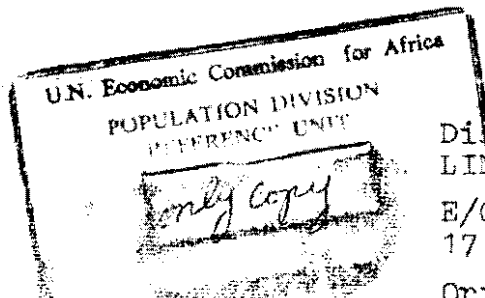




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DRAFT STATUTES OF THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
POPULATION STUDIES

ARTICLE I

Establishment and objectives

1. There is hereby established the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute"), which shall operate in accordance with the following provisions.

2. The primary purpose of the Institute shall be the training of African specialists particularly those from the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes, in population studies, including the undertaking of appropriate and relevant research activities in relation to such countries.

3. For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the Institute shall:

- (a) provide at its headquarters training courses on population;
- (b) organize and undertake research on all aspects of population and related fields both at its headquarters and in the countries served by the Institute;
- (c) organize at its headquarters and, in co-operation with appropriate national services and specialized agencies concerned in other African countries, seminars and meetings on national, subregional and regional population problems;
- (d) provide at the request of the governments of the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes such advisory services as may be within its competence and resources;
- (e) grant degrees, diplomas, certificates or other awards to persons in respect of courses of study provided by the Institute, and subject to the approval of the Governing Council, establish for this purpose such affiliation with national universities or similar institutions as may be appropriate; and,
- (f) provide documentation to research workers and to national, subregional and regional organizations in the various fields of population within Africa.

ARTICLE II

Headquarters of the Institute

1. The headquarters of the Institute shall be in Accra, in the Republic of Ghana.
2. The Government of the Republic of Ghana shall in an agreement to be entered into between the Government and the United Nations, provide and grant as the case may be, such adequate premises, facilities and services and privileges and immunities as may be required for the effective operation of the Institute.

ARTICLE III

Status and organization of the Institute

1. The Institute shall be a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Africa.
2. The Institute shall have its own Governing Council.
3. In addition, there shall be an Advisory Board on Studies and Research, a Director and other staff of the Institute.
4. The Institute shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the General Assembly, be subject to the Financial Regulations, the Financial Rules and the Staff Rules of the United Nations and all other administrative issuances of the Secretary-General.

ARTICLE IV

The Governing Council

Composition, functions and meetings

1. The Governing Council shall be composed as follows:
 - (a) the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, who shall be ex-officio, Chairman of the Governing Council;
 - (b) a representative of the Government of the Republic of Ghana;
 - (c) twelve members appointed by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa (hereinafter referred to as "the Conference"), on the recommendation of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers;
 - (d) a representative of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities during the period when it is providing assistance to the Institute.
2. The Director of the Institute shall act as secretary of the Governing Council and shall signify the acts of the Governing Council.

3. In appointing the members of the Governing Council referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Conference shall have regard to the necessity of:

- (a) appointing persons who are nationals of the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes and who are competent and experienced in the activities of the Institute; and
- (b) maintaining a fair geographical distribution of appointments among the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes.

4. The members of the Governing Council appointed under sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article shall be appointed for a period of four years and may be eligible for reappointment, provided, however, that in making appointments for the first time, the Conference shall direct that one half of the members appointed by them shall retire two years after they have been appointed and shall be replaced by the same number of members appointed by the Conference for that purpose.

5. Any vacancy occurring in an appointment made by the Conference shall be filled by the Conference on the recommendation of the Bureau of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers for the unexpired term of such appointment.

6. The Governing Council shall:

- (a) prescribe the general principles and policies governing the operations of the Institute;
- (b) give directives of a general nature as to the implementation of the principles and policies governing the operations of the Institute;
- (c) prescribe conditions for the admission and conduct of persons to undergo courses of study provided by the Institute and for the award of degrees, diplomas or certificates or other awards granted by the Institute;
- (d) prescribe regulations governing the conduct of persons undergoing courses of study at the Institute;
- (e) examine and approve the work programmes of the Institute and their corresponding budgets;
- (f) review and approve the annual progress report of the Director on the activities of the Institute;
- (g) examine and approve the financial report and accounts of the Institute for the preceding year;

- (h) present through its Chairman, to the Conference annual reports on the work of the Institute;
- (i) determine apart from the office of the Director of the Institute, the other offices of the Institute;

7. The Governing Council shall meet in ordinary session once a year and may hold extraordinary sessions at the request of its Chairman or one third of its members.

8. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, the Governing Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

ARTICLE V

The Chairman of the Governing Council

1. The Chairman of the Governing Council shall:
 - (a) Cause to be prepared the draft agenda of the meetings of the Governing Council;
 - (b) Convene and preside over the meetings of the Governing Council;
 - (c) By delegation of authority from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and upon the recommendation of the Governing Council, appoint the Director of the Institute;
 - (d) By delegation of authority from the Secretary-General of the United Nations appoint other professional staff of the Institute after consultation with the Director of the Governing Council;
 - (e) With the approval of the Governing Council, solicit and receive on behalf of the Institute, financial and other resources from the specialized agencies of the United Nations or other intergovernmental organization, non-governmental organizations and other sources;
2. The Chairman of the Governing Council may delegate his functions as set out in sub paragraph (e) of paragraph 1 of this Article to the Director of the Institute.

ARTICLE VI

The Director

1. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed as provided for in these Statutes, for a period of two years subject to renewal for succeeding periods of two years each.

2. Subject to such directions of a general nature that the Governing Council may give, the Director of the Institute shall have responsibility for the organization and administration of the Institute. He shall in particular:

- (a) submit for the approval of the Governing Council the work programmes and corresponding budgets of the Institute;
- (b) carry out the activities of the Institute in accordance with the approved work programmes and corresponding budgets of the Institute;
- (c) submit for the approval of the Governing Council annual reports on the activities and financial standing and the accounts of the Institute;
- (d) submit to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, the names of suitable candidates for appointment to the other professional posts of the Institute;
- (e) subject to such directives as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa may give, select and appoint persons to the General Service posts of the Institute;
- (f) make necessary arrangements with national and international organizations for the use by such organizations of the services and facilities provided by the Institute, it being understood that in the case of national organizations no arrangements shall be made without the approval of the Governments concerned;
- (g) undertake other assignments or activities as may be determined by the Governing Council.

ARTICLE VII

Advisory Board on Studies and Research - composition and functions

1. The Advisory Board on Studies and Research (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), shall be composed of:

- (a) six persons who may be either university professors of population or related studies or experts engaged in research work in various fields of population studies, appointed by the Chairman of the Governing Council, having regard to the maintenance of a fair distribution of appointments among the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes;

- (b) two senior lecturers of the Institute elected by the academic staff of the Institute from time to time;
- (c) the Director of the Institute;
- (d) a representative of the Economic Commission for Africa;
- (e) the Director of the Population Division of the United Nations Headquarters;
- (f) a representative of the United Nations agencies actively engaged in giving assistance to the Institute as may be designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa;
- (g) a representative of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP);
- (h) a representative of the governmental or non-governmental organizations working in the field of population in one or more of the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes as may be designated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa;
- (i) a representative of the student body of the Institute selected for that purpose by the student body of the Institute.

2. The members of the Board appointed, designated or elected by the Chairman of the Governing Council, the academic staff of the Institute shall be appointed, designated or elected as the case may be, to serve for a period of two years and may be eligible for reappointment, designation or election.

3. The member of the Board elected by the Student body of the Institute shall be elected to serve for a period of one year and may be eligible for re-election.

4. The Board shall elect, from among its members specified in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1 of this Article at the beginning of each of its meetings, a chairman.

5. The Director shall provide secretarial services for the Board.

6. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) to propose for adoption by the Governing Council the work programmes and corresponding budgets of the Institute;

- (b) to give advice to the Director of the Institute on the design of courses of study and research programmes of the Institute;
- (c) to satisfy itself regarding the context and academic standard of any course of study in respect of a degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the Institute, any affiliation entered into between the Institute with any University or similar Institutions in pursuance of the provision of sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 3 of Article I of these Statutes and to report its findings thereon to the Governing Council;
- (d) to propose for adoption by the Governing Council conditions regarding the eligibility of persons for admission to courses of study for a degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the Institute and for obtaining of any degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the Institute;
- (e) to propose for adoption by the Governing Council the standard of proficiency to be attained in each examination for a degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the Institute;
- (f) to decide which persons have reached the standard of proficiency referred to in sub-paragraph (e) of this paragraph and are otherwise fit for the grant of any degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the Institute;
- (g) to propose for adoption by the Governing Council regulations governing the conduct of persons undergoing courses of study at the Institute;
- (h) to initiate proposals relating to the conduct of the Institute generally, and to discuss any matter relating to the Institute and to make representations thereon to the Governing Council.

5. The Board shall meet at least once each year upon its convocation by its Chairman of the Governing Council.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Board shall determine its own rules of procedure including its quorum, the convening of its ordinary or extraordinary meetings, and the conduct of business thereat and at other times.

ARTICLE VIII

Co-operation with the secretariat of the
Economic Commission for Africa

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa shall, within the limits of its resources, assist the Institute in every possible way in order to facilitate its work. In particular, the Economic Commission for Africa shall, from time to time, make available to the Institute qualified staff to give lectures, to assist in supervising research and to participate in seminars of the Institute.

ARTICLE IX

Financial resources and rules governing
the financial management of the Institute

1. The Institute shall derive its finances from contributions made by the Governments of the countries set out in the Annex to these Statutes as may be determined from time to time, by the Conference, and by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. The Institute may derive further resources in cash or in kind from the United Nations and its specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations, governments and non-governmental organizations. Acceptance by the Institute of offers of such further assistance shall, in every case, be subject to the decision of the Chairman of the Governing Council, in consultation with the basic aims of the Institute, in accordance with the basic aims of the Institute and the relevant provisions of the rules governing the financial management of the Institute. The Chairman of the Governing Council shall report on the matter to the Governing Council at its next session.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

These Statutes may be amended from time to time by the Conference.

ANNEX

Botswana
Cameroon
Ethiopia
Gambia
Ghana
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Malawi
Mauritius
Nigeria
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe*

*Expected to be independent by the time the consultations with Governments take place.