



Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Association PELUM Malawi

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PELUM Malawi currently has a membership of **24 organizations**. All members pay an annual subscription fees which is paid by **March 31st of each year** to the Country Secretariat.

How to join PELUM Malawi

- Be a legally registered organization
- Engage in or subscribe to participatory approaches
- Exhibit record and experience in promoting sustainable agriculture
- Actively promote indigenous knowledge and skills
- Recognize the small holder farmer as key in sustainable development
- Be committed and willing to share knowledge and skills through networking with other PELUM members
- Be willing to participate actively in PELUM planning, training, research activities and promote the aims of the Association
- Pay an annual subscription fee in accordance with PELUM regulations

How to apply for membership

- All applicants for PELUM Malawi Membership must fill in an application form. This form can be accessed at the country secretariat. The application must be accompanied by the relevant supporting documents and application fees must be paid upon receipt of an invoice from the Country Secretariat.
- All applications for membership should be forwarded to the Country Board through the Country Secretariat in writing and signed by the applicant. The forms can be sent by post, email or delivered to the PELUM Malawi Country Secretariat office.
- The Country Secretariat will share feedback with both successful and unsuccessful applicants.

- Successful applicants will receive a notification of approval together with a request to pay subscription fees. Once paid up, the applicant shall be admitted as a member of PELUM Malawi.
- The right of admission to membership is vested in the Country Board. If the Country Board rejects the application, it will give reasons for refusal. The Country Board reports any such refusal to the next General meeting for ratification by the Members. If those Members attending and entitled to vote decline by a simple majority to ratify refusal of membership, the applicant then becomes a Member.
- The right of admission to membership is non-discriminatory, giving due consideration to gender equity and vulnerable groups.

Benefits of membership to PELUM Association

- Attending PELUM organized workshops-national and regional for capacity building
- Information sharing through PELUM publications
- Networking with other NGOs and initiatives (exposure and exchange visits)
- Support to movements and initiatives (Youth and women in Agroecology)
- Broadened areas of operation
- Collective advocacy
- Capacity strengthening in key identified areas

Member obligations/Contributions

- Financial contributions
- Time for attending PELUM events
- Sharing best practices
- Resource persons for PELUM capacity building workshops
- Marketing PELUM Association in different fora
- Working towards the same purpose/goal as PELUM members
- Shaping directing PELUM Malawi e.g. participating in the strategic planning events, meetings etc.
- Member organizations shall ensure that the Country Working Group and Country Secretariat function effectively

- Members shall annually share their updated profiles and information with the Country Secretariat. This will include geographical coverage and number of farmers reached among others.
- Members shall designate a relevant staff to act as a contact person for PELUM Malawi.