

Danish Development Research Network

Articles of Association

§ 1 Name

1. The name of the network is the Danish Development Research Network.

§ 2 Host institution

1. The host institution and registered office of the network secretariat is the Department of Geography and Geology, University of Copenhagen.

§ 3 Objectives

1. Based on the needs of partner countries, the development objective of the Danish Development Research Network is to contribute to the inclusion of research and research-based knowledge in design and implementation of development assistance – especially assistance supported by the Danish Government – and in partner countries' development activities.

The Danish Development Research Network will work towards this development objective through three immediate objectives (IOs):

- 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

§ 4 Members

1. Any person or organisation/institution who accepts the objective of the network can be registered as a member of the network.

2. Membership of the network is achieved by written request to the network secretariat.

3. Membership is free.

4. Membership is terminated by notifying the secretariat.

5. Exclusion from the network occurs if a member does not adhere to the development objective of the network. Temporary exclusion occurs through unanimity of the board. Final exclusion of a member can occur through approval by simple majority at the general assembly.

§ 5 Annual General Assembly

1. The supreme authority of the network is the annual general assembly. Notice of the annual general assembly and a draft agenda should be communicated electronically to all members no later than four weeks prior to the meeting. Proposals to be included on the agenda should be sent to the chairperson of the board no later

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than three weeks prior to the meeting. 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.

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.

3. The agenda for the annual general assembly should contain the following items:

1. Election of chairperson and secretary
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Report by the board
4. Presentation of accounts
5. Proposals received to be discussed and /or presented
6. Presentation of working agenda for the forthcoming year
7. Presentation of budget proposal for the forthcoming year
8. Election of board members and substitutes
9. Any other business

4. Received resolutions are decided by simple majority of votes. Voting is by show of hands or, if requested, by ballot.

§6 Board

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.

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 that the board be composed of representatives from the main themes/focus areas in the network, and that it reflects the breadth of the interests represented in the network, including the research community, the private sector, and other stakeholders taking interest in the network's field of activities. However, at least half of the board must be researchers.

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 addition, Danida may appoint two (2) observers, who are not vested with voting rights on the board.

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4. The board constitutes itself with a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, who are responsible for the overall management of the network. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson must be from research institutions.

5. The board establishes its own rules of procedure. Board meetings are open for network members. Board meetings are announced on the network website. The board can make decisions through virtual board meetings.

6. Members of the board are incapacitated in decisions on areas of research or activity in which they are directly involved through cooperation or managerial responsibility or have vested interest.

§7 Liability

1. The network shall be liable for the performance of its obligations with all its assets. The liability of the members of the board or members in general is limited.

§8 Daily coordination of the network's activities, accounts and revision

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.

§9 Changes in articles of association

1. Changes in the articles of association can only be made by approval at the general assembly with simple majority among the members present. Proposals for changes in the articles of association should be received at the secretariat no later than three (3) weeks prior to the general assembly.

§10 Dissolution

1. Dissolution of the network can occur through a legitimately announced general assembly, according to the rules for changes in articles of association, see § 9.

§11 Effective date of the articles of association

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.

Adopted at the 4th General Assembly: May 25, 2009