

# **TANZANIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**

## **THE CONSTITUTION**

### **PART I: NAME OF THE SOCIETY**

Article 1: This Society shall be called "**THE TANZANIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY**" (herein-after referred to as "**The Society**").

Article 2: The headquarters of the Society shall be located and legally registered in Dar es Salaam.

Article 3: The Society shall have an emblem.

### **PART II: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

Article 4: The Objectives of the Society are:

- (1) To develop, advance and disseminate the scientific knowledge and profession of Meteorology, Hydrology and other related fields in all its phases and applications in Tanzania.
- (2) To promote the scientific and technical applications of Meteorology, Hydrology and other related fields for rapid advancement of the various socio-economic activities in Tanzania.
- (3) To popularize education and training in Meteorology, Hydrology and other related fields in Tanzania.
- (4) To offer professional advice to individuals, organizations and institutions on relevant Meteorological, Hydrological and related matters.
- (5) To foster co-operation with other societies in the fields of Meteorology, Hydrology and other related fields.
- (6) The society shall be a non-profit organization and none of its income or net worth shall inure to the benefit of its members.

**PART III: MEMBERSHIP**

Article 5: The membership of the society shall consist of:

- (1) Ordinary Member: who shall be residents of Tanzania and holders of a degree in Meteorology, Hydrology or related discipline from an institution of higher learning, or holder of a World Meteorological Organization Meteorologists class II Certificate or its equivalent and are engaged in the application and advancement of the respective sciences.
- (2) Associate Member: who shall include the following:-
  - a. Ordinary Members leaving Tanzania for a period of at least one year.
  - b. Residents of Tanzania who hold a certificate in meteorology, Hydrology and other related fields, other than those listed for ordinary membership and are engaged in meteorological or related duties in Tanzania.
  - c. Residents of Tanzania interested in meteorology, hydrology or related discipline.
- (3) Corporate Member: who shall be corporations and other organizations desirous of supporting the development of meteorology, hydrology and related sciences in Tanzania;
- (4) Student Member: who shall be graduate or undergraduate students in residence at an institution of higher learning or those studying for a World Meteorological organization Class II Meteorologists certificate or its equivalent;
- (5) Fellow: Who shall have made outstanding contribution to the science on application of meteorology, hydrology or other related science in Tanzania;
- (6) Honorary Member: who shall be persons who are distinguished by their work in meteorology, hydrology or related science either through their own contributions to the sciences or applications or through their furtherance of the advance of the science in some other way, relevant to Tanzania.

Article 6: Only ordinary Members are eligible to vote, to hold Office and to be Members of the Executive Board.

Article 7: The Executive Board or a Committee authorized by the Board shall select members who have applied in writing, to the categories of membership for which they are deemed qualified within the requirements specified in part III.

Article 8: If in the opinion of the Executive Board and after a hearing, a member has infringed any of the provisions of the constitution, he/she may be censured, suspended by the Executive Board; or may be expelled by the General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Article 9: The society shall have a patron who shall be proposed by the Executive Board.

#### **PART IV: THE GENERAL MEETING**

Article 10: The General Meeting is the supreme body of the society. The primary duties of the General Meeting shall be:

- (1) To determine general policies of the society;
- (2) To consider the reports and activities of the Executive Board and to take appropriate action;
- (3) To establish committees, or any other body it may deem necessary and to define their terms of reference, co-ordinate their activities and consider their recommendations;
- (4) To elect the President and the Vice-President of the society, the Chairmen of Committees, to appoint the Secretary and the Treasurer;
- (5) To enact By-laws for the efficient operation and management of the Society.

Article 11: The General meeting shall normally be held once in each calendar year at a place and on a date to be determined by the Executive Board.

Article 12: An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Executive Board or on request received in writing by the Secretary from at least five Ordinary Members.

**PART V: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Article 13: The Executive Board is the executive body of the society and it is responsible to the General Meeting for the administrative and financial matters of the society in accordance with General Meeting.

Article 14: The Executive Board shall consist of:

- (1) The President and Vice-President of the society.
- (2) The Chairmen of Committees.
- (3) The Secretary.
- (4) The Treasurer.

Article 15: The Primary functions of the Executive Board shall be:

- (1) To propose the name of the Patron of the Society.
- (2) To implement the decision of the General Meeting and to conduct the activities of the society as approved by the General Meeting;
- (3) To report on its activities to each session of the General Meeting.
- (4) To administer finances of the society in accordance with the procedures laid down by the General Meeting;
- (5) The Executive Board may also perform any other functions as may be conferred on it by the General Meeting.

Article 16: The Executive Board shall normally hold a session at least four times a year at a place and a date to be determined by the President after consultation with the other members of the Executive Board.

Article 17: An Extraordinary session of the Executive Board may be convened on request received by the secretary from the majority of the members of the Executive Board or by agreement of the President and the Secretary.

**PART VI: AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Article 18: Amendments proposed by any member, to the present constitution shall be submitted to and further communicated by the President to all

members of the Society at least twenty one days in advance of its consideration by the General Meeting.

Article 19: Any amendment proposed to the present constitution shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at the session.

**PART VII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Article 20: The Society shall not be dissolved except by a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a majority of two thirds of the total registered members.

Article 21: In the event of dissolution, any property belonging to the Society shall be donated to some organization with similar purpose and character and in no event shall any such property be distributed to members of the Society.

Article 22: The present constitution shall come into force after 21 days of its adoption by at least ten founding ordinary members and after the legal registration of the Society in Dar es Salaam.

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