

AFRICAN HIGHWAY COMMISSION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

1. The African Highway Commission (AHC) is an autonomous body and membership shall be open to governmental authorities and/or private agencies responsible for highway in African States members of the OAU or ECA.
2. The African Highway Commission is a consultative body and its conclusions and recommendations shall be subject to acceptance by each of the governments.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the African Highway Commission are:

1. To provide highway authorities and agencies in the member States with a framework within which to discuss and plan all the required measures of co-ordination and co-operation for all their activities concerning highways.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange of experience and ideas on all matters affecting the planning, design, construction and maintainance of highway in Africa by means of periodic conferences and meetings and through exchange of publications.
3. To promote better utilization, co-ordination, planning and orderly development of African highways network.

ARTICLE III

FUNCTIONS

1. The functions of the African Highway Commission shall, in particular include:

- a. Fostering the development of the science and practice of road-building as related to the planning, design, construction, maintenance organization, administration, economics, research and safety of roads throughout Africa.
 - b. Carrying out studies of the feasibility of standardization of traffic regulations, road signs and signals, driving licenses and motor registrations.
 - c. Carrying out studies of regional and subregional road transport economic questions.
 - d. Fostering and co-ordinating programmes for the development of existing and future facilities for manpower training in all aspects of road planning design, construction and maintenance.
 - e. Studying the need for collective arrangements for technical assistance in Africa with a view to obtaining the best possible use of all available resources.
2. The African Highway Commission shall, in the exercise of its functions, work in close co-operation and consultation with the OAU and the ECA and any other governmental or non-governmental international organizations concerned with road transport.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

1. The African Highway Commission shall meet in Ordinary plenary session once every two years.
2. At each ordinary plenary session the African Highway Commission shall elect its President and four Vice-Presidents one from each sub-region, who will constitute the Bureau of the Commission.
3. Extra-ordinary plenary meetings may be convened by the Bureau and must be convened if the Bureau received a request from two-thirds of the members of the Commission.
4. At each ordinary plenary session the African Highway Commission shall establish a work programme for the period until the following ordinary plenary session.

5. The direction, co-ordination and steering of the work programme shall be the responsibility of the Bureau.
6. The African Highway Commission shall determine its own internal organization arrangements and procedures, including the formation of committees to study special aspects of road transport in Africa.
7. Representation at the meetings of the Commission should be by delegates senior in rank and competent in the field to be discussed for the authoritative handling of the problems.
8. There shall be established by the African Highway Commission a Secretariat for organizing studies, meetings, maintenance of records and the like. The rule governing the recruitment and conditions of service of the staff shall be determined by the Commission.

ARTICLE V

BUDGET

1. The African Highway Commission shall establish its own financial rules for the assessment of members for its budget.

ARTICLE VI

SIGNATURE, RATIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL

1. The present constitution is open to signature by all highway authorities or agencies of African states members of the OAU and the ECA.
2. The instrument of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the OAU which shall give notice of the date of deposit to the Bureau of the Commission.
3. The present constitution shall be open for signature as of _____ at the Headquarters of the OAU in Addis Ababa.
4. This constitution shall come into force provisionally as of _____ and shall come into force definitely after ratification by highway authorities or agencies representing twenty member States of the OAU and ECA.

5. To withdraw from the African Highway Commission, a member shall address a notification to that effect to the Secretariat of the OAU which shall immediately inform the Bureau.

ARTICLE VII

1. This constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of all members.

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