

ONVIF Member Participation FAQ

Why should members participate in ONVIF?

As ONVIF continues to work on next generation profiles, one of the keys to success is increased member participation. Amplified support and involvement from members not only benefits ONVIF and the organization's objectives, there are also numerous advantages to each member as well. It cannot be emphasized enough that the entire success of ONVIF is built on our member's engagement and contribution of expertise in the field of interoperability.

What are the benefits of member participation?

A few of the top benefits members will experience with ONVIF participation include:

- Ability to be an early adopter with early access to intellectual property
- Getting the latest news on ONVIF's status and roadmap
- Direct participation in discussions that contribute to the development of the standard
- An opportunity to influence the market and be a part of a growing IP interoperability community
- Learn how ONVIF's standards requirements can ensure interoperability among physical security products

Who can participate?

All members can participate but involvement varies depending on membership level.

- Full Members may attend, contribute, chair, vote in committees and work groups, as well as participate as a steering committee member and vote for a steering committee member. Full Members also have use of the Member Forum and the Working Group Platform.
- Contributing Members may attend and contribute to committee and working group activities, as well as vote for committee members (except for steering committee). Contributing Members also have use of the Member Forum and the Working Group Platform.
- User Members have access to the ONVIF Member Forum and use of conformance tools and the ONVIF member and profile logos.
- Observer Members have use of conformance tools as well as the ONVIF member logo.

What are the ways a member can participate in ONVIF?

There are multiple ways a member can participate but some activities may be restricted depending on membership level. Ways to participate include:

- Join an ONVIF Committee (elections held Q4 annually)
- Join an ONVIF work group
- Engage on the ONVIF Member Forum
- Engage on the ONVIF Working Group Platform



What committees and work groups are there and how does a member learn more about ways to participate?

ONVIF has [three major committees](#) and a variety of [working groups](#) under each committee. We encourage all Full and Contributing Members to sign-up today and get involved in any of these work groups to maximize your membership.

To learn more about the different committees and where you can participate, you can log onto the ONVIF Member Forum and visit the “Organization & Committee” sub-forum under the “Member Information” forum. You may self-subscribe to the working groups once you are in the forum. Additionally, you can learn more about meeting details for each committee and their respective work groups as well as participation rules by visiting the committee links below or contacting the committee chairs directly through the ONVIF Member Forum.

- [Technical Committee](#)
 - Chairman: Hans Busch, Bosch
- [Technical Services Committee](#)
 - Chairman: Andreas Schneider, Sony
- [Communications Committee](#)
 - Chairman: Jonathan Lewitt, Pelco

What is the ONVIF Member Forum and what membership levels have access?

With the exception of Observer level, all members have access to the ONVIF Member Forum. The ONVIF [Member Forum](#) is a workspace featuring news and information as well as committee and working group profile development activities. Here you will be able to get in contact with other developers and also active participants of the ONVIF work groups. They will be happy to answer your questions and share their knowledge with you about ONVIF, the test tool, the conformity process and other technical topics. You can self-register for the [Member Forum](#) and/or request instructions from help@onvif.org.

What is the ONVIF Working Group Platform and what membership levels have access?

The Working Group Platform is a web-based tool for developers to collaborate, share documents and track bugs and issues. The collaborative platform provides a Wiki with information about working groups that can be maintained and extended by the working group members. It is open to all working group members as well as all ONVIF Full and Contributing Members. Access to the Working Group Platform is granted by sending a request to help@onvif.org.