

Danish Development Research Network

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

Proposals for Amendments of the Articles of Association

The proposals below are suggested by the DDRN working group dealing with the network's new organizational structure.

Current clause	Proposed clause
<p><i>§2 Host institution</i></p> <p>1. The host institution and registered office of the network secretariat is the Department of Geography and Geology, University of Copenhagen.</p>	<p><i>§2 Registration and host institution</i></p> <p>1. The network is registered in Denmark. The board may decide on an agreement with a possible host institution.</p>
<p><i>§ 3 Objectives</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>The Danish Development Research Network will work towards this development objective through three immediate objectives (IOs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– IO1 is to contribute to the dissemination and exchange of information between development organisations and the research community, in order to provide research-based knowledge and strengthen research capacities– IO2 is to foster an engaged and committed network of members.– IO3 is to stimulate and promote the production and exchange of high-quality research-based knowledge relevant to development	<p><i>§ 3 Objectives</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>The Danish Development Research Network will work towards this development objective through two immediate objectives (IOs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– IO1 is to contribute to the dissemination and exchange of information among development practitioners and research communities, in order to provide research-based knowledge and strengthen research capacities– IO2 is to foster an engaged and committed network of members.
<p><i>§4 Members</i></p> <p>2. Membership of the network is achieved by written request to the network secretariat.</p> <p>3. Membership is free.</p>	<p><i>§4 Members</i></p> <p>2. Membership of the network is achieved by filling in and submitting adequate information in the online registration form at the DDRN website.</p> <p>3. A membership fee can be adopted at the</p>

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<p>4. Membership is terminated by notifying the secretariat.</p>	<p>general assembly. The fee may vary among geographical regions and stakeholder groups.</p> <p>4. Membership is terminated by notifying the board.</p>
<p><i>§5 Annual General Assembly</i></p> <p>1. ... Proposals to be discussed at the annual general assembly and the final draft agenda will be available on the network website or can be requested from the secretariat, from two weeks prior to the general assembly. The agenda must be approved at the annual general assembly.</p> <p>2. An extra-ordinary general assembly can be called if the board or one third of the members of the network requests it. A notice, stating the agenda, should be communicated electronically to all members no later than two weeks prior to the meeting and within two weeks after the request for such a meeting has been received at the secretariat.</p>	<p><i>§5 Annual General Assembly</i></p> <p>1. ... Proposals to be discussed at the annual general assembly and the final draft agenda will be available on the network website or can be requested from the chairman of the board from two weeks prior to the general assembly. The agenda must be approved at the annual general assembly.</p> <p>2. An extra-ordinary general assembly can be called if the board or one third of the members of the network requests it. A notice, stating the agenda, should be communicated electronically to all members no later than two weeks prior to the meeting and within two weeks after the request for such a meeting has been received by the chairman of the board.</p>
<p><i>§6 Board</i></p> <p>1. All members can stand for election to the board. Guests attending the General Assembly (GA) may register as DDRN members during the GA, thus be given an opportunity to vote. Provided that they have updated their profile on the DDRN website, members who are not able to attend the GA can send in a postal vote which must be received at the secretariat no later than five days prior to the GA. Members who have updated their profile can also vote by proxy, giving written authority to another member. Voting by e-mail is not possible.</p> <p>2. The composition of the board is decided at the annual general assembly, but must consist of nine (9) board members and two (2) substitutes. It is desirable ...</p> <p>3. Members of the board are elected at the annual general assembly for a period of two (2) years. Four (4) members are up for election one year and five (5) members the following year. Substitutes are elected each year. In</p>	<p><i>§6 Board</i></p> <p>1. All members can stand for election to the board. Guests attending the general assembly (GA) may register as DDRN members during the GA, thus be given an opportunity to vote. Members who are not able to attend the GA can send in a postal vote which must be received by the chairman of the board no later than five days prior to the GA. Members can also vote by proxy, giving written authority to another member. Voting by e-mail is not possible.</p> <p>2. The composition of the board is decided at the annual general assembly, but must consist of maximum seven (7) board members and two (2) substitutes. It is desirable ...</p> <p>3. Members of the board are elected at the annual general assembly for a period of two (2) years. Half the members (3 or 4) are up for election one year and the other three or four (3or 4) members the following year. Substitutes</p>

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<p>addition, Danida may appoint two (2) observers, who are not vested with voting rights on the board.</p>	<p>are elected each year.</p>
<p><i>§8 Daily coordination of the network's activities, accounts and revision</i></p> <p>1. The board, on behalf of the network, negotiates an agreement with the host institution specifying the allocation of responsibility and administrative relations between the network and the host institution, if this is found appropriate by the board.</p>	<p><i>§8 Daily coordination of the network's activities, accounts and revision</i></p> <p>1. The board, on behalf of the network, may negotiate an agreement with a possible host institution specifying the allocation of responsibility and administrative relations between the network and the host institution, if this is found appropriate by the board</p>
<p><i>§11 Effective date of the articles of association</i></p> <p>These Articles of Association are a modification of the Articles of Association adopted at the 3rd General Assembly and will take effect immediately after their adoption by the 4th General Assembly.</p>	<p><i>§11 Effective date of the articles of association</i></p> <p>These Articles of Association are a modification of the Articles of Association adopted at the 4th General Assembly and will take effect immediately after their adoption by the 6th General Assembly.</p>
<p>Justification for the proposals:</p> <p><i>§2</i> It is not known at present whether the network will find a hosting institution.</p> <p><i>§3</i> The third objective may be too ambitious for a voluntary network, which may not be linked up with any research institution.</p> <p><i>§4 – 2</i> The proposed wording corresponds to the present practice.</p> <p><i>§4 – 3</i> Membership fees may be relevant when the network is no longer funded by Danida. In order not to exclude members from the global South or students, the fees may be variable.</p> <p><i>§6 – 1</i> It is proposed to leave out updating of one's profile on the DDRN website as a condition for sending in postal votes or voting by proxy, since this will be quite heavy to check.</p> <p><i>§6 – 2</i> Instead of requiring nine board members plus two substitutes, it is proposed that the number of board members is maximum seven in order to allow for more flexibility; and that the number of substitutes is maximum two.</p> <p><i>§6 – 3</i> The above amendment (<i>§6 – 2</i>) entails the change in numbers of members on election each year. Since Danida is no longer funding the network, it will have no special representatives on the board, but Danida employees may of course stand for election as any other member.</p> <p><i>§8</i> This amendment follows from the one in <i>§1</i>.</p>	

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