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INTRODUCTION

The Global Earthquake Model (GEM) Foundation is committed to advancing earthquake risk assessment, modelling, and mitigation efforts worldwide. As part of our mission to strengthen global collaboration, we are offering a unique opportunity for public organisations to join GEM's Governing Board as [Public Governors](#).

While GEM's Public Governors typically contribute annual sponsorship fees¹, selected public sector partners under this opportunity will instead be granted Public Governor status (for a period of 3 years) based purely on merit, strategic alignment, and contributions to seismic risk reduction.

Through this partnership, Public Governors will gain access to GEM's global network, research, models and tools, thus contributing to and benefiting from the latest advances in earthquake hazard and risk knowledge.

We invite interested public organisations to submit a proposal outlining their commitment and potential contributions to GEM's mission using the template that can be downloaded from the GEM website².

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated following the criteria set out in the table below. The points assigned to each criterion will be summed, with the total points obtainable equal to 100.

Evaluation Criteria	Description	Total Points
1. Opportunities for collaboration between applicant organisation and GEM	The extent to which the applicant organisation's current activities contribute to earthquake risk reduction, preparedness, and public good, and how these align with GEM's mission, core values and current activities. The impact that partnering with GEM will have on these ongoing activities. <i>Scoring - Excellent: 40; Very Good: 30; Good: 20; Satisfactory: 10; Poor: 5; Irrelevant: 0</i>	40
2. National hazard/risk assessment responsibilities of applicant organisation	The role that the applicant organisation plays in national or regional earthquake hazard/risk assessments and the capacity to contribute to national technical expertise, data, or policy guidance. <i>Scoring - Significant: 20; Important: 15; Satisfactory: 10; Limited: 5; Irrelevant: 0</i>	20

¹ See sponsorship fees here: <https://www.globalquakemodel.org/get-involved>

² <https://www.globalquakemodel.org/get-involved?tab=partnership-opportunity>

3. In-kind contributions	The value and relevance of the in-kind contributions the applicant organisation can offer (e.g., data, personnel, resources, networks). <i>Scoring - Significant: 20; Important: 15; Satisfactory: 10; Limited: 5; Irrelevant: 0</i>	20
4. Experience with GEM models and tools, and/or event participation	Previous experience with GEM tools and software, including demonstrated use of OpenQuake Engine or other GEM models in hazard/risk assessments and projects. Involvement in past GEM events (online or in person) or initiatives (including collaborative activities). <i>Scoring - Demonstrated experience and familiarity with GEM methods, software and models: 7 Additional points for involvement in past GEM events and initiatives: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3</i>	10
5. Capacity to cover expenses to attend GEM Governing Board meetings	The organisation's ability to support the travel expenses of representatives to attend GEM Governing Board meetings. <i>Scoring - Funding available for more than one meeting a year: 5 Funding available for one meeting a year: 3 Funding not available: 0</i>	5
6. Country classification by income level	Country within which the organisation is based, according to the World Bank country classification ³ <i>Scoring -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Low-income economies = 5</i> • <i>Lower-middle-income economies = 4</i> • <i>Upper-middle-income economies = 2</i> • <i>High-income economies = 0</i> 	5
Total Points Obtainable		100
<i>Minimum Points (to be considered for the Governing Board shortlist)</i>		55

EVALUATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

To ensure that we select organisations that can make meaningful contributions to GEM's mission, a Selection Committee (formed by members from both GEM's Governing Board and the GEM Secretariat) will score the applications based on the evaluation criteria provided in the table above, leading to a total score for each application.

The applications will be ranked based on the total points obtained during the evaluation. All applications with a score greater than 55 will then be passed to the GEM Governing Board, together with all application material received. The Governing Board will review the applications at the June Governing Board meeting and will select a shortlist of applicants. Between July and August the Selection Committee will interview the shortlisted candidates, and a final selection of up to 3 winning applicants will be made and communicated by the end of September 2025.

Given that adhesion of any member to the GEM Governing Board requires approval by said Board, the outcome of their decision is final and cannot be contested. The selected organisation(s) will be

³ <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

invited to join the December 2025 Governing Board meeting, where they will be formally ratified as members of the Board for the period 2026-2028.

The timelines are summarised in the table below, but all applicants should check the GEM website for any updates/changes.

Process	Timeline
Submission of applications	by 23:59 hrs (CEST) on 24th May 2025
Scoring of applications by GEM Selection Committee	by 15th June 2025
Shortlist of ranked applicants (with total points > 55) by GEM Governing Board members	26th-27th June 2025
Interviews with shortlisted applicants	July-August 2025
Selection of winning applicant(s)	by end of September 2025
Approval of winning applicant(s) at GEM Governing Board meeting	4th - 5th December 2025 (TBC)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Please prepare your proposals with the Application Template (Word document) and convert to a PDF file.

The PDF must be sent to the email address secretarial@globalquakemodel.org with the subject line: "Application for Public Sector Partnership Opportunity with GEM Foundation"

Interested applicants are requested to submit their proposal by **23:59 hrs (CEST) on 24th May 2025**. Responses received after the stipulated time or not in accordance with the template instructions will be rejected.