



# CMDC



**Cercle mondial du consensus, World Circle of the Consensus, Weltkreis des Konsens**

## **Statutes**

Article 1 CMDC is an international non-governmental organization (INGO), constituted and established as a non-profit making corporate body. Its activities shall be subject to the rights and obligations of an association having legal status under the Art.60 ss. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Article 2 CMDC shall have its seat in Geneva, Switzerland.

Article 3 The purpose of the CMDC shall be to strive for a consensus on a world level for:

- a) encouraging the intelligent, sustainable use of human, natural and financial resources by setting up adequate/efficient international and national strategies, policies, programs, standards, and coalitions;
- b) increasing the quality of life through the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary study and practice of principles which are above all governed by a respect for humankind and the harmony of nature;
- c) promoting rational use of energy, energy efficiency and renewable clean, safe and sustainable energy technologies as a key area for practicing the sustainable use of natural and financial resource;
- d) recognizing sustainable development as the key paradigm for resolving global crises, through improved understanding to achieve measurable change using innovation and demonstration projects with international partners. These projects will be the catalyst for governmental & public-private engagement and promulgation.

The above stated aims will be achieved also through:

- e) promoting the organization's objectives to the public and to organizations and governments nationally and internationally;
- f) organizing or sponsoring conferences, seminars, workshops, courses, exhibitions and other education and dissemination activities for this purpose, or taking part in such activities of other organizations with similar or complementary goals;
- g) publishing books and newsletters, producing audio-visual and other multimedia materials as well as appropriate websites.
- h) The NGO CMDC endorses and supports internationally accepted Human Rights and Duties.

Article 4 The Executive Committee of CMDC as described hereafter may initiate and organize open forums or conventions, accessible also to non-members of the Organization, with their own advisory board, a Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, Subcommittees and National Chapter, as appropriate, with their respective Chairpersons and Conveners.

The Chairpersons and first Vice Chairpersons of such forums or conventions must be Members of CMDC and have the obligation to send copies of all correspondence to the Secretary General of CMDC at disposal of members who want to inform or involve themselves about these activities in detail. The Secretary General is responsible for the administration, internet and central filing of all correspondence. The treasurer is responsible for budgets, fundraising and accounts.

Article 5 The Executive Committee of CMDC, as described hereafter, may at its discretion recognize as a branch or affiliate of the Organization any regional or national organization or institution that demonstrates that it shares the goals and principles of the Organization and that so expresses the desire to cooperate to promote any or all of the purposes of the mother organization.

The Executive Committee of CMDC may also create, foster or sponsor such affiliated organizations as international, national or regional divisions or branches, where it deems it right to do so.

Article 6 The logo of CMDC can only be used by affiliated organizations, forums or conventions, which are formally approved and confirmed in writing by the Executive Committee.

Article 7 Any individual or legal entity who approves the purposes of CMDC may apply for membership.

Anyone wishing to become a member of CMDC shall submit a written application. This shall then be considered by the Executive Committee for membership.

In the case of rejection, neither the Executive Committee nor the General Assembly shall be obligated to disclose the reasons for such a decision.

Article 8 Membership of the organization fall under two categories: regular with several fee-paying categories and honorary members who are exempt from fee contributions.

Regular members can be temporarily exempted from fee payments by the Executive Committee, in exceptional hardship cases, based on a written request.

Article 9 Membership shall end:

- a) Upon voluntary resignation submitted in writing to the President with a minimum notice of three month prior to the end of the administrative year.
- b) Upon death.

The Executive Committee may declare the removal of any member whose behavior might be harmful to the Organization.

Any member who is six month in arrears in the payment of his/her dues shall be advised to correct this situation within one month. If by that time the member's dues remain unpaid without explanation the Executive Committee may terminate his/her membership.

Any former member may request to be reinstated which shall be approved by a simple decision of the Executive Committee.

Article 10 The supreme body of CMDC is the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee shall be the organ of CMDC, which appoints and controls management, and international implementation of CMDC's activities. The Secretariat shall be the executive body of CMDC.

Article 11 The General Assembly shall hold a regular meeting once a year. The notice shall be sent at least six weeks prior to the date of the meeting, and shall set forth the meeting agenda.

A special meeting of the members (also called an "Extraordinary Assembly") shall be called whenever the Executive Committee deems it necessary (as to deal with matters of emergency) or on written request of at least twenty-five percent of the members specifying the purpose of said meeting.

Article 12 The administrative year shall be from August 1st through July 31st.

Article 13 Meetings of the General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of CMDC or alternatively by the Vice President, if the President is not available.

Article 14 The General Assembly consists of all CMDC members.

The President and all regular members are normally required to attend the General Assembly.

At its regular annual meeting, the General Assembly holds the necessary elections and takes all decisions which are within its power. It decides and rules regarding any proposal received in writing by the President no later than thirty days before the meeting. Members who are unable to attend the meeting may designate the President or any other active member to act in their place, including voting.

Each member is entitled to one vote; the President shall participate in the ballots and has a right to an additional vote, should a tie need to be broken.

Article 15 The powers and duties of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) Setting forth the policy of CMDC (art.3);
- b) Adopting the Statutes and amendments thereto;
- c) Electing the President of CMDC, the Vice President and the other members of the Executive Committee;

- d) Appointing an auditor;
- e) Electing special commissions for those matters which cannot be assigned to the Executive Committee;
- f) Appointing honorary members;
- g) Reviewing and approving reports issued by the Executive Committee and Special Commissions regarding various items within the realm of CMDC;
- h) Allocating the necessary funds for implementing the goals of CMDC and approving the budget submitted by the Executive Committee;
- i) Approving the annual statements upon the auditors' report and proposals
- k) Setting the annual dues and fees;
- l) Changing CMDC's name or seat, if necessary.

Article 16 The General Assembly is legally constituted regardless of the number of Members present.

Article 17 The President has following powers and duties:

- a) He chairs the Executive Committee and the General Assembly
- b) He coordinates the members' activities
- c) He may, if circumstances so dictate, temporarily assume several powers, such as that of Secretary General. Such an eventuality is decided upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The President may delegate part of his powers or duties to any other member of the Executive Committee.

Article 18 The Executive Committee consists of the President, who acts also as Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Vice President plus at least two other members up to a maximum of eight.

The President, Members of the Executive Committee and the Auditor are elected by raised hand for a term of four years. They may be re-elected.

The Founder-President is life member of the Executive Committee but may be relieved from his duties by future Presidents, according to art. 15c, in which case he becomes Honorary Founder President as an ombudsman of CMDC and its affiliated bodies with a veto right on ethical issues.

Article 19 The Executive Committee's decisions and votes are valid as long as a majority of its members are present.

In case of emergency, temporary decisions may be made at a meeting attended by the President and at least two Members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee holds votes and elections at the absolute majority. In case of a tie the President shall break the tie.

Article 20 The Executive Committee has following powers and duties:

- a) Proposing a Vice President and assigning a Treasurer;
- c) Appointing the Secretary General (SG) and other senior professional staff;
- b) Preparing with the SG the budget, annual programs and plans of action;
- c) Setting the agendas of meetings and keeping the records of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee meetings;
- d) Supervising any publications undertaken by CMDC;
- e) Promoting the organization's activities;

- f) Supervising the implementation of CMDC's projects;
- g) Admitting new Members
- h) Approving contracts and terms of reference for any operations which so require, and in particular for projects implemented by third parties, contractors or individuals, under CMDC's sponsorship or for CMDC.
- i) Enacting financial and procedural regulations for the conduct of the organization's business and in particular determining the limits of power for expenditures to be respected by the President and the Secretary General
- k) Approving expenditures above the power of the President and the SG;
- l) Endorsing the formation of National Chapters and Sub-Committees and their nominations for Chairpersons and Conveners

Members of the Executive Committee may exceptionally be reimbursed for expenses due to their duties, with approval by the Executive Committee.

Members of the Executive Committee incur no personal liability due to their management; their sole responsibility is to carry out their duties.

Article 21 The financial resources are as follows:

- a) The Members annual dues, the amounts of which are set by the General Assembly;
- b) Registration fees for seminars, workshops, conferences.
- c) Proceeds of commercial activities that the organization may conduct in furtherance of its purpose and goals;
- d) Any donations, grants and bequests.

Article 22 The Swiss law regarding the protection of the identity and data shall apply as regards CMDC members.

Approved by the General Assembly on 17 September 2010

Signed by

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Signed by

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