

CONSTITUTION OF  
EGBE ISEDALE ATI ILOSIWAJU OMO YORUBA

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## **Preamble**

We the Yoruba people in Hamburg and surroundings; the same being the heirs of Oduduwa the great ancestor from Ile-Ife in Nigeria; agree to form the above named Association to promote the Unity, the Progress and Consciousness of the Yoruba people in Hamburg and beyond.

### **§1. Name and Sit**

The name of the Association shall be Egbe Isedale Ati Ilosiwaju Omo Yoruba henceforth referred to as *the Egbe* and shall have its sit in Hamburg The official language shall be Yoruba.

### **§2. Aims and Objectives**

#### **§2.1 Aims**

1. To refurbish the chastity of Yoruba people in Hamburg and subsequently across the Federal Republic of Germany and beyond.
2. To re-establish relationship among all Yoruba people and heirs of the great Oduduwa.
3. To find out more about the people, the culture and the language of the Yorubas.

#### **§2.2 Objectives**

To wake up the Yoruba people and tell our people how strong we are. Then the Yoruba Culture is a World culture. Unity, Love, Faith and relentless tenacity to that our purpose we set before us will bring us to our goals.

### **§3. Motto**

Agbajo owo ni afi nsoya - In Unity is Progress.

### **§4. Patronage**

Two reputable origins of Yoruba (one female and one male) residing in Nigeria shall be elected as the Egbe's patrons. The tenure of office shall be as long as both parties are satisfied with each other.

### **§5. Membership**

1. Membership shall be opened to indigenous origin of the Yoruba people and must be at least 40 years old.
2. Membership is subjected to completion of the application form (ADL-F01), scrutinisation by the Admission and Disciplinary Committee (ADC) and recommendation by at least two members of the Egbe (see §17).
3. The ADC shall thereafter make recommendations to the General House for voting (§7.3.2).
4. Such a member shall swear an Oath to defend the Constitution and be prepared to work to the good interest of the Yoruba people and without any prejudice.
5. Membership shall cease to exist in case of resignation, dismissal or death (see also §17).

### **§6. Rights and Privileges**

All members of the Egbe are entitled to enjoy the rights and privileges of the Egbe as stipulated in the Administrative Regulations (see §12 and §17).

### **§7. Organs of the Egbe**

The Organs of the Egbe shall be the General Assembly (GA), the Executive Council (ExeCo), Standing Committee and the Adhoc Committee (AC).

**§7.1 General Assembly (GA)**

The General Assembly is the highest Organ of the Egbe.

**§7.2 Executive Council (ExeCo)**

The Executive Council shall consist of the following:

- The Chairman / Chairlady
- The Vice Chairman / Chairlady
- The Secretary General
- The Public Relation Officer
- The Cultural Secretary
- The Treasurer/Financial Secretary
- The Ex-Official member

**§7.3 Standing Committee**

**§7.3.1 Elder's Forum (EF)**

1. A 3-man committee shall be elected to the elder's forum.
2. Shall be responsible for the settlement of settle differences and misunderstandings among members.
3. Member of the Elders Forum shall not be younger than 50 years and shall not be a member of the executive council.
4. The chairman/chairlady of the forum shall in the absence of the Patrons present awards to elected candidates (see §15).
5. A member of the elders forum shall loose his/her membership if he/she
  - is elected to the executive council.
  - resigns from the elders forum.
  - loses his membership and/or suspended from the Egbe.

**§7.3.2 Admission and Disciplinary Committee (ADC)**

1. A five-man Admission and Disciplinary Committee shall be elected.
2. The ADC shall be responsible for the scrutinisation and recommendation of interested members applying for membership to the general house.
3. Membership ends at the end of every legislature

**§7.4 Adhoc Committee (AC)**

Adhoc Committee shall be elected when deemed necessary.

**§7.5. Auditing Committee**

Auditors shall consist of three-elected non-executive member and shall be elected before the end of the financial year.

**§8 Duties of the Organ**

**§8.1 General Assembly**

1. Shall be responsible for the election of the Chairman/Chairlady and the standing committee.
2. Shall be responsible for the ratification of new members in accordance to §7.3.2
3. Shall layout the broad policy of the Egbe.
4. Shall be responsible for the ratification of the Constitution and any amendments thereof.

## **§8.2 Executive Council**

1. shall be responsible for all planning and execution of all social, political and cultural activities of the Egbe as approved by the general house.
2. shall be responsible for the publicity and publication of the Egbe as approved by the general house.
3. shall be accountable for the all financial transactions of the Egbe.
4. shall present a budget at the beginning of every legislature (see §12.3)
5. shall present an end of year and a financial report at the end of every year and at the end of stay in office.
6. All members of the executive council shall be responsible to the chairman/chairlady
7. The chairman/chairlady shall be responsible to the general assembly

### **§8.2.1 Chairman/Chairlady**

1. shall always with the Vice Chairman/Chairlady represent the Egbe.
2. He/She shall, after his/her election, recommend within 2 months the other members of the Executive Council to the General House for ratification.
3. Shall preside over all general and executive council meetings of the Egbe.
4. He/she has the power to remove any of his executive council members.

### **§8.2.2 Vice Chairman /Chairlady**

1. He/she shall control from time to time the financial transactions of the Egbe.
2. Shall at all times assist the Chairman /Chairlady.
3. In the absence of the Chairman /Chairlady he/she shall deputize

### **§8.2.3 Secretary General**

He/she shall be responsible for all administrative activities so long this is not included in the duties of other members of the Executive Council.

### **§8.2.4 Public Relation Officer / Vice General Secretary**

1. shall be responsible for the publicity and publication of the Egbe as approved by the general house.
2. shall be responsible for the minutes of the executive.

### **§8.2.5 Cultural Secretary**

1. He/she shall plan and coordinate all social, political and cultural activities of the Egbe.
2. He/she shall in the absence of the Financial Secretary collect dues and/or funds (see §12).

### **§8.2.6 Treasurer/Financial Secretary**

1. He/she shall collect all contributions and pay all debts of the Egbe (see §12).
2. He/she shall remit all contributions, donations and other monetary gifts into the Egbe's account within 14 days.
3. He/she shall at every general meeting keep the Egbe informed of her financial stand

### **§8.2.7 Officer without portfolio**

He/she shall assist in any official capacity as deemed necessary by the chairman/chairlady

## **§9. Meeting**

1. General meetings shall be held once in 2 Months.
2. Emergency meetings shall be called whenever deemed necessary after the Chairman's / Chairlady's consultation with the executive council members.
3. A member can apply through the Executive Council for an emergency meeting. This must be supported by at least 1/3 of the financial members.
4. At least 1/3 of the members can ask any executive members to call for an emergency meeting if the executive council fails to call for a general meeting in 6 consecutive months.
5. At least one executive council meeting shall be held prior to a general meeting.

## **§10. Quorum**

Quorum is formed when at least 2/3 of the financial members are present in the general meeting.

## **§11. Election**

1. Election of officers (§7.2 - §7.3) shall always be by secret ballots and by simple majority.
2. Election of officers shall take place once in 2 years.
3. No executive member shall hold the same office for more than 2 consecutive legislature.
4. Only the Chairman /Chairlady shall be elected by a simple majority. He/She shall elect and recommend, within 2 months, the other members of the Executive Council to the General House for ratification.
5. Members whose first attendance to the general meeting falls to the date of election has after registration the right of vote, the right of nomination but he/she shall not be voted as the executive council Chairman/Chairlady.
6. The executive or a member of the executive can be relieved of his/her duty by resignation or vote of no confidence. A new executive or officer, whichever the case might be, shall be immediately be reelected. In case of "vote of no confidence", at least 2/3 of the members shall support such a vote.
7. A new Executive Council's Chairman /Chairlady shall be elected in case of the resignation of the Chairman /Chairlady.

## **§12. Finance**

1. Registration fees shall be 50,- € per member.
2. There shall be an annual contribution of 120,- € per member payable latest 6 months after the beginning of a legislature.
3. The financial year begins 1<sup>st</sup> January and ends 31<sup>st</sup> December every year.
4. Funds shall be collected by the Financial Secretary or in his/her absence by the Social Secretary.
5. All cash received on behalf of the Egbe shall be remitted to the Egbe's account within 14 days.
6. Any member who fails to pay his/her annual contribution as stipulated above shall not be voted into the executive council or to the Standing Committee (see §7.2, §7.3).
7. Withdrawal from the Egbe's account shall only be possible with the signature of at least two of the following:- the Chairman/Chairlady, the Financial Secretary and the Vice Chairman / Chairlady.
8. Auditing shall take place at the end of the Egbe's financial year and by any change of the Financial Secretary / Executive Council.
9. Members shall not receive allowances in discharging their duties.
10. The financial secretary shall always keep an impress account of 200,-EUR

**§13. Discipline**

The highest organ of the Egbe (§7.1) shall decide from time to time and from situation to situation which and on what ground a member damages the interest/image of the Egbe

**§14. Amendments of the Constitution**

Any member has the right of amending the Constitution subjected to a prior written notice through the Executive Council to the Egbe. Such amendments shall be discussed and ratified by 2/3 of the members in a general meeting

**§15. Awards**

1. The Egbe shall grant awards to dedicated origins of the Egbe.
2. The Admission and Disciplinary Committee (ADC) shall make recommendations to the Egbe for the awards
3. The awards shall be presented by the Patrons to the elected persons and in his absence by the chairman of the elder's forum.

**§16. Properties**

1. Members shall not have claim on the Egbe's property in case of resignation, dismissal or dissolution of the Egbe.
2. All claims shall only be accepted on tender of original receipts.
3. The Egbe's properties shall be liquidated to an African Institution on dissolution.
4. All executive members shall handover all properties of the Egbe to the chairman/Chairlady at the end of his/her tenure of office.

**§17. Quorum**

A member of the Egbe is a registered member who is update in his obligations / responsibilities to the Egbe.

**§17. Appendix**