

A person who voluntarily contributes time, expertise, or services to support the activities of the Association without being an employee.

W

Working Group

A temporary group established to study, review, or implement a specific project, programme, or governance initiative.

Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- Words importing one gender include all genders.
- References to persons include individuals and legal entities where appropriate.
- Headings are included for convenience only and do not affect interpretation.
- References to Articles, Appendices, or Schedules refer to those contained within this Constitution & By-Laws unless otherwise specified.

Glossary Maintenance

The Governing Council may review and update this Glossary from time to time to:

- Reflect amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws.
- Introduce new governance terminology.
- Align with changes in legislation.
- Improve clarity and consistency.
- Support organizational growth and international expansion.

Glossary Principle

“Clear language promotes clear governance. This Glossary is intended to provide a common understanding of the terminology used throughout the Constitution & By-Laws, ensuring consistency, transparency, and effective administration across every level of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).”

Appendix J Summary

Appendix J provides the official **Glossary of Terms** for the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India). It defines the principal legal, governance, operational, financial, membership, and organizational terms used throughout the Constitution & By-Laws. By establishing standardized definitions and interpretation principles, this Appendix supports consistent application of the governance framework across National Headquarters, State Chapters, District Chapters, International Chapters, committees, members, and stakeholders.

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Purpose of the Index

This Alphabetical Index has been prepared to assist Members, Office Bearers, Committee Members, Chapter Leaders, Employees, Volunteers, Advisors, Partners, and other stakeholders in locating key provisions contained within the Constitution & By-Laws of the Federation of Economic Development Association (FEDA Global India).

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