



SDR Forum Policy on Participation by Non- members Version 1.0 As Approved on 10 March 2009

Individuals not associated with SDR Forum member organizations often request permission to participate in SDR Forum activities. The SDR Forum will permit such participation only when it helps SDRF member organizations achieve their objectives. In support of this approach, The SDR Forum has adopted the following policies:

- 1) Participation in SDR Forum meetings and events shall be open to individual non-members. Non-members may be charged a premium fee for such participation at a rate determined by the CEO.
- 2) Electronic participation in SDR Forum activities, including group portal access, shall be limited to members only. Exceptions may be granted in the following three cases:
 - a. Permission may be granted to a specific individual to participate in a specific project, in cases where the individual's expertise or resources are critical for success of the project. The Project Approval Committee (PAC) has decision authority in this area. Permission shall be requested by the group leader for a specified time period. Permissions may be renewed by the PAC for additional time on the request of the group leader, who shall certify that the individual has actively participated and remains critical to the project.
 - b. Permission may be granted to specific individuals to advise and support work at the committee level. The Board of Directors has decision authority in this area. Permission shall be requested by the committee chair for a specified time period and may be renewed.
 - c. Permission may be granted to representatives of an organization that is considering membership in order to evaluate the benefits of SDR Forum participation. The CEO has decision authority in this area. The CEO shall report the ways in which this authority was used as part of his or her quarterly report to the Board of Directors.

The SDR Forum's staff, working with the Forum's officers, shall establish operating procedures to facilitate execution of this policy. Such procedures shall be in place within 60 days of the approval of this policy by the SDR Forum Board of Directors.