

Guidelines for sponsorship of participants for Meetings of Partners of EAAFP:

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Guidelines for sponsorship of Partners

1. First priority for sponsorship will be one representative for **Partners** that are **National Governments**, where these are 'developing countries' or where the government has not made funds available for participation in MoPs:
 - sponsorship will cover return economy airfare and hotel room cost
 - on request, a second participant representing the government will be sponsored if sufficient funds are available after considering all other requests.
2. Second priority for sponsorship will be for **Partners** that are **Non-Government Organisations** and where the NGO has indicated funding constraints:
 - sponsorship will cover hotel room cost only
 - only one participant per NGO will be sponsored.

Guidelines for sponsorship of potential Partners

3. First priority will be for **Potential Partners** that are **National Governments**, where these are 'developing countries' or where the government has not made funds available for participation in MoPs:
 - sponsorship will cover return economy airfare and hotel room cost
 - only one participant will be sponsored (see below).
 - Sponsorship normally will be limited to two years, with further requests considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. Second priority will be for **Non-Government Organisations** of countries that are **Potential Partners** and where the government of the country is unable to send a participant to MoP4:
 - sponsorship will cover hotel room cost only
 - only one participant per country will be sponsored
 - each sponsored participant will be asked to provide a briefing to the national government on return to their country
 - Sponsorship will be limited to two years (with the expectation that a government delegation will attend in years following).

Guidelines for sponsorship of other participants

5. Consideration may be given to **other participants** who may contribute significantly to the Meeting's agenda and will be decided at the discretion of the Chief Executive, subject to available funding. The priority of these sponsorships relative to the other categories listed above (1 – 4) may be decided at the discretion of the Chief Executive and in some cases may be higher, or lower, than 5th priority. Possibilities might include, in approximately descending priority order:
 - Chairs of the five EAAFP Working Groups or their alternates (such as experts employed as Coordinators)
 - coordinators of task forces that have been commissioned by EAAFP

- Other waterbird/wetland experts who will contribute significantly to the business of the meeting
 - Potential Partners that are NGOs and that request funding support
- Sponsorship in this category will cover hotel room cost only.

Sponsorship provided by donors

In some instances, specific Partners or external donors may offer sponsorship for participants of EAAFP Meetings of Partners. Where the donor indicates particular recipients for sponsorship, that guidance will be followed. But where no preferences have been indicated, the offered funding may be 'pooled' with sponsorship funds of the Secretariat and the above guidelines will be applied.