

**AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF GENERIC
ESSENTIAL DRUGS PURCHASING CENTRES**



ACAME

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1: CREATION – NAME – HEADQUARTERS – DURATION

Article 1 : In compliance with Law N° 10/92/ADP of December 15th, 1992, on Freedom of Association, it was created on July 19th, 1992 in Ouagadougou Burkina an International non-profit making Association named : « African Association of Generic Essential Drugs Purchasing Centres » in short « ACAME »

Article 2 : The Headquarters of the Association shall be based in Ouagadougou, capital city of Burkina Faso, and may be, by decision of the General Assembly, transferred to the capital city of another member State.

Article 3 : The Association shall be independent of any political or religious authority.

Article 4 : The Association shall last for an unlimited length of time.

SECTION II : OBJECTIVES – MEANS OF ACTION

Article 5 : The objectives and means of action of the Association shall include :

a) **Objectives**

- 1 Defending and promoting the professional and moral interests of its members;
- 2 Developing solidarity relationships among its members;
- 3 Contributing to the regular supply of quality and affordable essential drugs to African countries;
- 4 Adopting gradually a common policy for quality generic essential drugs supply;
- 5 Helping to create Generic Essential Drugs Purchasing Centres in African countries or regions where such centres do not exist yet;
- 6 Promoting the prescription, the delivery and the use of generic essential drugs;
- 7 Undertaking any other activity related to its objectives.

b) Means

- 1 To achieve its objectives, the Association reserves the right to create, and initiate all kind of activities in compliance with laws and regulations in force.
- 2 The Association may, in addition, approach public authorities or any natural person or legal entity interested in serving its objectives.
- 3 The Association may, finally, be interested in any activity likely to contribute to the achievement of its objectives and, for this purpose, may seek membership or join other associations, corporations or groupings which activities are compatible with its objectives.

SECTION III : MEMBERSHIP

Article 6. The Association shall be made up of active members and honorary members.

Article 7. Active members include Essential Drugs Purchasing Centres which agree to comply with the Association objectives and Articles of Association.

Active members shall be represented by their General Managers or by their first officials.

Article 8. Honorary members shall include benefactors, natural persons or legal entities who had done the Association great services or who distinguished themselves by their ideas and actions.

Honorary membership shall be granted upon decision by the General Assembly.

SECTION IV : MEMBERSHIP, RESIGNATION, DISMISSAL

Article 9. Any Generic Essential Drugs Purchasing Centre may become member of the Association.

Article 10. Membership shall be lost through resignation or dismissal.
Any member whose behaviour is prejudicial to the goals and spirit of the Association or which committed serious breach of the Articles of Association may be dismissed.

Dismissal shall be pronounced by the General Assembly.

Membership, resignation and dismissal procedures shall be defined in the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

SECTION V : RESOURCES

Article 11. The resources of the shall mainly include :

- Membership fees
- Income derived from various activities of the Association
- Various contributions and grants.

Article 12. Membership fees shall be set every year by the Executive Committee upon proposal by the Permanent Secretariat. They shall be fully and by right payable during the first term every year as far as all active members are concerned, and on membership date for new active members.

They shall be accepted by the Association for good whatever the date membership is lost.

Honorary membership shall not confer any special obligation or right other than esteem and due consideration for this rank. He shall not be obliged to pay fees and may discreetly make financial contribution.

SECTION VI : BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 13. The bodies of the Association shall include :

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee
- The Permanent Secretariat.

Article 14. The composition, assignments, functioning rules of the General Assembly, shall be as follows :

a) Composition

The General Assembly shall include members as defined in Article 7 of these Articles of Association at the rate of one representative by member.

Honorary members shall attend General Assemblies in advisory capacity.

b) Assignments

The General Assembly shall be the supreme body of the Association:

It shall, upon report by the Executive Committee, decide on:

- Membership applications :
- Honorary members cooperation
- Sanctions.

It shall consider and approve reports submitted to it, including :

- The Secretary's report

- The progress report by the Permanent Secretary

It shall approve the budget of the Association every year.

It shall decide, with sovereign power, on any issue related to the running of the Association and on any issue involving the amendment of the Articles of Association or the Rules and Regulations.

c) Functioning

- The General Assembly shall meet once a year in ordinary session upon invitation by the Executive Committee.
- It may meet in extraordinary session, as necessary, upon invitation by the Executive Committee or the Permanent Secretary.

Article 15. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, and the Permanent Secretary.

The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson positions shall be occupied in rotating manner among Purchasing Centres member countries.

They are appointed for a term of X years, which shall end with the official appointment of the successors by the next General Assembly that shall be held within the year this term of office expires.

In case the Chairperson position becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall chair until the next General Assembly, which shall seek to the filling of this position by appointing the member in turn to occupy this position for the remaining time of the term of office, without any harm to the full time term of office of the newly appointed Chairperson.

The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary in the interest of the Association upon invitation by its Chairperson.

Article 16. The Permanent Secretary Position shall be occupied the country hosting the Headquarters of the Association.

The Association shall be managed by the Permanent Secretary.

The Permanent Secretary shall attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

Article 17. The Executive Committee shall have power to :

- Appoint members of the Association to carry out punctual missions.
- Create ad hoc committees.

SECTION VII: FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18. Decision to dissolve the Association can only be taken by the majority of the $\frac{3}{4}$ of the active members.

If the Association is dissolved, the General Assembly shall appoint one or more receivers responsible for selling off the properties of the Association in compliance with legal provisions in force.

Article 19. For cases not provided in the Articles of Association, the Law of the Headquarters shall apply.

Article 20. The Executive Committee shall prepare the Rules and Regulations which shall enter into force upon adoption by the General Assembly.