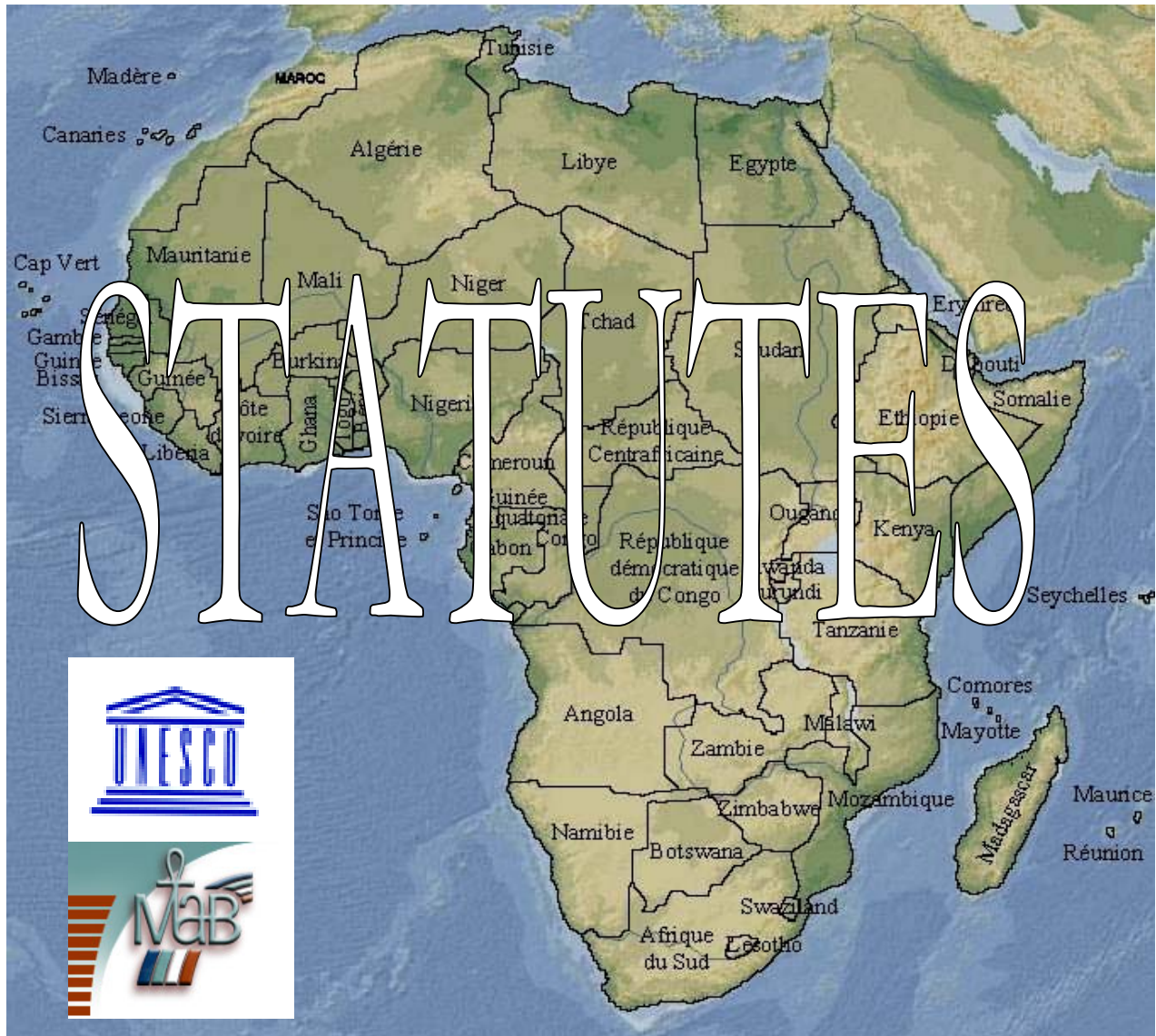


# AFRICAN BIOSPHERE RESERVES NETWORK

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# **AfriMAB's Network STATUTES**

## **Chapter I: Duration, Membership and Voting right at the General Assembly**

### **Article 1: General provision**

In accordance with the Charter governing AfriMAB's Network, the present Statutes provides rules for the modalities related to the implementation and functioning of AfriMAB's network.

### **Article 2: Duration**

The network is official until its dissolution by Members' vote at a General Assembly.

### **Article 3: Membership**

#### **3.1. Members**

According to the Network's Charter provisions, Members by rights are MAB national committees of the countries who have registered by forwarding their composition to the UNESCO/MAB Secretariat and to the Bureau of AfriMAB in office.

Associate membership may be considered by the General Assembly having followed due registration procedure to AfriMAB. Admission is in the discretion of the General Assembly and is without voting right.

#### **3.2.: Membership**

Official Membership is voted during the constitutive General Assembly.

#### **3.3.: New Members**

New Members by rights and Associate Members are admitted by decision of the General Assembly, based on a review of their application for membership to the network's charter filed at the Bureau.

### **Article 4: Membership application forms**

Membership application forms are available online at the UNESCO/MAB and the AfriMAB websites.

### **Article 5: Voting right at the General Assembly**

Each MAB national committee has one vote.

In as much as possible, decisions will be made by consensus, and whenever such consensus is not reached, a 2/3 majority of voting members in attendance will be required.

## **Chapter II: The General Assembly**

### **Article 6: Chairman**

The Chairman of the General Assembly shall be a Member of the MAB National Committee hosting the General Assembly meeting of the Network.

### **Article 7: Functions**

The General Assembly's functions are:

- (i) To define the Network's general orientations;
- (ii) To discuss and validate proposals made by the Bureau;
- (iii) To validate the Network's work programs and budget;
- (iv) To approve technical and financial reports presented by the Bureau;
- (v) To discuss any other matter of interest to the Network.

### **Article 8: Meetings**

The ordinary General Assembly meetings shall be held every 2 years. Special General Assembly shall be convened upon recommendation of the Secretariat to the General Assembly.

The quorum of the General Assembly shall be 50% of members.

## **Chapter III: Bureau and Secretariat of the Bureau**

### **Article 9: The Bureau**

The elected Bureau functions as stated in the Network's Charter. The hosting country shall assume Chairmanship and provide the Secretariat.

### **Article 10: Bureau Secretariat**

The Secretariat:

- Facilitates and ensures daily administrative functioning as well as communication within the Network;
- Prepares work plan proposals to be presented to the General Assembly;
- Prepares the budget and ensures financial monitoring. Such monitoring shall be implemented in compliance with UNESCO operation rules, and particularly as concerns with reporting and financial audits;
- Is in charge of preparing and organizing General Assembly meetings;
- Is responsible for elaborating reports and other Network related documents;
- Ensures monitoring to implement decisions made by the General Assembly, taking into count the views of the Scientific Council;
- Reports to the General Assembly;

UNESCO Office in Nairobi provides technical assistance to the Secretariat and to the Network.

## **Chapter IV: Final provisions**

### **Article 11: Member's Contributions**

Members are subject to paying an annual contribution which is set at 1000 \$.

Contributions are payable before March 31 of the year. In case of nonpayment, the MAB national committee will not benefit from any activity of the network. In addition to annual fees, the MAB National Committees should pay at least for one participant from their countries to attend the biennial meetings.

### **Article 12: Budget related decisions**

Based on priorities of the work program identified by the General Assembly, the Secretariat shall prepare a budget proposal taking into account all existing options, and present same to General Assembly Members for review and approval.

### **Article 13: Entry into force**

These Statutes shall enter into force as of the day of their final adoption by a simple majority of those members of the Constitutive Assembly in attendance.

**Done at Nairobi on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010**