IOTA Observer
Frequently Asked Questions
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What is an IOTA Observer?

Article 8.1 of IOTA Charter:
"*International organisations, non-governmental organisations, academia, and regional or global private sector legal entities …, who have an interest in the specific activities of the Organisation, can apply to become an Observer.*"

Article 8.4 of IOTA Charter:
"*Observers are entitled to participate in the technical session of the General Assembly and in the Annual International Conference of the Organisation or another international conference organised by the Organisation jointly with its partner(s).*"

What are the benefits of becoming an IOTA Observer?

- Observer can participate with a maximum of 5 participants at a technical session of the General Assembly and in the Annual International Conference.
- Participation in social events is included, as well as participation in an exhibition, if applicable.
- IOTA may provide the stage time at an IOTA event for Observers if proposed presentation is in line with topic and agenda of the respective IOTA event.
- IOTA Secretariat also may reach out to Observers to make a presentation at certain technical events that are restricted to IOTA members.
- Observers will be listed in the dedicated page of IOTA website (IOTA-tax.org in "About us" section).

What is the fee to become an IOTA Observer?

The annual Observer fee is 13,000 EUR for attending both events (General Assembly and Annual International Conference) and 7,000 Euro for attending one of these events. The annual Observer fee needs to be paid to IOTA latest 30 days before the General Assembly or Annual International Conference takes place.

What is the application, approval, and renewal process?

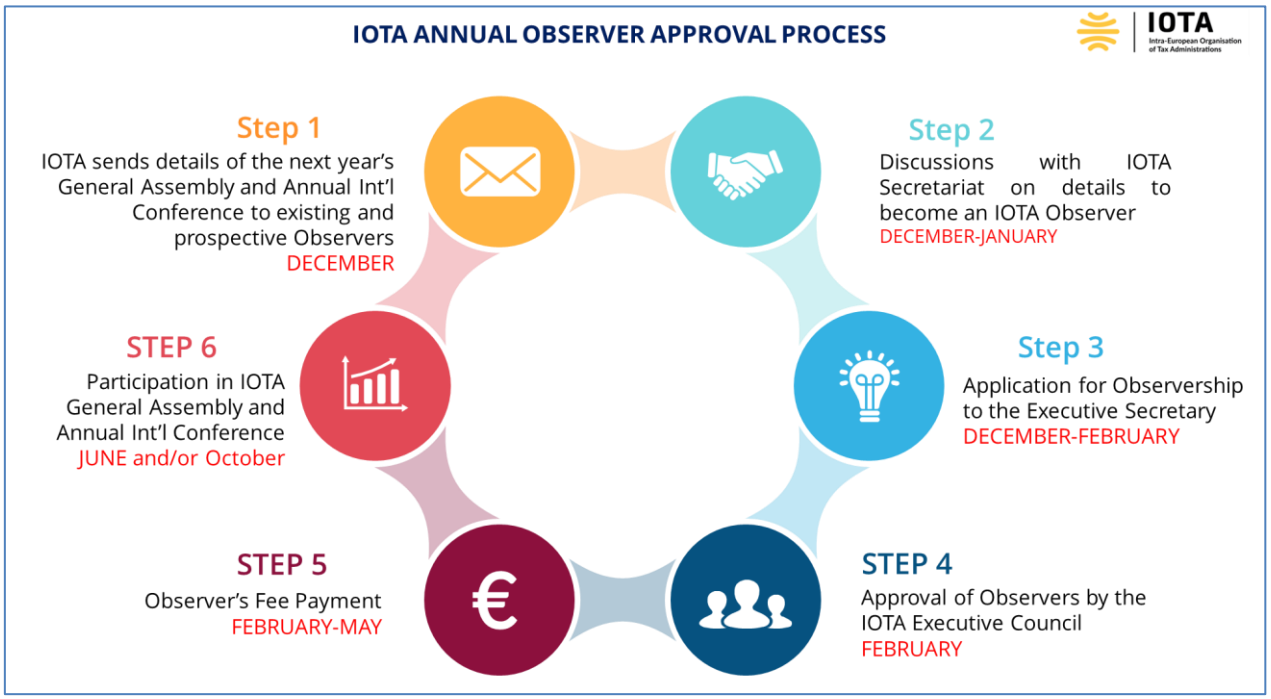
Per Article 8.1 of IOTA Charter, " *The concerned entity becomes an Observer if its written request, signed by the authorised representative(s) of the entity and submitted to the Executive Secretary, is approved by the Executive Council*". Per Article 8.2 of IOTA Charter "*The application for Observership shall indicate the justification*".

- Observers are approved for a calendar year.
- In December of a current year, the IOTA Secretariat will send dates, locations, and topics of the technical session of the General Assembly and Annual International Conference to the current Observer and prospective ones. Observers would be proposed to renew their Observership and other entities would be informed about possibility of becoming an IOTA Observer.
- Applications would be collected in December-February period.

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- The IOTA Executive Council will decide on applications of Observers for a current calendar year in February.
- The Observer applications throughout the year would be permitted, but entities would be encouraged to apply through this annual process.

The six steps of the Observer approval / renewal process can be summarised in the following diagram:



What are Ethical rules for Observers?

IOTA developed Ethical rules for Observers (uploaded to the Observers page on IOTA-tax.org in "About us" section), which include:

- Observers need to approach IOTA members with respect, fairness, honesty, and integrity
- No aggressive selling at or after IOTA events

The Executive Council mandated that the Ethical rules for IOTA Observers to be signed by the entity applying to become an IOTA Observer. Per IOTA members' request, we are not distributing list of participants at IOTA events. There are many networking opportunities during the General Assembly and Annual International Conference.

Any further questions?

Regarding all other issues related to becoming an Observer in IOTA, please contact the following member of IOTA Secretariat:

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We look forward to working with you on future IOTA activities!