

Join the Movement

Membership is more than affiliation. It is a professional platform for transformation, leadership, visibility and practical learning.

Members in good standing can access:

- Voting rights and eligibility for leadership roles, subject to category
- Discounted access to conferences, workshops and selected programmes
- Nomination opportunities for local and international engagements
- Professional recognition and approved postnominals

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WHY CILGD AND WHY NOW?

Local governance is being reshaped by rapid urbanization, climate pressures, fiscal constraints, digital transformation, rising citizen expectations and demand for transparent, data-driven public service delivery.

CILGD responds by building a future-ready leadership pipeline with ethical leadership, digital capability, strategic foresight and community-centred innovation at its core.

Built for decentralization, local governance and development across Ghana and beyond

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

1. Local government officials and public administrators
2. Policy practitioners, development professionals and consultants
3. Academics, researchers and governance scholars
4. Students, emerging leaders and institutional partners

About CILGD

WHO WE ARE

Africa-focused. Ethically grounded. Public-value driven.

CILGD is an international professional membership body advancing excellence in local governance, decentralization, and development practice through standards, learning, research, advocacy, and collaborative practice.

VISION

To become the leading professional body promoting ethical, innovative, digitally enabled, and resilient local governance and development in Africa—and globally in its strategic outlook.

OUR MISSION

To equip professionals, institutions, and emerging leaders with the knowledge, standards, networks, and tools to deliver inclusive development and stronger local public value.

- ✓ Ethical leadership
- ✓ Inclusive development
- ✓ Resilient institutions
- ✓ Evidence-informed policy

WHAT MEMBERS GAIN

- Strategic network and visibility across scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and development partners.
- Continuous professional development through dialogues, workshops, conferences, masterclasses, and in-house training.
- Digital learning and future skills in e-governance, data use, public innovation, and service digitization.
- Recognition and credibility through graded membership and post-nominal letters.
- Research access, policy briefings, practice notes, and global trends.
- Career development, mentoring, and peer learning.

PRIORITY AREAS

- Governance and leadership
- Planning and development
- Public management
- Inclusion and social development
- Digital governance, climate resilience, and innovation

MEMBERSHIP PATHWAYS

- **Fellow (FCILGD):** Senior professionals with advanced qualifications and substantial experience.
- **Member (MCILGD):** Qualified practitioners with demonstrated competence and sector experience.
- **Associate Member (ACILGD):** Early- to mid-career professionals building expertise.
- **Graduate / Student Member:** Emerging practitioners beginning their journey.
- **Corporate / Institutional Member:** Public institutions, universities, NGOs, and partner organizations.
- **Honorary Fellow(HonFCILGD):** Distinguished contributors to governance and development.

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

- Certification and CPD pathways.
- Executive education and custom institutional training.
- Research journal, governance reports, and observatory outputs.
- Policy dialogues, summits, communities of practice, and advisory support.
- International Conferences

