



The Rethinking Value Chains Collective

Who can be a member?

Membership of the Rethinking Value Chains collective is open to organisations based anywhere in the world and with expertise on any particular value chain, including:

- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's)
- Trade union organisations
- Local community and worker organisations
- Not for profit small farmer networks
- Academic institutions
- Independent research institutions

The RVC collective recognises the importance of dialogue and collaboration with corporate industry decision makers to achieve sustainable change in value chains, and many of our individual members work in close collaboration with private sector actors, especially those with ethical values and fair buying practices. However, membership of the RVC collective is strictly reserved for organisations that do not have a profit-making objective.

This definition is important to us, as civil society and not-for-profit organisations, to enable us to provide a permanent and open space for exchange of expertise and strategy on the transformation of value chains towards improved respect of social, economic and environmental rights. Our [manifesto](#) outlines this objective in more detail.

We do however have a more open 'associate' category for other actors that may want to be informed of RVC initiatives. Please see below for more details.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE RETHINKING VALUE CHAINS COLLECTIVE

All **members** of the Collective should meet the following criteria:

- Has read and formally supports the RVC [manifesto](#)
- Has completed the 'Membership survey', in order to provide information to be displayed on RVC website's members' page
- Has committed to participating in at least one physical (or online) strategy meeting per year

All **members** of the Collective have the following participation rights:

- To receive and send updates using the Framaliste
- To participate in all physical and online meetings and join any working group

- To propose any new strand of work or activity to be integrated into RVC activities, if supported by other members

RVC Coordination

In addition to the RVC Co-coordinating organisations - [Banana Link](#), [ReAct](#) and [FTAO](#) - there exists an informal group of 'core' members who play a lead role in our strategy development, facilitation of our thematic working groups, developing the agenda for our physical meetings, producing supporting documents, engaging new members etc. This 'core group' is open to all members who wish to play a more active role.

BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE OF THE RETHINKING VALUE CHAINS 'WIDER NETWORK'

Associates, in addition to the members categories mentioned above (civil society and not-for profit), can include:

- Representatives from government institutions that have specific expertise on the value chains issues on which the RVC works
- Students working on value chain transformation and transition
- Foundations with values and programmes that fully respect the RVC manifesto
- Small producer cooperatives, and their associations, representing affected communities in the South
- Small, socially orientated enterprises on a case by case basis, if they already have a constructive working relationship with a member of the RVC
- Independent consultants on a case by case basis

All **associates** of the RVC network should meet the following criteria:

- Has completed the 'Membership survey' to provide information on main contact, type of organisation, main activities, key partner organisation.
- Has confirmed their support for the RVC [manifesto](#)

All **associates** of the RVC network have the following participation rights:

- To receive messages via the Framaliste (any messages sent will be moderated before sharing)
- To join our annual conference at La Bergerie (but not our strategy meetings, unless they are interested in becoming, and eligible to be, a member)
- To participate in webinars and other 'public' events organised by the RVC

Please get in touch if you would like to become a member or an associate of the RVC network and require more information.