

STATUTE

African Society of Community Law (A.S.C.L)

PREAMBLE

Conscious of the need to develop together all the human and natural resources of African States and to place them at the service of the general welfare of their peoples in all fields;

Acknowledging the dynamics of integration of the African continent as reflected in the Lagos Plan of Action and the Abuja Treaty through the subdivision of Africa into five (5) sub-regions: North, West, Central, East and South;

Determined to participate effectively and efficiently by mobilising intellectual, academic, scientific, social, cultural, political and economic means with the view to strengthening solidarity among the peoples of Africa while respecting their respective national identities;

Affirming its commitment to the principles of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, good governance, social dialogue, moral tolerance and gender issues;

Taking advantage of the strong political and institutional changes that the whole world is experiencing;

Our association which defends this vision, wants to be a framework for the promotion of community law, African unity, solidarity between peoples and performance as well as economic and social prosperity at the service of the continent;

Therefore, driven by a single goal, we all gathered in this association want to proclaim our willingness to work towards a common superior ideal: the integration and union of our continent.

Section 1: Constitution

- 1) An association is hereby established in the Republic of Cameroon between the members of this Constitution and those who shall subsequently join it, governed by Law No. 90/053 of 19 December 1990 on the freedom of association as amended and completed by Law No. 2020/019 of 20 July 2020.
- 2) The association shall refrain from any discussion of religious or tribal nature.
- 3) The association is non-profit making, apolitical, without distinction of sex, race, tribe, culture or religion.

Section 2: Name

- 1) The name of the association shall be as follows **African Society of Community Law** designated by the acronym: **A.S.C.L.**
- 2) Its emblem is symbolised by the initials of the association placed around the African continent at the centre of which are arrows pointing towards major sub-regional groupings of the continent.

Section 3: Objectives and means of action

- 1) The objectives of the association are to:
 - Promote the Community law secreted by the existing Communities within the five (5) African sub-regional groupings;
 - Develop activities of popularisation, training, support, animation of an academic, scientific, cultural, social, advisory and litigation nature;
 - Promote the teaching of Community law and economic development in Africa;
 - Promote the knowledge of existing regional communities in Africa;
 - Promote good governance and social justice;
 - Promoting democracy, civic-mindedness and regional community spirit;

- Promote the defence of the rule of law and fundamental human rights;
- Promote the establishment of partnerships with associations pursuing the same objectives both at the national and international level;
- Provide information on current developments in Community law, particularly on the policies and activities of the institutions and organs of various Communities;
- Create a network of associations with the aim of setting up a federation for the promotion of African Community law; and
- Provide expertise in community matters.

2) The means of action of the association include:

- The organisation of seminars, conferences, training sessions, exhibition camps;
- Editing and distribution of publications;
- The organisation of academic activities (mock trials, conference, debates, etc.);
- Producing and making available online content on community law; and
- The production of thematic reports on community law.

3) The means listed above are indicative and not exhaustive.

Section 4: Head office

1) The registered office of the association shall be in Douala (Cameroon). It may be transferred to another city after a 2/3 majority vote of the present and voting members of the General Assembly.

2) The head office may be transferred to another country upon decision of a 2/3 majority vote of the present and voting members of the General Assembly.

Section 5: Duration

1) The duration of the association is unlimited.

2) The social year runs from 1st January to 31st December.

Section 6: Composition

1) The association is composed of:

- the General Assembly;
- the Executive Board;
- the College of Founding Members;
- and the College of Honorary Members.

2) The founding members of the association are: **NKILI MBIDA Eugène Pascal Parfait, ELLA NTOU'OU Arsène Chinois, Moustapha FALL, KOUOH MOUANDJO Alain-Roland and EKO MENGUE Arsène Silvère.**

3) They shall ensure the rotating presidency of the Executive Board.

4) The President of the Association shall give reasons for refusing any application for membership.

5) Honorary members shall be natural or corporate persons who have rendered outstanding services to the Association or who have contributed to its influence. They shall be designated as such after a vote of 2/3 of the members of the General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board.

6) Honorary members take part in the work of the General Assembly without voting rights. They are neither voters nor eligible.

Section 7: Loss of Membership and Suspension

1) Membership shall be lost:

- a. by written resignation;
- b. by death;

c. by exclusion pronounced by the General Assembly due to attitudes or actions contrary to the statutes and for any other serious reason subject to the discretion of the General Assembly.

2) Exclusion from the Association shall be preceded by an

adversarial phase during which the member concerned shall provide written explanations of the grievances with which he or she is charged.

3) If he deems appropriate, the President of the Association may decide, after consulting the General Assembly, on the same grounds as those indicated above, to suspend a member for a period not exceeding six (6) months.

4) This decision implies the loss of the right to participate in the life of the association for the duration of the suspension, as determined by the General Assembly in its decision.

(5) If the suspended member holds an elective office, the suspension shall also entail the suspension of his/her mandate.

Section 8: Administration

- The association is administered by an Executive Board. It is composed of: A President;
- Five Vice-Presidents;
- One Secretary General;
- A Deputy Secretary General;
- One Treasurer;
- One Deputy Treasurer;
- An Auditor;
- Three advisers.

2) The President of the Executive Board must have been an active member of the association for at least three consecutive years. The five Vice-President positions are reserved for nationals from the five regions of Africa: South, East, Central, West and North. Thus, two nationals from the same region may not simultaneously occupy two Vice-Presidential seats. One of the Vice-Presidential seats is automatically allocated to the College of Founding Members which will designate one of its Members.

3) In the event of the death of a founding member, his/her dependants shall designate, under the supervision of the other

founding members, which of them shall occupy the vacant seat.

4) The members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority of valid votes cast.

5) The Executive Board shall have a mandate of four (4) years. They shall be eligible for re-election.

6) The creation of other positions in the Executive Board and in other localities shall be considered upon proposal by the college of founding members and ratification by a simple majority of the members of the General Assembly.

Section 9: Meetings of the Executive Board

1) The Executive Board shall meet at least four (4) times a year or as often as the interests of the association requires.

2) Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held in person or remotely on the official digital platforms of the association.

Section 10: Meeting of the College of Founding Members

1) The College of Founding Members shall meet when convened by one of its members when the interests of the association so requires, or at least once a year.

2) The College of Founding Members shall meet when convened by one of its members. Members present and entitled to vote shall deliberate on the items on the agenda.

3) Meetings are held in person or remotely on the official digital platforms of the association.

4) Decisions are taken by an absolute majority of the members present or represented. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

5) The voting rights of any founding member shall be automatically suspended for a period of three (3) months in the event of unjustified absence from three (3) consecutive meetings.

6) Minutes shall be kept of the meetings. The minutes are drawn up by the Secretary General and signed by all the founding members. They shall be transcribed in a register, which shall be numbered and signed by the President.

Section 11: Powers of the College of Founding Members

- 1) The College of Founding Members is the body responsible for electoral matters within the Association.
- 2) The College of Founding Members is the authentic interpreter of the Association's acts. It may be referred to by the President, the General Assembly or any member of the Association.

Section 12: Role of the members of the Executive Board

1) The President:

- Convenes the sessions of the General Assemblies;
- Represents the association in all acts of civil life and is vested with all powers to that effect;
- May delegate some of his powers to other members of the Executive Bureau;
- has the capacity to take legal action on behalf of the association; and
- Supervises the management of the members of the Executive Board and receive their reports.

The President shall be replaced by the Vice-President in the order established by the President.

The vacancy or prolonged absence in the Presidency shall be established by decision of the College of Founding Members.

The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in his or her duties. Specific responsibilities may be assigned to them by decision of the President.

The duties mentioned in the previous paragraph shall be granted *intuiti personae*.

2) The Secretary General:

- is responsible for the association's archives;
- is responsible for the association's correspondence;
- draws up the minutes of the deliberations and ensures their transcription in the registers;

- performs all other tasks entrusted to him by the President of the association;
- keeps all other documents provided for by the laws and regulations in force and ensures the execution of the prescribed formalities.

The Deputy Secretary General assists the Secretary General in the exercise of his or her duties and acts as his or her deputy when necessary.

3) The Treasurer:

- is responsible for the collection and safekeeping of funds due or paid to the association;
- makes all disbursements of funds after authorisation by the President under the supervision of the Auditor;
- keeps regular and daily accounts of all operations and reports on his/her mandate to the General Assemblies, which decide on his/her management.

The Deputy Treasurer assists the Treasurer in his or her duties.

4) The Auditor:

- Ensures the regularity of the accounting entries and financial operations which commit the association's assets;
- Reports on his/her mandate to the General Assemblies;
- Sends the President a monthly report on the state of the association's resources.

5) The Advisors assist the other members of the Executive Bureau with their advice and guidance for the smooth running of the association.

They carry out all tasks entrusted to them by the President of the association.

Section 13: Ordinary General Assembly

1) The General Assembly shall comprise all members of the association.

2) It shall hold its ordinary sessions at the end of each semester. Extraordinary sessions shall be convened when the life of the Association depends on it.

3) It shall be convened either by the President, or by the College of founding members or at the request of at least 2/3 of the members of the General Assembly.

4) The definition of the agenda of a session of the General Assembly is the responsibility of the body which convened it.

5) The sessions of the General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of the Executive Board.

6) The General Assembly:

- Elects the members of the Executive Board;
- Deliberate on the reports of the Executive Board;
- Deliberate on the moral and financial situation of the association;
- Approves the accounts for the past financial year, adopts the draft budget for the following financial year, deliberates only on the issues on the agenda;
- Authorises the conclusion of acts or operations that exceed the powers of the Executive Board;
- Determines the social, scientific, academic and cultural policy of the association within the limits of its purpose;
- Approves the association's budget and annual accounts;
- Authorises the conclusion of acts or operations which exceed the powers of the College of Founding Members; and
- Deliberates on all matters on the agenda at the request of 2/3 of the members of the association submitted to the General Secretariat at least ten (10) days before the session.

Members who are regularly convened may be represented by other members by a written and signed power of attorney.

7) During the vote in the General Assembly, the absent member may give a mandate to another member to express his vote.

A member may only hold one proxy for voting purposes.

The convocations shall be sent by any means in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the date fixed for the ordinary session and five (5) days for the extraordinary session.

The decision to convene a session of the General Assembly shall indicate the agenda.

8) An attendance sheet shall be completed and signed by the members present on their behalf and on behalf of those they represent. It shall be certified by the Secretary General.

9) Decisions in the General Assembly are taken by a show of hands or by secret ballot and by an absolute majority of the members present and voting, including at least two (2) founding members.

10) A secret ballot may be requested either by the College of Founding Members or by two-thirds of the members present and voting. The secret ballot is compulsory for votes on persons.

11) The sessions of the General Assembly may be held in person or remotely on the official platforms of the association or using secure software determined by the body that convened it.

Section 14: Extraordinary General Assembly

1) The Extraordinary General Assembly alone shall be competent to modify the statutes, to pronounce the dissolution of the association, to decide on the devolution of its assets and to decide on its merger with other associations or its transformation. It may also decide on any other decision, which affects the life of the association.

2) The Extraordinary General Assembly shall be composed of all members of the association. The Extraordinary General Assembly deliberates at the simple majority of the members present and voting. The absence of members who have been duly convened and who have not seen fit to be represented shall have no effect on the quorum required for the validity of the decisions of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

3) An attendance sheet shall be signed and certified by the

Secretary General.

4) If the *quorum* is not reached during the extraordinary session of the General Assembly on the first convocation, the another extraordinary session shall be reconvened within the following fifteen (15) days. During this new session, it may validly deliberate despite the number of members present or represented.

5) In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

Section 15: Minutes

1) The deliberations of the General Assemblies and other meetings shall be recorded in minutes containing a summary of the debates, texts of the deliberations and the results of the votes. The minutes shall be transcribed, without blank or erasure, in a chronological order in the register of the association's deliberations, previously numbered and signed by the President.

2) The minutes of the deliberations shall be drawn up by the Secretary General and signed by the President.

3) The Secretary General may issue all certified copies which shall be authentic.

Section 16: The Research Centre

1) A Research Centre is hereby established within the **African Society of Community Law (A.S.C.L)** known as the **Studies and Research Centre on African Integration Law (S.R.C.A.L)**, which shall carry out purely academic and scientific activities in accordance with the objectives and means of action set out in section 3 above.

2) The modalities of operation of the Research Centre shall be set out in the internal rules and regulations.

Section 17: Dissolution

1) The dissolution of the association can only be pronounced by the Extraordinary General Assembly, convened specifically for this purpose and ruling under the conditions specified in section 14 above.

2) The Extraordinary General Assembly shall appoint one or more

liquidators for this purpose.

3) At the closure of the liquidation, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall decide on the devolution of the net assets to any declared association of its choice with a similar object.

Section 18: Resources of the Association

1) The resources of the Association are all those which are not prohibited by the Laws and Regulations in force.

2) They are specified in the Internal Rules and Regulations.

Section 19: Internal Rules and Regulations

1) The College of Founding Members shall draw up the internal rules and regulations, which shall specify the methods of application of the statute.

2) The internal rules and regulation thus drawn up shall be submitted to the ordinary General Assembly for approval, as well as any amendments thereto.

Section 20: Transitional provisions

The Executive Bureau of the association is constituted for the **2026-2029 term (from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029)** by the following members in the order of their functions below:

- President: **Eugène Pascal Parfait NKILI MBIDA;**
- Vice-Presidents: **Priscah NYOTAH (East Africa), Alyae EL BIED (North Africa), Ilo Allaye DIALL (West Africa), Arsène Chinois ELLA NTOU'OU (Central Africa);**
- Secretary General: **Sanae BOUYAYACHEN;**
- Deputy Secretary General: **Fabrice AMOUGOU;**
- Treasurer: **Arsène EKO MENGUE.**

Section 21: Formalities

The President, on behalf of the College of Founding Members, shall be responsible for fulfilling all formalities of declarations and publications prescribed by the Laws and Regulations of the

Republic.

Done in Rabat on 14th December 2025.

Secretary General : **Sanae BOUYAYACHEN**

**MINUTES OF THE PARTICIPATING MEMBERS WHO VOTED
AND ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES OF THE
AFRICAN SOCIETY OF COMMUNITY LAW (ASCL) AT THE
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON THE 14TH OF
DECEMBER 2025 (HOLD REMOTELY ON THE GOOGLE MEET
PLATFORM):**

- Eugene Pascal Parfait NKILI MBIDA
- Alyae EL BIED;
- Ilo Allaye DIALL;
- Arsène Chinois ELLA NTOU'OU;
- Sanae BOUYAYACHEN ;
- Arsène EKO MENGUE;
- Yusuf SHIKANDA;
- Khalid CHERKAOUI SEMMOUNI ;
- Lacina Ibrahim KONATE;
- Pierre Claver KAMGAING;
- Benjamin ALLAHAMNE MINDA;
- Mamadou SAMB;
- Moustapha FALL.

Secretary General : **Sanae BOUYAYACHEN**

