

## ANNUAL CONVENTION

VANI's Convention is an annual flagship event. It is an ideal occasion for networking, education, and entertainment for our members and other stakeholders in the voluntary sector.

## WEBSITE

All our members have the privilege of being listed free in the Members' Directory on our website [www.vaniindia.org](http://www.vaniindia.org). We also give links to all our members from VANI's website. This helps them gain visibility both nationally and internationally.

## REPRESENTATION & LOBBYING

VANI is the authentic voice of the voluntary sector in India and lobbies for all voluntary sector matters before the Central & State Governments. We are particularly active in presenting various policies, regulations and advisories such as our annual pre-budget memorandum. By sharing views and problems, our members help us in representing their specific matters and the issues facing the voluntary sector more effectively to the Central & State Governments and their agencies.

## INFORMATION SERVICE

We also maintain a database on global & Indian voluntary organisations. We also keep information on various aspects of the voluntary sector including sector specific NGOs, academic institutions, consultants and consultancy firms involved in the voluntary sector. Such information is communicated to our members generally through our news magazine and specifically on request from other stakeholders.

## BUDGET ANALYSIS

VANI also undertakes analysis of the central budget from the perspective of voluntary sector and disseminates the same to its members and other stakeholders of the sector within few hours from the time it is presented by the finance minister. This is aimed at keeping members and other stakeholders of the sector duly updated of the announced programmes and policies for the sector and how its impacts the sector in overall measure.

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## PRINCIPLES AND CRITERION

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## VANI MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Organisations, network federations and individuals that meet the following criteria are provided the membership of VANI:

- Voluntary development organisations including women's and youth's organisations (excluding religious and political organisations, corporations - local and foreign, government agencies, funding agencies, family trusts and international organisations);
- Organisations that regularly publish/print annual and audit reports;
- Legally registered and democratically functioning organisations working for the promotion of development;
- Individuals with a track record in voluntary action and currently not working with any voluntary organisations (maximum 15% of the total existing membership base).

### TYPES OF MEMBERS

- Voluntary development organisations** are defined as organisations with an institutional base, a legal entity and operational costs, acting either singly or with field implementation agencies.
- Networks** that promote voluntary action and/or aim for the development of the people.  
(Both voluntary development organisations and networks are considered institutional members)
- Individuals** with a track record in voluntary action but are not attached to any voluntary organisation at the time of enrolment.

## PROCEDURE

This applies to all types of memberships (network, organisational, individual).

### STEP 1

The organisation/individual should obtain a letter of recommendation from any two existing members of VANI. The letters should be printed using the organisation's letterhead. An application form along with the Guiding Principles document will be sent to them after receipt of the recommendation letters.

### STEP 2

- Data required from applicant network federations and organisations as per the VANI's Guiding Principles document needs to be supplied. Membership form has to be filled out and the following documents produced: annual report, audited statements, society registration certificate and organisation's constitution.
- Individual members need to submit their curriculum vitae, application form and prescribed application fee.
- All the above mentioned documents are to be sent to the VANI Secretariat including a demand draft as applicable payable to VANI
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.

### STEP 3

- Upon submission of all requirements, the maximum time taken by VANI to decide on the membership of any organisation/individual will be 15 days.
- Deliberations and approval by the Membership Subscription and Benefits Sub Committee by a three member committee which decides whether the applicant is fulfilling the membership criteria or not and take appropriate decision.

### STEP 4

Individual and institutional applicants will be informed of the status of their application in writing. If an applicant does not receive any response within 3 weeks from the Secretariat, they are requested to inform VANI immediately.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE

S.No.	Categories	Membership fees (Annually)	Membership fees Long Term (5 Years)
1.	Organisational Member	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 2500.00
2.	Network Member	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 2500.00
3.	Individual Members	Rs. 100.00	Rs. 500.00

## SERVICES PROVIDED TO VANI MEMBERS

Membership within VANI provides an extensive selection of services meant to enhance the capabilities and knowledge of member organizations in order to strengthen their overall effectiveness. Members are offered the opportunity to participate in useful workshops, discussion panels, conferences and lectures on a broad range of relevant issues. They will be able to utilise VANI as their voice and their gateway to the media, politicians, civil servants, international agencies and other NGOs. Most importantly members become involved in a partnership and a network, which works towards the common goal and interests of the sector.

To accomplish these ends, VANI provides services through the following media:

### MAGAZINE & NEWSLETTER

*Civil Society Voices*, our quarterly magazine, is a premium publication for the voluntary sector containing legal matters, government notifications and a number of useful articles. It has become immensely popular and is found very useful by government departments, ministries, academic institutions, funding agencies and by all our members and their networks.

### e-VANI

e-VANI is a monthly web-based newsletter providing updates on VANI's activities and programmes. It offers resources which are of use to development professionals as well as information on government policies, funding and forthcoming events such as training programmes, conferences and consultations both here and abroad

### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

We also bring out useful voluntary sector related publications, which we provide free to our members. Many of them are based on intensive research relevant to the voluntary sector.