

ASSOCIATION STATUTES

Section 1

Name and Registered Office

1. The association founded on July 21, 2018 bears the following name: Sustain International.
2. The association is to be recorded in the Register of Associations. As of the date of said recording, the association shall bear the suffix "e. V."
3. The registered office of the association is Ottweiler (Saar), Germany.
4. The financial year of the association is the calendar year.

Section 2

Purpose of the Association

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes as defined by the "Tax purposes" section of the German Tax Code (*Abgabenordnung* [AO]).
2. The association pursues the following objective as defined by Section 52 Paragraph 2 AO:
 - the advancement of development cooperation;
 - the advancement of public health and public hygiene, in particular the health of mothers and children;
 - the advancement of upbringing, adult education and vocational training, including assistance for students.
3. These objectives shall be achieved in particular through the following activities:
 - implementing and participating in projects at the international level aimed at providing support in the fields of education and upbringing, the dissemination of knowledge and information, and issues involving sustainability, development and global learning.
 - implementing and providing support for humanitarian development projects.
 - intercultural consultancy and assistance.
 - creating a network of suitable cooperation partners.

Section 3

Altruistic Activity

The association is altruistic and does not pursue any economic purposes of its own.

Section 4

Use of Funds

The association's funds may only be used for purposes stipulated by the Statutes. Members do not receive any grants from association funds.

Section 5

Prohibition and Considerations

No person may benefit from expenditures that are not related to the purpose of the association, or through inappropriately high remuneration.

Section 6

Membership

1. The following groups of people may become association members:
 - natural persons
2. Membership must be requested in writing. The Board of Directors shall decide on applications for membership.
3. Members are permitted to leave the association at any time. Members must declare their intention to leave the association in writing to the Board of Directors.
4. Members whose behavior is found to be in gross violation of the interests of the association may be expelled from the association. The general meeting shall decide as to the expulsion of the members involved.
5. Membership shall end with the member's death or upon the expiration of membership.
6. Members who have left or been expelled have no claim on the association's assets.

Section 7

Dues

Association members are required to pay dues for their membership. The amount and date on which association dues are payable shall be determined by the general meeting.

Section 8

Association Bodies

The association's official bodies are as follows:

- a) the general meeting of members
- b) the Board of Directors

Section 9

General Meeting

1. The ordinary general meeting takes place once a year. In addition, a general meeting must be called when required in the interest of the association or if at least one in ten (1/10) members requests such a meeting be called, in writing, stipulating the purpose and grounds for doing so.
2. General meetings shall be called by the Board of Directors in writing or in text form by email, stating the meeting agenda. The invitation period for each general meeting is two (2) weeks.
3. The meeting chair is the first chair of the Board of Directors. If the first chair is unable to attend, the second chair shall chair the meeting. If neither the first chair nor the second chair are present, the general meeting shall elect someone to chair the meeting.
4. If the secretary is absent, a secretary shall be selected by the general meeting.
5. Any general meeting that has been duly convened shall constitute a quorum, regardless of the number of members actually present.
6. General meeting resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Any amendment to these Statutes or the purpose of the association shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast.
7. Furthermore, general meeting resolutions must be recorded in the meeting minutes. The minutes shall be signed by the meeting chair and the secretary.
8. Proposals may be submitted by:
 - a) any member eligible to cast a vote
 - b) the members of the Board of Directors
9. Proposals must be received by the association's Board of Directors two (2) weeks prior to the general meeting. If the proposal is received thereafter, it may only be considered if the urgency of the matter is affirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. The same shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any amendments to these Statutes.

Section 10

Voting Rights and Eligibility

Members who have reached the age of 18 have the right to vote and to be elected.

Section 11

Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors comprises:
 - the chair
 - the deputy chair
 - the treasurer
 - the secretary
2. The chair shall conduct the business of the association according to the association's Statutes and any resolution passed by the general meeting. It shall adopt resolutions by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chair shall be the deciding vote. In the chair's absence, the vote of the person serving as their representative shall be the deciding vote. The Board of Directors shall organize and supervise the affairs of the association and report to the general meeting on its activities. The Board may issue binding regulations.
3. The association shall be represented in and out of court by one of the aforementioned members of the Board of Directors.
4. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to a term of four (4) years. They shall remain in office until a new Board of Directors is elected.

Section 12

Honorary Members

Persons who have rendered outstanding services to the association may be appointed honorary members by the general meeting by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. Honorary members are appointed until such time as their membership is revoked by the general meeting with a simple majority. Honorary members shall hold the right to vote and shall be exempt from paying dues.

Section 13

Cash Auditors

1. The general meeting shall elect two (2) cash auditors for a period of (2) two years. These auditors may not be members of the Board of Directors.
2. The cash auditors shall verify the accuracy of the cash and/or accounts held by the association, including bookkeeping records and receipts, and shall do so at least once per year. The cash auditors shall report the findings of each audit to the Board of Directors in writing.
3. The cash auditors shall submit an audit report to the general meeting and, if the cash transactions have been conducted properly, shall propose the discharge of the Board of Directors.

Section 14

Dissolution, Accumulation of Assets

A majority of four fifths (4/5) of the valid votes cast (of all members) is required to dissolve the association.

Should the association be dissolved or choose to pursue objectives other than not-for-profit objectives, the association's assets shall revert to a legal entity under public law or to another tax-privileged organization to use for the promotion of development cooperation or public health and healthcare.

Section 15

Entry into Force

These Statutes, as amended on July 21, 2018 by the general meeting of the Sustain International association, are hereby adopted and shall enter into force upon their entry in the association register.

Ottweiler (Saar), July 21, 2018

Association Chair

Adopted by the general meeting on July 21, 2018