



WBO Official Education **Certification Program** Requirements



General Application Requirements (for all categories)

To be admitted as a WBO Certified Facilitator, Accredited Training Center, or Academic Member Institution, applicants must submit a complete application package demonstrating professional credibility, verified experience, and alignment with the mission and ethical framework of the World Bamboo Organization (WBO). **Incomplete applications will not proceed to review.**

1.1 Application Form

Must be completed through the official WBO online portal and include:

- Full legal name (individual) or registered organization name
- Nationality and country of operation
- Contact details (email, phone, website if available)
- Category of application (Facilitator / Training Center / Academic Institution)
- Formal declaration of agreement with:
 - WBO Mission & Vision
 - WBO Educator Code of Ethics

1.2. Curriculum Vitae or Institutional Profile

Individuals:

Submit a CV (PDF format, max. 5 pages) including:

- Educational background
- Professional experience related to bamboo or relevant fields
- Teaching, training, or facilitation experience
- Key projects, research, or sector contribution

Organizations / Institutions:

Submit an institutional profile (PDF, max. 10 pages) including:

- Legal name and year of establishment
- Mission, vision, and scope of work
- Description of training activities
- Core team members involved in education (names + roles)

1.3. Proof of Professional or Academic Background

- Applicants must provide evidence of professional qualification relevant to bamboo or their area of expertise:
- Degrees, diplomas, or certifications in architecture, engineering, construction, sustainability, design, agroforestry, or bamboo research
- Professional licenses where legally required
- For traditional or indigenous knowledge holders:
- Community endorsement
- Recognized project work
- Publications or documented field practice



1.4 Evidence of Training or Professional Experience

Applicants must demonstrate a consistent record of educational or professional activity. Minimum requirement:

Provide 5–6 documented examples of past workshops, courses, training programs, or relevant professional projects. Each example should include:

- Title of activity
- Year and country
- Applicant's role
- Duration and number of participants (if applicable)
- Supporting evidence such as:
 - Event agendas or flyers
 - Course syllabus or curriculum outline
 - Participant lists or testimonials
 - Photos, videos, or media coverage
 - Training materials

Researchers may submit:

- Peer-reviewed publications
- Research reports
- Conference presentations related to bamboo

1.5 References & Endorsements

Applicants must provide:

- Minimum two professional references from:
 - Former students
 - Institutional partners
 - Project collaborators
 - Academic or professional organizations

Each reference must include:

- Full name
- Position
- Institution
- Contact details

A short signed endorsement letter (PDF) is recommended.

1.6 Digital Presence & Visibility

To ensure transparency and sector visibility, applicants should provide:

- Official website (if available)
- Professional social media accounts used for educational or project communication
- Online portfolio, publications, or project documentation



1.7 Statement of Purpose (SOP)

Submit a one-page statement explaining:

- Motivation to join the WBO Certification Program
- Contribution of the applicant's work to the global bamboo sector
- Commitment to sustainability, ethics, and knowledge sharing

1.8 Code of Ethics Agreement

All applicants must review and sign the WBO Educator Code of Ethics, confirming commitment to:

- Evidence-based and responsible education
- Cultural respect and inclusivity
- Professional conduct
- Safety and ethical standards in training

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Specific Requirements by Category

For Individual Facilitators

- Applicants must demonstrate:
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience in architecture, construction, engineering, design, sustainability, agroforestry, or bamboo research
- Portfolio of relevant workshops or projects
- Evidence of teaching or training ability (contracts, certifications, prior programs, or educational background)

For Training Centers / Organizations

- Applicants must provide:
- Legal registration documentation
- Evidence of at least 3 prior training events
- Description of educational infrastructure (classrooms, workshop areas, labs, or digital platforms)
- Demonstrated alignment with WBO values (sustainability, ethics, quality)

For Academic Institutions

- Applicants must submit:
- Proof of academic accreditation
- Evidence of bamboo-related curricula, modules, or research programs
- Faculty list with CVs of educators involved in bamboo education
- Commitment to knowledge dissemination and research collaboration

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WBO Educator Code of Ethics & Commitment (Appendix A)



Appendix A – WBO Educator Code of Ethics & Commitment

Preamble

The World Bamboo Organization (WBO), as the global authority in bamboo education and certification, requires all applicants, whether individuals, training centers, or academic institutions, seeking accreditation under the WBO Certification Program to adhere strictly to the following Code of Ethics and Commitment. This Code safeguards the integrity, credibility, and global recognition of WBO-certified education, ensuring that all training is conducted with professionalism, respect, and accountability. Compliance with this Code is a mandatory condition of accreditation. Breach of its provisions may result in immediate suspension or revocation of WBO certification rights.

Article I – Commitment to Integrity and Evidence-Based Training

1. All educational content, methodologies, and learning materials must be based on verifiable knowledge, scientific research, or documented best practices in the bamboo sector.
2. Applicants shall refrain from presenting unverified claims, misleading statements, or speculative information as established fact.
3. Transparency in course design, learning objectives, and expected outcomes is required in every certified training program.

Article II – Professional Conduct and Transparency

1. Trainers, facilitators, and institutions must conduct all activities with honesty, fairness, and professionalism.
2. Course fees, program requirements, and certification processes must be communicated clearly to all participants prior to enrollment.
3. Evaluations of participant performance shall be objective, transparent, and free of bias or favoritism.

Article III – Respect for Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Diversity

1. Applicants shall recognize, respect, and, where appropriate, integrate traditional and indigenous knowledge systems related to bamboo.
2. Cultural diversity must be promoted and safeguarded, ensuring an inclusive and respectful learning environment for participants from all backgrounds.
3. Any use of local or traditional knowledge must include proper acknowledgment of its sources and avoid misappropriation.



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Article IV – Zero Tolerance for Unethical Practices

1. Plagiarism, falsification of records, or misrepresentation of qualifications is strictly prohibited.
2. Discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, nationality, or any other condition is forbidden in all WBO-certified activities.
3. Exploitative practices, including but not limited to the misuse of participants' personal data, unfair labor practices, or commercial exploitation of trainees, will not be tolerated.

Article V – Confidentiality and Responsibility

1. Educators and institutions must protect confidential information shared by participants, partner institutions, or communities.
2. Data collection and reporting related to certified training must comply with applicable laws on privacy, data protection, and intellectual property rights.
3. Educators are responsible for ensuring that all WBO-issued certificates accurately reflect the training provided and the verified achievement of participants.

Article VI – Commitment to the Mission of WBO

1. All certified educators and institutions commit to upholding the mission and vision of the WBO: to professionalize the bamboo sector globally and to strengthen sustainable development through education.
2. Accredited members agree to use the WBO name, brand, and certification privileges exclusively in accordance with WBO policies.
3. Educators and institutions shall contribute actively to advancing knowledge exchange, sustainability, and ethical practices in the bamboo sector.

Article VII – Authorization for Use of Information and Media

1. By joining the WBO Certification Program, all accredited facilitators, training centers, and academic institutions grant the World Bamboo Organization (WBO) a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, reproduce, and distribute photographs, video recordings, institutional logos, course materials (excluding proprietary or confidential content), and other media directly related to their accredited training activities.
2. Such materials may be used by WBO exclusively for:
 - a. Promotion of WBO-certified programs on official websites, reports, social media, and public communication channels.
 - b. Documentation and dissemination of educational activities aligned with WBO's mission.
 - c. Strengthening visibility and credibility of certified members and the global bamboo sector.



Appendix A – WBO Educator Code of Ethics & Commitment

Enforcement and Sanctions

1. Compliance with this Code will be monitored by the WBO Education Committee.
2. Any complaint or evidence of non-compliance will trigger an internal review, during which the educator or institution will be required to provide clarifications or corrective measures.
3. Depending on the severity of the violation, WBO may impose the following sanctions:
 - Written warning
 - Suspension of certification rights
 - Revocation of accreditation and withdrawal of the WBO-ID
 - Public disclosure of misconduct, where deemed necessary

Declaration of Commitment

By signing below, the applicant formally acknowledges and accepts the obligations established in this WBO Educator Code of Ethics & Commitment (Appendix A).

This declaration constitutes a binding agreement between the applicant and the World Bamboo Organization (WBO).

Applicant Name: _____

Category (Facilitator / Training Center / Institution): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____



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