

INFORMATION

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Organizational Information

Name of Organization	Cota Australia
Country	Australia
Type of Organization	Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

Questionnaire/Survey Information

Your organization's FULL NAME *	COTA Australia
Purpose of your organization: *	
To advance the well being of all older Australians	
What are the programmes and activities of your organization? They must be relevant to the Open-ended Working Group and the country or countries in which they are carried out. *	
We are the aged consumer peak body in Australia. Our activities include policy development in all areas of public policy affecting older people such as housing, aged care, income, access to essential services, health care, discrimination, consumer rights, financial services, employment, etc. We represent older people on many government advisory bodies; we have an advocacy role to governments at national and state levels, to the media, to business and to trade unions. We provide a national magazine and academic journal and other publications. We also run national programs that involve older people in peer education and support in areas such as health promotion and rights .	
Please explain briefly whether your activities are at the national, regional or international level, or a combination thereof. *	
Predominantly at national level, but we are members of IFA and HAI and participate in their activities.	
Please attach a scanned copy of an annual report of your organization including financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions. (PDF or Word only please.)	COTA AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT AND ATTACHMENTS 2010.pdf
If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's financial statement here. (Optional)	
Please provide a BRIEF list of members of the governing body of your organization, and their countries of nationality; *	
COTA Australia is a federated body of the COTAs (Councils on the Ageing) in each of the 8 Australian States. The members of our national Board are the nominees of those COTAs, with an independent chair. The current members are Mr Les Stahl (Chair), Mrs Bettine Heathcote (Chair National Policy Council) (WA), Mrs Elizabeth Grant AM (ACT), Mrs Margaret Bird (TAS), Mrs Janet Wood (VIC), Mr John Spencer OAM RFD (SA), Mr Brian Hilder (NT), Mrs Kath Brewster OAM (NSW) and Mrs Lyn Kelman AM (Qld).	
Briefly describe the membership of your organization, including: (a) the total number of members, (b) names of member organizations, if any, and (c) geographical distribution of your membership *	
As advised above COTA Australia is a federated body of the COTAs (Councils on the Ageing) in each of the 8 Australian States. Those 8 COTAs each have both organisational and individual members. Jointly they have more than 1,000 member organisations of which the majority are local organisations of older people. Jointly there are in excess of 40,000 individual members. Coverage is national.	
Please provide a scanned copy of your organization's constitution or bylaws. (PDF or Word only, please.)	COTA Australia Constitution adopted SGM 28 April 2010.pdf
If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's constitution or bylaws here. (Optional)	
Please sign off with today's date: *	23 Jun 2011