

YENNENGA PROGRESS STATUTES

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NAME AND PURPOSE

1- The name of the organisation is Yennenga Progress. The organization is politically and religiously unaffiliated and has its seat in Stockholm.

2- Yennenga Progress aims to contribute to the positive development of society and the strengthening of democracy and human rights through cooperation with and the exchange of experience between people and organizations around the world.

OPERATIONS

3- Yennenga Progress's purpose is to create resources for the positive development of society through networking, lobbying and learning. By connecting members of the network and their projects with other people with the same professional background, but with experiences from other projects and regions in the world, everyone is given a platform for further development, both personally and for the project as such.

Our work is based on capacity building and organizational development, both within the network and in the projects that are linked to us and our members. Our projects are focused on education, health and entrepreneurship, where environmental aspects as well as democracy and human rights always are integrated parts.

Yennenga Progress's operations are funded through membership fees, fundraising, private donations, in

collaboration with as well as by applications to various institutions, companies and organizations.

ORGANISATION

4- Yennenga Progress's operations are executed by its members, cooperating partners and the board.

5- Yennenga Progress has an office in Sweden and is led by a chairman appointed by the board.

MEMBERSHIP

6- The member is an individual, an organization or a company that supports Yennenga Progress's purpose, goals and activities and pays a membership fee.

7- The size and distribution of membership fees are determined by the annual meeting.

8.1- Membership ends when the membership fee is not paid.

8.2- Expulsion from membership may also happen when a member:

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- through inappropriate behavior, damages Yennenga Progress's reputation and operations;
- intentionally violates the purpose, goals and statutes or refuses to comply with rules following from the statutes or annual meeting resolutions.

ANNUAL MEETING

9 The highest decision-making body of the organization is the annual meeting.

10 The regular annual meeting is held at the latest in May. Notices to attend the regular annual meeting are issued by the board at least one month before the annual meeting is held.

11- Extra annual meetings may be convened if the board or at least 10% of the members so request.

DELEGATES

12- Each paying member of Yennenga Progress has the right to attend, speak and vote at the annual meeting.

REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

13- Rules for reimbursing Yennenga Progress members and meeting officials for (travel) expenses related to attending the annual meeting are decided by the board.

DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURE

14- Annual meeting decisions are made by a simple majority, unless the statutes stipulate otherwise. Any changes in the operating plan and statutes require a 2/3 majority. Matters reported at the present annual meeting may be postponed if at least 25% of the participants so require.

MOTIONS

15- Motions for the annual meeting must be submitted to the board no later than one month before the annual meeting.

16- Motions received for the annual meeting, together with the board's opinion on these and the board's own proposals to the annual meeting, must be sent to the members no later than two weeks before the annual meeting.

FISCAL YEAR AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

17- Yennenga Progress's fiscal year operates on a calendar year basis.

18- At the annual meeting, the following agenda items shall be addressed:

1. Verification on whether the meeting has been duly summoned, 2. Establishment and approval of electoral roll, 3. Electing meeting officials, 4. Presentation of the nominating committee's proposal for board members and auditors. A date for nomination stop for candidates to the board, auditors and nominating committee is decided. 5. Presentation of the annual report, 6. Auditor's report, 7. Discharge from liability, 8. Questions from members, 9. Election of a chairman to the board, board members, auditors and a nominating committee, 10. Motions, 11. Operational plan and budget, 12. Comments to the operational plan for the present year.

AUDITOR

19- The annual meeting appoints an approved auditor. The audit covers Yennenga Progress's entire financial management, including the sub-management performed in project countries. The auditors shall submit their auditor's report to the annual meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

20- The nominating committee consists of at least 2 and a maximum of 5 people elected at the annual meeting.

21- The nominating committee's proposals for the board and auditors shall be sent to members no later than two weeks before the annual meeting.

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BOARD

22- The responsibility for Yennenga Progress's operations lies with the board, which has a chairman plus at least 3 and not more than 9 full members elected for two years, half of whom at each annual meeting. The board has at least 1 and a maximum of 3 substitutes elected for one year. The substitutes function in the order they were elected.

23- The board establishes a budget and an operational plan for one year. The board assembles itself.

24- For board decisions to be valid, at least half of the board members are required to agree on the decision.

25- Board members who are delegates at the annual meeting do not have the right to vote on discharge from liability.

DISSOLUTION

26- A decision on dissolution of Yennenga Progress is made by the annual meeting at two consecutive meetings at least six months apart, one of which is regular. The dissolution requires a 2/3 majority at both meetings.

Reimbursable grants must be paid in accordance with established rules and agreements.

Assets, including collected funds that have been received on the organization's account, are distributed to projects that are in accordance with the organization's operational plan. Other settlement issues are decided and implemented by the board.

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