
TURKISH GLOBAL NETWORK (TGN)

General Principles and Charter

1. ABOUT TGN

Turkish Global Network (TGN) was founded in Shanghai in August 2020 with the mission of bringing together Turkish and Turkish-origin businesspeople, professionals, academics, and community leaders. Since its establishment, TGN has organized regular and high-quality in-person events, building significant awareness within the Turkish diaspora and growing into one of the most active Turkish networking platforms in the Asia-Pacific region. Today, TGN is an international Turkish diaspora network based in China with more than 500 qualified members.

2. VISION

To build a respected, strong, and sustainable Turkish diaspora network that unites Turks living in different parts of the world around shared values.

3. MISSION

The core missions of TGN are:

- To bring Turks together in regions where civil society structures that unite the Turkish community are lacking.
- To operate in coordination with Turkish missions in different countries around the world, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To strengthen the sense of friendship, solidarity, and belonging within the Turkish diaspora.
- To contribute to the development of social, cultural, and economic collaborations among members.
- To bring together the distinguished representatives of the Turkish community under one roof.
- To encourage Turkish youth and students to connect with one another.
- To support the visibility of Turkish culture and the Turkish diaspora in the countries where they are present.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

TGN operates through the following roles and areas of authority:

- 4.1 Founding Leader
- 4.2 Regional Leaders and Leadership Council
- 4.3 Communications Coordinator
- 4.4 Student Union Leaders

5. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES

5.1 Founding Leader

The protection, supervision, and development of TGN's principles is the responsibility of the Founding Leader.

Duties:

- To uphold the core principles of TGN.
- To ensure the growth of the organization and its expansion into new regions.
- To foster coordination among regional leaders.
- To protect the institutional identity and reputation of TGN.
- To oversee the implementation of the charter when necessary.

5.2 Regional Leaders and Leadership Council

Regional leaders represent TGN in the countries or cities where they operate. If a regional leader fails to organize any event within a calendar year, their role is automatically terminated.

Duties:

- To organize at least three events per year in their region.
- To encourage new and qualified members to join the platform.
- To organize activities that bring the Turkish community together.
- To act in accordance with TGN principles.
- To maintain communication with Turkish missions and relevant institutions.

Expected Qualities of Regional Leaders: Leadership ability, respectability, knowledge and cultural awareness, concern for the public good, a generous and unifying character.

5.3 Communications Coordinator

Duties:

- To coordinate TGN's relations with Turkish missions and other civil society organizations.
- To handle the announcement and promotion of events.
- To manage social media and communication channels.
- To carry out TGN's institutional communications activities.

5.4 Student Union Leaders

Duties:

- To bring together successful and hardworking Turkish students in their region.
- To build student networks in line with TGN principles.
- To increase communication and solidarity among students.
- To strengthen students' ties with the Turkish diaspora.

6. IMMUTABLE PRINCIPLES OF TGN

Equality: Although TGN has an organizational structure with defined roles and responsibilities, all members hold equal value.

Transparency: No membership fees are collected from members. Unnecessary personal information is not requested. Activities are conducted transparently. Events are organized, whenever possible, with the knowledge and support of the relevant Turkish missions.

Quality: TGN only accepts qualified members who meet certain standards.

7. MEMBERSHIP PRINCIPLES

7.1 Admission of Members to the Platform

Membership applications are evaluated and concluded through the referral system or at the initiative of regional leaders. Removal from membership is also carried out at the initiative of the relevant regional leaders.

7.2 Who Can Become a Member of TGN?

The following criteria must be met to be considered for membership:

- To be of Turkish origin (regardless of citizenship status) and to speak Turkish.
- To possess a knowledgeable, cultured, respectable, and refined character.
- To be wholeheartedly committed to the Turkish diaspora.
- Not to engage in attitudes that openly harm the interests of Turkey and the Turkish community.

8. PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS

The following individuals may be invited to TGN events:

- TGN members.
- Members' spouses and guests.
- Representatives of Turkish missions in the region.
- Representatives of other Turkish civil society organizations in the region.
- Individuals deemed appropriate by the regional leader who can contribute to the Turkish community.

9. EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

- Each region must organize at least three events per year.
- Event announcements are made via WeChat, WhatsApp, or similar communication channels.
- For paid events, the participation fee is paid individually by each attendee.
- Sponsorships for food, beverages, or event organization are acceptable.
- Event venues are selected from distinguished and reputable locations suitable for a networking format.
- Events preferably begin in a cocktail format. After opening remarks, dinner and networking sessions may follow.
- Business sessions, panels, talks, or networking conversations may be included in the event program.

10. NEUTRALITY AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

- TGN is not affiliated with any political party and does not represent any political view.
- TGN does not establish relations with illegal individuals, institutions, or structures.

- TGN aims to operate in coordination with Turkish missions in the countries where it is active.

11. CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The principles and rules contained in this charter may be amended by a majority vote at meetings held by the Regional Leaders Council. In cases where regional leaders are unable to convene or reach a decision, the Founding Leader, as the guardian and protector of TGN's core principles, holds the final authority for evaluation and interpretation.

Founding Leader: Ugur Arzogullari

"The global friendship, solidarity, and networking platform that brings Turks together."

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