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PANAFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT

(Application for Observer Status with the OAU)

The Panafriean Institute for Development (PAID) is a private, non-profit making world-wide Association founded in 1964 under Swiss Law, and having its headquarters in Geneva. It operates in Africa solely in the interest of Africa with its base in Cameroon.

The aims of the Institute is "to further, by all lawful means available to it, the economic, social and cultural development of the countries of Africa, through the training of African officials to enable them to assume responsibility at various levels for the task to be carried out among the people in order to promote their development and improve their standard of living".

Article 3 of the Constitution of the Institute states:

"The Association shall exclusively serve Africa and African workers. It shall not be influenced by the ulterior motives of any political or religious interests, whether emanating from a political party, a religious body, a particular ideology, a State or a group of States. Its members may be of any race, nationality, origin or confession. It shall accept no gift or subsidy from any public or private institution that seeks thereby to impose conditions contrary to its political and religious neutrality".

Membership of the Institute is world-wide. Its financial resources consists of:

- (a) The members subscriptions.
- (b) Such gifts and subsidies from public or private sources as are accepted by the Board.
- (c) The interest and profit from the capital and property of the Association.

Contributions have been received from the following Governments and Organizations:

- (1) Swiss Technical Co-operation, Bern (Switzerland).
- (2) European Economic Community Brussels (Belgium).

- (3) Agency for International Development (US-AID) Washington (USA).
- (4) International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa (Canada).
- (5) Ford Foundation, New York (USA).
- (6) Netherlands Technical Co-operation, The Hague (Holland).
- (7) Institut fur International Solidaritat (ISI), Bonn (Germany, FR).
- (8) Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Ottawa (Canada).
- (9) Overseas Development Administration (ODA), London (United Kingdom).
- (10) Cameroon Government.
- (11) Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD), Oslo (Norway).
- (12) Secrétariat d'Etat à la Coopération, Paris (France).
- (13) Administration Générale de Coopération au Développement (AGCD), Brussels (Belgium).
- (14) Ivory Coast Government.
- (15) Commonwealth Foundation, London (United Kingdom).
- (16) Commonwealth Secretariat, London (United Kingdom).
- (17) Développement et Paix, Montreal (Canada).
- (18) Entraide et Fraternité, Brussels (Belgium).
- (19) République et Canton de Genève.

The conditions for granting observer status with the OAU are in accordance with CM/162/Rev.2, that:

"Any organization seeking to enjoy observer status shall attach to its request:

- a) The Convention, Charter or statutes governing its functions;
 - b) A memorandum describing its programmes and activities and indicating the number of its Members or its supporters in one or more Member States; and
- 1) The request shall conform with the fundamental principles set forth in the Charter of the OAU;
 - 2) The activities of the body seeking observer status shall be in conformity with the objectives of the OAU".

It has, however been the practice to grant observer status to African Organizations, a policy designed to make sure that the aims and purposes of the Organizations are devoid of any influence external and detrimental to Africa. The Council may however wish to consider the application on the ground that its entire aims are for the development of Africa. If the application is granted, PAID may attain to a Category C Observer Status which involves:

- a) The attendance of public sessions of the OAU Specialised Commissions during discussion of matters of particular interest to it.
- b) Right to communicate a written declaration to the Commission through the media of the Administrative Secretary-General and after approval by the Chairman of the Session.

Annexed to these papers are Annexes I and II, the Constitution and Memorandum of Activities of PAID.

THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE PANAFRICAN
INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Article 1 - Constitution

The persons signatory to the present Articles on 28 February 1964, hereinafter called the founder members, hereby create a private and non-profit making international Association, the name of which shall be:

THE PANAFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT

members may subsequently be admitted in conformity with the present statutes and the internal regulations, which may be consulted for that purpose.

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Panafrikan Institute for Development shall be to further, by all the lawful means available to it, the economic, social and cultural development of the countries of Africa, through the training of African officials to enable them to assume responsibility at various levels for the tasks to be carried out among the people in order to promote their development and improve their standard of living.

For this purpose, the Panafrikan Institute for Development shall undertake, the following types of activities, among others, according to the decisions of its Executive Council:

1. Bring together, in different countries and continents, persons concerned with the question of training economic, social and cultural staff in the countries of Africa and, in particular, of the people and to develop among them and in public opinion, a body of thought and active movement, conducive to the solution of this problem;
2. Seek every means, whether economic, moral or material, which might contribute to solving the problems of training staff
for the development of the countries of Africa and mobilize such means for their application in such practical activities as shall be initiated by the Panafrikan Institute for Development.
3. Create, organise or assist, directly or indirectly, one or several schools, institutes, courses, research centres, libraries, etc., devoted to training African staff for the economic and social development of their countries and peoples; and in particular, in the first instance, prepare and establish a staff training college: the Panafrikan Institute for Development, at Douala, in the Federal Republic of the Cameroon.

4. Support any similar initiative taken by other public or private organizations or institutions, whose principles and objectives are recognized by the Board of the Association as being in conformity with its objectives as defined in these Articles.

Article 3 - Orientation of the Association

The Association shall exclusively serve Africa and African workers. It shall not be influenced by the ulterior motives of any political or religious interests, whether emanating from a political party, a religious body, a particular ideology, a State or a group of States. Its members may be of any race, nationality, origin or confession. It shall accept no gift or subsidy from any public or private institution that seeks thereby to impose conditions contrary to its political and religious neutrality.

Article 4 - Principles underlying the training given by the Institute

The recruiting and training of staff, which shall be carried out under the auspices of the Panafrikan Institute for Development, shall satisfy the above-mentioned criteria of political and religious neutrality and the total respect of the opinions and beliefs of others.

The students of the Panafrikan Institute for Development - or of any other body functioning under the auspices of the Panafrikan Institute for Development, as mentioned in Articles 2 and 3 - shall be morally, intellectually and technically prepared for the accomplishment of their future tasks, guided by the concepts of the dignity of man, the obligations towards justice thereby implied, the advancement of the workers, the importance of serving the community and the communal traditions of Africa. Civic education, devotion to the workers' cause, the concept of self-sacrifice and voluntary task in hand, the qualities of leadership and responsibility, all these shall be intensively instilled in them in conjunction with their specialized training.

Article 5 - Headquarters

The headquarters of the Association shall be in Geneva (Switzerland). It shall be created, and administered in conformity with the present Articles, its rules of procedure and the legislation of the Swiss Confederation applicable to private and non-profit making international associations.

Article 6 - Administration

The Association shall be administered by a Board consisting of from 9 to 24 persons chosen from among its members without discrimination as to race, nationality, origin or religion. The members of the Board (with the exception of the first Board, the composition of which is the subject of the Temporary Provisions contained in Article 17) shall be elected for a period of four years by all the members of the Association voting by correspondence in the manner to be defined in the rules of procedure. They shall be re-eligible and shall serve in an honorary capacity.

Article 7 -

The Board shall elect a Chairman from among its members and, as appropriate, one or more Vice-Chairmen for the same period of time as the members of the Council. These positions shall be honorary. The Board may also appoint, either from among its members or from outside, a Secretary-General, whose functions shall be defined by the rules of procedure and who may receive a remuneration or indemnification commensurate with his functions.

Article 8 - Powers of the Board

The Board shall be fully empowered to take decisions concerning the administration of the Association. It shall be convened by the Chairman at least once a year and the notice of the meeting shall include an agenda. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of the members present or represented. It may delegate its powers, either partially or fully, to a person designated by name or to a body created for a specific purpose. The scope and duration of the delegation of powers shall be determined in each case in the light of its objective.

Article 9 - National and regional sections

Members of the Association belonging to a country or group of countries in a particular region may, if desired, form a national or regional section of the Panafrican Institute for Development, in order the better to achieve its objectives. Such sections may also acquire corporate status in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country in which their headquarters are situated.

Article 10 -

The national or regional sections of the Association may be called upon to undertake specific tasks for which their location or composition would make them particularly suitable, such as project studies, inspections of training centres or institutes, surveys, etc. A report of their mission should subsequently be sent to the Board, which would remain the sole judge of future action in the matter.

Article 11 - Resources

The resources of the Association shall consist of:

- a) The members' subscriptions;
- b) Such gifts and subsidies from public or private sources as are accepted by the Board;
- c) The interest and profit from the capital and property of the Association.

Article 12

The Board shall determine the minimum subscription payable by the members of the Association. The financial responsibility of the members is limited to the payment of their subscription.

Article 13

The Board may accept contributions, gifts or subsidies offered either for no special purpose or, on the contrary, bound by certain conditions, as well as those offered by one or several donors in the form of a total or partial contribution to the cost of specified projects.

Article 14 - Allocation of resources

The resources of the Association not intended for a specific purpose shall be allocated by the Board:

- a) To cover the cost of the administration and the secretariat of the Association;
- b) To realize the aims of the Association, especially by total or partial financing of:

1. The cost of studies or surveys undertaken by the Institute;
2. The necessary expenses involved in the creation, management or maintenance of schools, institutes, research centres and libraries and in ensuring the training of social development staff;
3. The allocation of scholarships to future African development staff;
4. Subsidies to establishments providing such training and conforming with the objectives of the Association;
5. The payment of the teachers, lecturers and instructors of such establishments.

Article 15 - Amendments

The Governing Council may, at any session, amend these Articles by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, subject to a proposal to that effect having been previously made and appearing in its Agenda.

Article 16 - Winding up

The winding up of the international Association "Panafrikan Institute for Development" may be decided by the Board after written consultation with all members. It can only be so decided if two thirds of the voting members of the Association are in favour of such action.

Article 17 - Disposal of possessions

Upon pronouncement of winding up by the Board under the aforesaid conditions, the Board shall itself decide upon the disposal of the possessions of the Association among institutions pursuing similar or analogous activities.

Article 18 - Temporary provisions

The first Board of the Panafrikan Institute for Development shall consist of the founder members of the Association, who may co-opt other members of the Board up to the maximum number of members prescribed in Article 7 of the Statutes. This Board shall remain in office until such time as the Board elected according to the provisions of Article 7 shall have been installed and, in case, no later, than 31 December 1965.

Geneve, 20 January 1964.

PANAFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENTI. ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 1974/751. Long term training

The Ecole de Cadres at Douala has enlisted 132 students coming from 16 French-speaking African countries.

The Du Sautoy College at Buéa has enlisted 54 students from 14 English-speaking African countries.

2. Short term courses

The following seminars were organised:

RCA (Central African Republic), Alindao, 2-17 October 1975, 60 participants, integrated development at local level.

Cameroon, Buéa, 9-14 December 1975, 31 participants, bilingual inter-african, non-formal education.

Gabon, Libreville, 13.1 - 7.2.1975, 23 participants, FAO/PAID, training of trainers in forestry.

Cameroon, Douala, 1975-1976, 80 participants, in-service training for social services personnel.

Cameroon, Yaoundé, February 1975, 30 participants, project organisation methods for officials of the Ministry of Husbandry.

Ghana, Accra, July/August 1975, 70 participants, IDEP/PAID, the role of women and youth in environment.

Kenya, Nairobi, January 1975, 40 participants, integrated regional development.

Tanzania, Moshi, 7-20 August 1975, 45 participants, integrated rural development and decentralisation.

3. Management training for senior officials

Senegal, St. Louis	50 participants	August/September '74,	6 weeks
RCA, Bangui	35 "	December 1974,	3 weeks
Mali, Ségou	35 "	February 1975,	3 weeks
Cameroon, Buéa	25 "	June 1975,	3 weeks
Mauritania, Nouakchott	40 "	September 1975,	3 weeks

4. Research

Formal and non-formal education for development, IDRC, 3 years.
Evaluation of former students of the Ecole de Cadres at Douala.

5. Consultations given

Cameroon: Ministry of Husbandry, training of trainers, 15 days
Mali: FAO, co-operative education, 1 month
Gambia: FAO, training for rural development, 5 months
Mauritania: Feasibility study for housing construction
ILO: Regional monographs for the World Employment Programme.

6. Publications

- Reports of external seminars
- Report on mission to Mali, FAO
- Report on mission to Gambia, FAO
- Report on mission for ILO - World Employment Programme
- Training of trainers in forestry
- Food cultivation, PAID, Douala
- Training for social services, PAID, Douala
- Bulletin of former students of Ecole de Cadres at Douala
- Etc.

7. Co-operation with international agencies

FAO, WHO, UNESCO, ILO, IDEP, CAFRAD, CODESTRIA, UNICEF, etc.

II. FINANCING OF PAID ACTIVITIES

1. PAID budgetary estimates were the following for the year 1974/1975:

	<u>CFA (000's)</u>	<u>US \$</u>
Ecole de Cadres at Douala	176'000	800'000
Du Sautoy College at Buéa	82'500	375'000
Centre for Project Management	52'000	235'000
Centre of Applied Research	67'000	305'000
Miscellaneous	18'000	82'000
	<u>395'500</u>	<u>1'797'000</u>

2. Receipts for the year 1973/1974 were the following (in %)
(running expenses)

21. Financing from African countries

(Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Senegal, etc.) 8%

22. External multilateral or bilateral aid

<u>Europe:</u>	Switzerland	government	21%	
	Germany	ISI	7%	
	Holland	government + private source	7%	
	Belgium	government	3%	
	Norway	government	2%	
	Great Britain	government	2%	
	France	government	2%	45%
<u>North</u>				
<u>America:</u>	Canada	government + private source	13%	
	USA	government + FORD	19%	32%
<u>International</u>				
<u>Organisations:</u>	CEE		9%	
	UNICEF		6%	15%
				<u>100%</u>

Thus, this financial assistance comes primarily from specialised government services.

Capital investments for the new building of Du Sautoy College (about 1'000'000 \$) have been covered in almost equal shares by NOVIB (Holland) and EVANGELISCHE ZENTRALSTELLE FUR ENTWICKLUNGSHILFE, Bonn(Germany).

3. Efforts are currently being exercised to obtain an increased financial participation from Africa. The representatives of African governments at the Xth Anniversary Colloquy have recommended to their respective governments, and as a first step, to increase their aggregate financial contribution up to 25% of PAID budget.

III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. PAID is considered everywhere as an International African Association.
2. PAID Governing Council consists of 19 members, of whom 13 are Africans. Its President is CHEIKH HAMIDOU KANE (Senegal), and its Vice-Presidents are Messrs. A. MABOGUNJE (Nigeria), J. SACK (Cameroon) and P. ZUMBACH (Switzerland).
3. The Governing Council of PAID has decided to create a post of Deputy Secretary General, to be held by a very senior African, residing in Africa and responsible for an important part of the Secretariat's activities.
4. The Directors of the four existing PAID establishments are African (Cameroon, Angola, Zimbabwe) and 65% of the professional staff is African (coming from 12 different English or French-speaking countries).
5. During the first phase of its activities, PAID has concentrated its efforts in Africa south of the Sahara. However, some contacts have already been made with countries in North Africa so that PaPAID activities may be extended also to this region (training and research related to management in particular).



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