

GLIRA Identity & Authorization Taxonomy

(SVOCF & Study Tour)

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Purpose: This document defines GLIRA's identity categories, relationship types, and role-based authorizations. It also distinguishes facilitator roles across different program lines (SVOCF vs Study Tour) to prevent misrepresentation and boundary confusion.

1. Core Principle: Identity ≠ Relationship ≠ Role

- Identity: who you are in the GLIRA ecosystem (Member / Candidate / Certified Holder).
- Relationship: how you collaborate with GLIRA (Partner / Partnership / Affiliate).
- Role: what you are authorized to do (Facilitator / Assessor / Guide / Honorary titles).
- Non-negotiable rule: no role title may imply certification authority unless explicitly authorized in writing.

2. Identity Layer (Participation vs Certification)

- Community Member: participates in community learning and events; no certification implication.
- Registered Member: has an account; may join programs and submit drafts.
- Candidate (Applicant): submits an evidence portfolio and requests assessment (SVOCF line).
- Certified Holder: credential issued after assessment, within defined scope and validity period.

3. Relationship Layer (Organizations vs Individuals)

- Institutional Partner: an organization accepted into GLIRA collaboration (universities/TVET/NGOs/industry).
- Partnership: the collaboration mechanism (pilots, mapping, research, co-development).
- Affiliate / Individual Collaborator: an individual contributing to delivery, community building, or program support.

4. Role Layer (Operational Titles)

- Affiliate Facilitator: leads program delivery and supports participant development; no assessment authority.
- Assessor (Restricted): evaluates evidence against rubrics and decides/endorses award decisions per policy.
- Community Guide (Mentor-type, lower authority): supports orientation and learning navigation; no validation/verification.

- Honorary Advisor / Distinguished Fellow (Honorary): recognition only; no operational authority.

5. Program-Specific Facilitator Distinction (SVOCF vs Study Tour)

5.1 SVOCF Affiliate Facilitator (Certification Support) — Scope

- Facilitates structured learning aligned to SVOCF competencies and level descriptors.
- Supports participants to compile evidence portfolios (reflection logs, artifacts, task outputs).
- Provides formative feedback on clarity and alignment to published rubrics (without scoring or pass/fail signaling).
- May coordinate logistics for cohorts, workshops, and evidence-building cycles.

5.2 SVOCF Affiliate Facilitator — Explicit Exclusions (Common Confusions)

- Must NOT assess, score, or determine pass/fail; must NOT issue or sign certificates.
- Must NOT claim to be an Assessor, Examiner, Accreditor, or GLIRA-authorized certifier.
- Must NOT guarantee outcomes or promise fast-tracking.
- Must NOT verify evidence authenticity as an official decision-maker (verification is handled by GLIRA/authorized mechanisms).

5.3 Study Tour Facilitator (Learning Experience & Safeguarding) — Scope

- Designs and facilitates study-tour learning activities (briefings, site learning tasks, reflection prompts).
- Ensures participant safety, safeguarding practices, and duty-of-care coordination (especially for minors).
- Coordinates itinerary learning objectives with partners (sites, institutions, local hosts).
- Documents learning experience outputs where applicable (journals, reflections), without converting them into certification outcomes unless explicitly defined.

5.4 Study Tour Facilitator — Explicit Exclusions (Common Confusions)

- Must NOT imply that participation equals certification, credits, or credential award.
- Must NOT present the study tour as an accredited qualification unless a separate written agreement exists.
- Must NOT issue ‘mentor’ or ‘certification’ titles to participants (unless GLIRA has a published pathway).
- Must NOT handle sensitive personal data beyond what is necessary for safety and logistics.

5.5 Recommended Public Labels (to avoid confusion)

- Use “SVOCF Affiliate Facilitator” for certification-related cohorts.
- Use “Study Tour Facilitator” for tour-based learning programs.

- If one person performs both roles, public communication must state the specific capacity for each activity.

6. Boundary Matrix (Quick Reference)

Name/Title		Includes (May do)	Excludes (May NOT do)		Typical Depth	Typical Scale
SVOCF Affiliate Facilitator		Cohort facilitation; portfolio scaffolding; formative guidance.	No assessment; pass/fail; certificates; endorsement claims.	no no no	High	6–25
Study Tour Facilitator		Learning experience design; duty-of-care; reflection activities.	No credential implication; certification claims; no awarding authority.	no no	Medium	10–60+
Community Guide		Orientation; learning navigation; community support.	No validation; verification; assessment signaling.	no no	Low–Med	25–200+
Honorary Advisor (Honorary)		Public mission support; strategic advice (non-operational).	No program authority; no assessment; no certification decisions.	no no	Low	Any

7. Mandatory Disclaimer (Recommended)

Recommended line for web pages and public materials:
 “Facilitators support learning and evidence development within defined program scopes. Certification decisions (SVOCF) are made only through GLIRA’s authorized assessment process. Study tours are learning experiences and do not imply certification unless explicitly stated in writing.”