

# What are the benefits and obligations of a “Category 2 Institute or Centre under the auspices of UNESCO”?

## Benefits

Category 2 institutes and centres (C2Cs) are a privileged partner of the Organization with access to UNESCO’s logo, international and intergovernmental bodies and networks.

**Use of UNESCO’s name and logo:** C2C shall be allowed to use UNESCO’s name and/or logo in accordance with the conditions and procedures established by UNESCO during the validity period of the Agreement(s).

**Participation in UNESCO activities and cooperation with UNESCO networks:** UNESCO may engage C2C in joint collaboration and the implementation of concrete programme activities. C2Cs may leverage UNESCO’s international reach and convening powers.

**Opportunities for staff training and exchange:** this may include the mutual exchange of staff for limited periods of time to undertake research and to participate in the implementation of pilot projects or other high-priority or high-profile activities. All staff exchanges shall be in compliance with UNESCO’s staff rules and regulations.

**Technical assistance:** UNESCO may provide technical assistance by providing the assistance of its experts in the specialized fields of the institute/centre.

## Obligations

### **Annual reporting on activities**

Category 2 institutes and centres shall contribute to the achievement of UNESCO’s Approved Programme, including global strategies and action plans.

With the purpose of enhancing the visibility of the work of category 2 institutes and centres, and in order to improve information sharing on their contribution to UNESCO’s objectives and outcomes, all C2Cs are required to report annually on their activities, using a specific standard electronic reporting template sent to C2Cs during the final trimester of each year ([indicative template](#)). The annual report, to be submitted by 31 December, provides details on the contribution of the C2C to UNESCO’s programme and to global development agendas during that year. The report should include information on major achievements, gender equality, beneficiaries of activities, partnerships, budget, lessons learned and main challenges.

### **Financial implications**

The institution or the Member State(s) concerned shall meet the costs of the feasibility study, the costs of the renewal evaluations, as well as the costs of UNESCO’s participation in the meetings of its Governing Board and any other meetings of a C2C where UNESCO’s participation is deemed appropriate.

C2Cs not located in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) shall make an annual contribution to the corresponding UNESCO Programme Sector equivalent to at least US \$1,000 every year during the validity period of its agreement, to help cover management and operational costs of the C2C partnership modality.

*Details on General Principles and on Reporting can be found in Section B and G of the [2019 Strategy for UNESCO Category 2 Institutes and Centres](#).*