

## Membership benefits

### Top 10 Reasons to join FCC

1. Access to the FCC Rules and Regulations in English and in French (FCC governance, international contract rules, guidelines for shipment and storage for cocoa beans and cocoa products and arbitration and appeal procedures) and guidance notes.
2. Opportunity to play an active role through our Committees and Working Groups and join the FCC Superintendents Scheme.
3. Opportunity to join the Arbitration & Appeal Panel of the FCC (for Voting Members).
4. Lower fees on arbitration and appeal proceedings.
5. Discounted rates on FCC training courses and modules.
6. Free access to 'Cocoa news' distributed daily highlighting up-to-date international cocoa events.
7. Access to the Members' area with regular updates on matters of special interest.
8. Publication of company contact information on the FCC website and access to other Members' details.
9. Opportunity to purchase tables at the FCC Cocoa Dinner held every three years, with international attendance from the cocoa community.
10. FCC representation of members' interests and issues with a variety of institutions.

## How to join

Application forms, further information and guidelines are available at **[www.cocoafederation.com](http://www.cocoafederation.com)** and also available in French.

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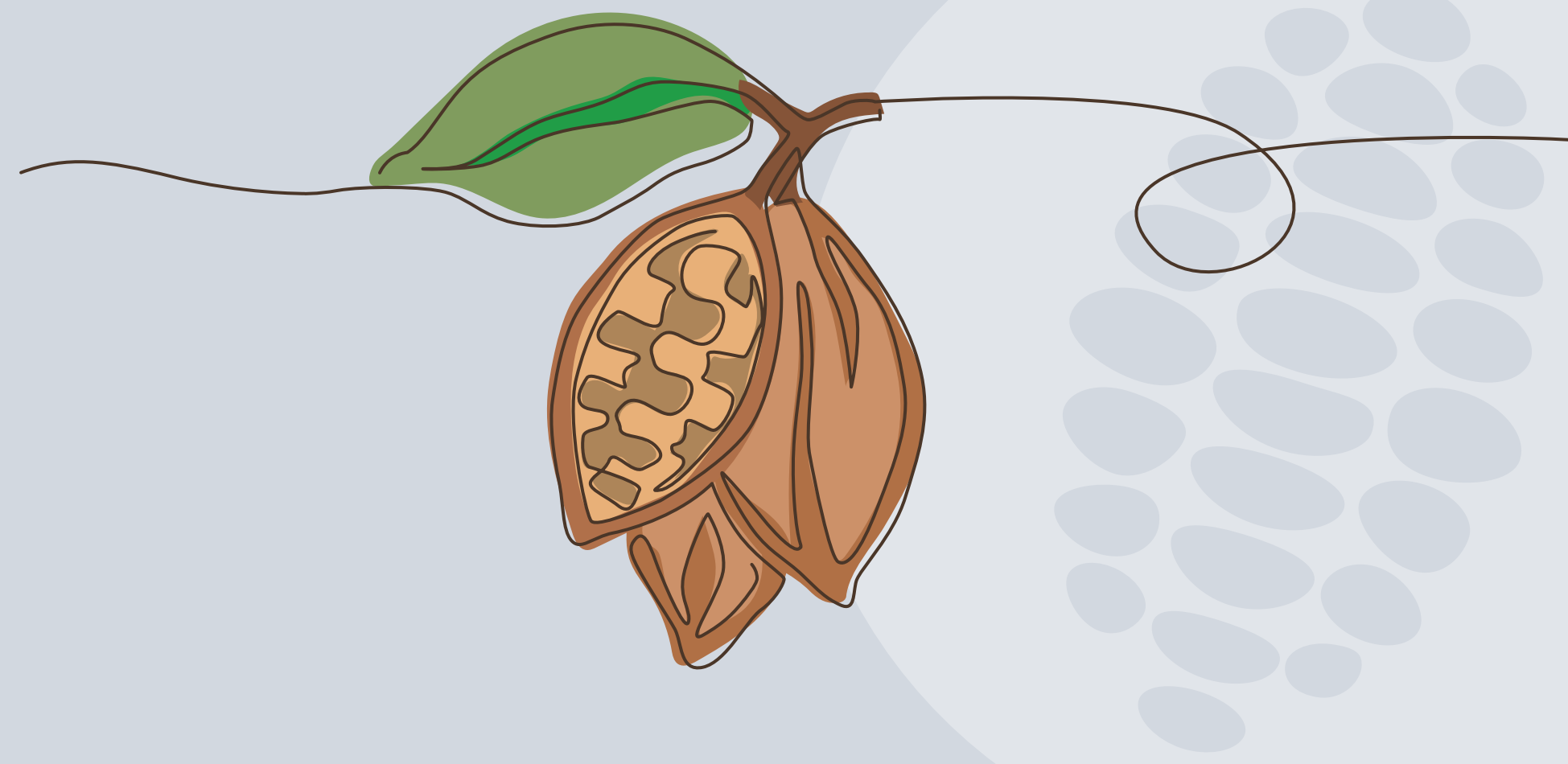
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## Membership guide

# Promote, protect and regulate the trade in cocoa beans and cocoa products



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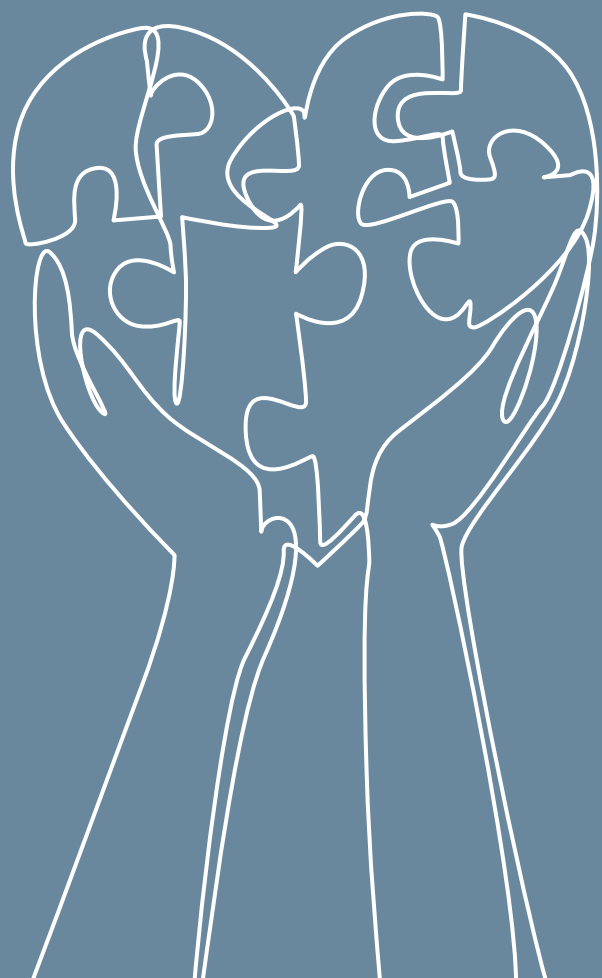
*Growing together*

## About the FCC

The **FCC** is an international trade association which was established to serve the growing trade in physical cocoa.

The main aims are to **promote, protect** and **regulate** the trade in cocoa beans and cocoa products and to support and safeguard the status and interests of its members through the provision of **cocoa contracts, arbitration services, a superintendents scheme** and **educational and training programmes**.

**FCC membership** is open to a wide range of stakeholders in the cocoa supply chain: from Marketing Boards and exporters to processors and chocolate manufacturers, including traders, brokers, warehousekeepers, superintendents and other representatives of the cocoa market ancillary services.



## Categories of Membership

### 1. Voting

**Open to those engaged in the trade of cocoa beans and cocoa products and is subdivided into the following sectors of the Trade:**

- **Production/Exportation** of Cocoa Beans, Cocoa Products and related articles from origin countries;

- **Business to Business “BTB”**, the processing sector of the Trade;
- **Business to Consumer “BTC”**, the manufacturing and Chocolate Industry sector of the Trade;
- **Trade** of Cocoa Beans, Cocoa Products and related articles.

### 2. Associate membership

**Open to those engaged in the trade of cocoa beans and cocoa products which are not able to meet the financial requirements for Voting membership and is subdivided into the following sectors of the Trade:**

- **Production/Exportation** of Cocoa Beans, Cocoa Products and related articles from origin countries;

- **Business to Business “BTB”**, the processing sector of the Trade;
- **Business to Consumer “BTC”**, the manufacturing and Chocolate Industry sector of the Trade;
- **Trade** of Cocoa Beans, Cocoa Products and related articles.

### 3. Non-Voting membership

Open to those engaged in activities ancillary to the trade and who are not parties to the FCC contract.

### 4. Group membership

Open to subsidiaries or affiliates of members in either the Voting or Non-Voting Category.

### 5. Honorary by invitation

## Capital Requirements

<b>Voting Member</b>	Capital Assets ≥ £500 000
<b>Associate Member</b>	Capital Assets ≥ £100,000 and Capital Assets < £500,000
<b>Group Members of a Voting Member’s Group</b>	Capital Assets ≥ £500,000
<b>Non-Voting Member</b>	n/a
<b>Group Members of a Non-Voting Member’s Group</b>	n/a

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