

# Aurora Trust – Angola school Project

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## Constitution

### 1 Title

The Society shall be called the "**Aurora (New Dawn) Trust – Angola School Project**"

### 2 Location

The Trust registered office shall be located in England.

### 3 Aims

- a. To develop, promote and encourage the pursuit of excellence in education and professional training among the deprived young Angolans.
- b. To be instrumental in advancing the education and training of young Angolans at secondary level of education through the Angola School Project (ASP).
- c. To promote and organise fund raising activities necessary for the provision of facilities and equipment for the education at the school.
- d. To act as single point of contact between the supporters – individual and corporate – and the implementers of the project in the ground.
- e. To co-operate with charitable bodies and statutory authorities operating in similar fields and for similar goals.
- f. To assist in promoting contacts and partnership relations between the school project and external institutions.

### 2 Membership

Membership of the trust shall be open to anyone – individual or corporate body - with an interest in the aims of The Trust.

There shall be two levels of membership:

- a. **Full voting members** of The Trust shall be individuals or corporate bodies who have adhered to this constitution and have committed themselves to full membership and to supporting the Trust's endeavour to attain its goals.

Full members shall be able to elect or being elected at the annual general meeting into the trustees board.

Corporate bodies that shall opt for full membership of the Trust shall be invited into the board in advisory role.

- b. **Associate members** of The Trust shall be individuals or corporate bodies who are supportive of the Trust's objective, but would not sign up to full membership.

Associate members shall not be able to elect or being elected into the trustees board.

### **3 Trustees Board**

- a.** The Aurora Board of Trustees shall be the Trust's administrative and general management organ.
- b.** The Board of Trustees shall be composed of ten elements – individuals or corporate full members, among which there shall be three main officers. The rest of the board shall assume the role of advisor.
- c.** The three officers shall form the Executive Committee and shall have the following roles:
  - 1.** The Chairperson
  - 2.** The Secretary
  - 3.** The Treasurer
- d.** All the members of the Board of Trustees shall have a mandate of one year renewable at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM – see section 5).
- e.** The Board of Trustees shall meet in full twice a year. The first meeting shall be a follow up of the recommendations of the AGM. The second meeting shall concentrate in preparing the next AGM.
- f.** The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Account Commission with the responsibility to oversee and audit the use of finances as well as report and make recommendations to the Board.

### **4 Accounts**

- a.** The Trust shall keep books of accounts in respect to all the sums of money received and expended.
- b.** The accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer of the Trust.
- c.** The Trust shall have a bank current account in the name of "Aurora Trust – Account" for the safe keeping of the funds for the Scholl Project
- d.** The signatories of the Aurora Trust – Account shall be the Chairman and the Treasurer.
- e.** The Account Commission shall sanction the finance report to be presented to the Annual General Meeting before its approval by the Board of Trustees.

### **5 Annual General Meeting**

- a.** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be the supreme organ of The Trust. The AGM shall be called by the Board of Trustees once a year in ordinary session and could be called in extraordinary session when necessary.
- b.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the end of the summer of each year and shall be open to all the members of the Trust and to invited guests who would have expressed interest in attending.

- c.** The required quorum at the AGM shall consist of not less than ten full voting members of the Trust.
- d.** Voting shall be by a show of hands of eligible members with a simple majority to decide the issue.
- e.** Non members of the Trust may attend the AGM as observers and shall not have any voting powers.
- f.** Members shall be notified at least three months before the date of the meeting. Members shall have prior access to a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting and agenda.
- g.** The minutes of the AGM shall be circulated to members following the AGM using appropriate ways.
- h.** The business of the AGM shall consist of the following:
  - 1.** Minutes of previous General Meeting.
  - 2.** Review and adoption of Annual report.
  - 3.** Adoption of financial report.
  - 4.** Constitution Amendments.
  - 5.** Election of members of the Board of Trustees and officers.
  - 6.** AOB.

## **6 Final Provisions**

- a.** The Trust shall be dissolved if a resolution to the effect is passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at a General Meeting  

The disposal of any assets remaining after liquidation shall be transferred to the project that is the reason for its creation.
- b.** This Constitution is to be adopted at the first AGM by a majority of members to be effective.
- c.** Any amendments to this constitution must be approved by a resolution passed at an AGM in order to be adopted