



Sponsorship of Extra-Organizational Activities

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide definitions, a set of criteria, and a process for ACUNS to sponsor or support an activity.

Definitions: ACUNS sponsorship entails ACUNS providing a letter of support that details the specific ways in which the activity would relate to or benefit ACUNS, and the way in which ACUNS sponsorship would benefit the activity. Sponsorship does not entail financial support unless specifically stated. The sponsored activity may then mention ACUNS in its communication, and display the ACUNS logo during the event."

Sponsorship requires the activity meet the criteria listed below.

An activity sponsored by ACUNS might be an event or research as described here:

- ▶ An event organized by a United Nations system entity, an educational entity, or a non-governmental organization or entity. The event may entail presentations, discussions or other activities, e.g. networking, artwork or similar, but the substance must be in line with ACUNS purposes and activities.
- ▶ A research project being implemented by one or several researchers or organizations. Such research should have clear focus on the United Nations system (substantive connection, organizational and governance focus, or other).

Criteria for Sponsorship:

1. The activity clearly connects with and meets ACUNS purposes and activities: The activity "unites people who are active in the work and study of the UN, to better understand and address the most pressing global issues of our time... through events, publications, and online networking opportunities, ACUNS fosters analysis and debate about major international challenges. ACUNS increases the accessibility of the UN system to scholars, and facilitates the development of new scholarship about the UN and international affairs. It also recognizes and awards exceptional scholarship about the UN system. Through its work, ACUNS seeks to nurture the growth of scholarship, legal instruments, and informed policy solutions to global challenges. (ACUNS purpose

and description of activities as of August 2024). Activities sponsored cannot be of a commercial nature and should be diversity-sensitive.

2. The activity is supported or conducted by an ACUNS member: Membership is defined by a person or organization that has paid their membership dues and is committed to ACUNS purpose and activities. One or several ACUNS members should be implementing or involved in the activity (e.g., as organizer or as presenter).
3. The activity supports current thematic and issue areas prioritized by the United Nations, its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies.
4. The request for ACUNS sponsorship should include detailed description of how ACUNS sponsorship would be beneficial both to the activity and to ACUNS. It should be provided in writing with sufficient advance notice to afford reasonable review time.
5. The sponsored activity should be time-limited, not open-ended.
6. The Organization should have a good record and reputation. It will be vetted by ACUNS.
7. Diversity: Activities proposed and implemented by ACUNS Liaison Offices, by Global South Actors, or by diverse peoples will be prioritized.

Process:

Two board members are responsible to review and approve sponsorship application and, if necessary, consult the Board.

The Executive Director will inform the requestor about the decision.

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