

## **Constitution of "Vuga e.V."**

### **§ 1 Name, registered office, registration, financial year**

- (1) The name of the association is "Vuga e.V.". It shall be registered in the register.
- (2) The seat of the association is Berlin, 10318 Berlin.
- (3) The Association shall be entered in the register of the local court in Berlin. It then carries the suffix "e.V.", Vuga e.V.
- (4) The financial year is the calendar year.

### **§ 2 Purpose**

- (1) The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of § 51ff of the "tax-privileged purposes" of the Tax Code (AO) in the respective amended.
- (2) The purpose of the association is to promote the exchange between Europe and countries of the Global South and the support of charitable projects.
- (3) The Association is committed to promoting international attitude, tolerance in all Areas of culture and international understanding.
- (4) In this sense, the association is committed to the promotion of development cooperation.
- (5) The purpose is achieved in particular through the implementation of Exchange programs between Germany as a country of the Global North and Uganda as a Country in the global South. The society is opposed to all kinds of structural racism and works under the guidelines of practical experience, mutual respect and practiced tolerance. The club is going to advocate critical engagement with development issues of 21st Century and a mutual awareness for the existing structures between the Global north and the global south.

To implement the objectives of the club a volunteer program is intended that allows people to work in community service projects. The realization of a mutual exchange between the Global North and Global South in both directions is here sought.

- (6) The association is politically and denominationally neutral. It represents the principle of religious and ideological tolerance and will not tolerate racist and xenophobic Aspirations.

### **§ 3 selflessness**

The Association is active through altruism, it does not pursue its own economic purposes.

### **§ 4 capital**

- (1) The association may only be used for statutory purposes.
- (2) The members of the Association as members are not allowed to receive any benefits from the Association's funds in their capacity as members. Volunteer working people have most claim to Spare proven expenses.
- (3) No person, institution, organization or group is allowed to be favored by expenses or services, which are not in the purpose of the Association, or from disproportionately high remuneration.

## **§ 5 Membership**

- (1) Any natural person or any legal entity governed by private or public law can become member of the association, if he or she recognizes its goals and statutes written down in the constitution.
- (2) A distinction is made between active and supporting members. Each Member is free to decide what kind of membership it chooses. The type of membership must be accepted by the Management Board.

(A) An active member may be everyone, who contributes to the work of the association with actively support within their own abilities. Active members have a vote in the General Assembly.

(B) Associate membership is open to any person that supports the efforts of the association and wants to promote financially, without being necessarily actively in its work.

Supporting members are regularly informed about the activities of the association. They are not entitled to vote in the General Assembly.

- (3) The membership application and admission for active and contributing member of the society has to be purchased by the Board.
- (4) Membership ends with
  - a) the death of the member
  - b) a written notice of resignation,
  - c) by expulsion from the Association.
- (5) The resignation of a member or the exchange between active and promoting membership is possible at any time by written notice to the Board. One Obligation to pay arrears of contributions is not canceled by the cancellation. The board may be reflected backward contributions partially or completely.
- (6) A member who has failed to a large extent against the interests of the association, may shall be excluded from the society by the decision of the Board. Prior to exclusion the member concerned has to have a chance for hearing in writing or in person. The decision on the Exclusion has to be justified in writing and delivered to the member.
- (7) Upon termination of membership member club property has to be immediately returned.

## **§ 6 contributions**

- (1) Members pay contributions in accordance with a resolution of the general meeting. The contribution amount is determined by the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority.
- (2) The premium payment on the 15th February of the current fiscal year due.
- (3) An active member can be freed from contributions by decision of the board for a one-year period.

## **§ 7 Bodies**

The organs of the Association are:

- 1 The Board
- 2 The General Assembly

## **§ 8 The Board**

- (1) The Board within the meaning of § 26 BGB consists of at least 3 members. It shall be composed of the Chairperson, the vice president and the cashier. They represent the Association in court and out of court. Two board members are authorized of legal representation together.
- (2) The Board is elected by the General Assembly for a term of one year. Re-election is permitted. Only active members can become members of the Board. The Board will remain in office until a new board is elected.
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- (4) The Board may be supplemented by assessors.
- (5) The Board shall have a quorum if at least half of the members of a Council participate in voting. It shall adopt its resolutions by a simple majority.
- (6) Urgent decisions of the Board can be made in writing, by email or be taken by telephone if all directors consent to this method in writing.
- (7) The task of the Board is to implement the decisions of the General Assembly in the respective areas.
- (8) The Board has continued the following tasks:
  - a) the management,
  - b) review and coordination of all operations of the current Activities within the association,
  - c) the preparation of the annual report,
  - d) the convening of meetings of the members,
  - e) the preparation of the agenda for meetings of the members.

## **§ 9 The General Assembly**

- (1) The General Assembly has to be announced annually by the Chairman with a notice period of 3 weeks by personal invitation by letter or email. The agenda is set by the board.
- (2) The Board shall immediately convene a general meeting if the interests of the society are in question or if at least one-fifth of the members of the society request in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.
- (3) Amendments to the agenda have to be given to the Board no later than three days before the General meeting in writing. Later requests will only be asked if the members of this Assembly decide for it by a simple majority of those present members.
- (4) The general meeting will be opened by the Board and directed.
- (5) Any statutorily convened general meeting is quorate regardless on the number of members present. Each active member has one vote. The Voting right is not transferable.
- (6) Unless the articles provide otherwise, the General Assembly adopts resolutions by a simple majority. Case of a tie shall be considered rejected.
- (7) Voting shall be by show of hands. At the request of at least one member votes will be by secret ballot.
- (8) The General Assembly determines a secretary and if necessary a counselor. The secretary has to take minutes of the meeting. It should contain the following findings: the time and place of the meeting, the person of the chairman, the General Assembly and the secretary, the number of attending Members, the agenda, the decisions, the

individual voting results and the method of voting. In addition, it will provide information about the course of the discussion.

(9) The General Assembly is the main decision-making body. The General Assembly decides in particular on:

- (A) the election and removal of directors,
- (B) the election and removal cash audit,
- (C) the introduction of new offices and bodies of the Association,
- (D) the functions of the Association,
- (E) the adoption of the annual budget,
- (F) the discharge of the Board,
- (G) participation in companies or membership in other organizations,
- (H) the raising of loans,
- (I) the determination of membership fees,
- (J) amendments,
- (K) the dissolution of the Association,

### **§ 10 The cash audit**

(1) The General Assembly elects a cash audit for a period of one year.

He or she must not be a member of the Board. Re-election is permitted.

(2) His or her task is to verify the proper management of the Association's assets and the financial activities of the Board. He or she has to deliver a written report to the General Assembly.

### **§ 11 Program Guidelines**

(1) The inclusion of new Partnerorganisations is decided in the General Assembly by a simple Majority.

(2) The General Meeting decides annually on the continuation of the sending of Volunteers.

(3) Decisions to work content and project support are taken locally.

(4) Other possible criteria are discussed in the General Assembly and approved.

### **§ 12 Amendment of the purpose and amendment**

(1) For the purpose of changes in a statute a Three-quarters majority of the attending Club members is required.

The intended Amendment must be delivered in the General meeting to be read in the text.

(2) Amendments to the Articles due to formal reasons of regulatory, legal or tax authorities, the Board may make by themselves. Those Amendments have to be communicated to all members of the Association in writing within three weeks.

### **§ 13 Dissolution of the Association and the Association's assets seizure**

(1) A resolution to dissolve the Association requires a majority of three quarters of the General Assembly.

(2) In case of the dissolution of the association or loss of its past purpose the assets of the association come into the ownership of the registered global e.V.

This statute was established at the founding meeting of the association on 09.05.2013.