

CONSTITUTION OF THE AFRICAN HUMANITIES ASSOCIATION (AHA)

ARTICLE 1: NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

AFRICAN HUMANITIES ASSOCIATION, hereinafter, AHA.

ARTICLE 2: MISSION

To promote Humanities, Social Science and Arts research and publications, and to encourage academic networking and mentoring in Africa

ARTICLE 3: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To encourage excellence and relevance in Humanities, Social Science and Arts research for intellectual and societal development in Africa;

To support African Humanities, Social Science and Arts research;

To introduce and coordinate interactions between established and emerging scholars through opportunities for mentoring;

To facilitate forums for intellectual exchanges and collaborative research on African humanities;

To support the publication of cutting-edge research through the African Humanities Series and other appropriate publication outlets;

To cooperate with relevant organisations for the promotion of Humanities, Social Science and Arts scholarship in Africa.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

The AHA will have the following categories of membership:

(1) Individual Membership:

All scholars and practitioners in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts are eligible for membership.

(2) Institutional Membership:

All participating universities and centres for Humanities, Social Science and Arts research are eligible for membership upon submission of an application for institutional membership to the Executive Committee.

(3) Honorary Membership:

This membership shall be determined by the general membership who shall vote and approve by simple majority during the AHA General Assembly: the nomination of any person or institution should be made by at least three members who are in good standing.

ARTICLE 5: GOVERNANCE

The AHA shall be governed by two organs:

(1) The African Humanities Association (AHA) General Assembly

(2) The Executive Committee

ARTICLE 6: AUTHORITY, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AHA General Assembly

The authority, composition and functions of the AHA General Assembly shall be as prescribed by this Constitution.

The highest authority of the AHA is vested in the AHA General Assembly and shall be exercised in accordance with this constitution.

The AHA **General Assembly** shall comprise the membership specified under Article 5 above.

The AHA **General Assembly** shall perform the functions as outlined in the African Humanities Association by-laws.

ARTICLE 7: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall comprise the following office bearers:

President;

Vice President;

Treasurer;

Secretary

2 Members;

Ex-Officio Members; and

Administrative Secretaries

ARTICLE 8: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All civil matters in dispute shall be referred for arbitration to an arbitrator agreed by the parties to the dispute.

ARTICLE 9: DISSOLUTION

The AHA may be dissolved by a resolution of the AHA General Assembly or by a Special Meeting called by at least two thirds of the membership.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION AND THE PROCEDURE FOR SUCH AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of the members of the African Humanities Association in good standing.

Amendments may be proposed at an AHA General Assembly, or through a memorandum, and shall be acted on at subsequent AHA General Assembly.

Written copies of the proposed changes shall be provided to the members of the AHA in good standing two weeks in advance of a revision vote.
