

Statutes "Swahili Cultural Association Swiss (SCAS) in Basel"

1. Name and registered office of the association

Under the name "[Swahili Cultural Association Swiss](#) " there is a non-profit association within the meaning of Articles 60-79 of the Swiss Civil Code with its registered office at Dornacherstrasse 93, 4053, Basel. The association is politically and denominationally neutral.

2. Purpose of the Association

1. The purpose of the association is:

to promote and raise awareness of the African Kiswahili language and culture as it is practiced in East Africa by 14 countries with around 200 million people. The association would like to bring all interested people in Switzerland closer to this diverse culture and show cultural backgrounds. Creating a bridge for locals of the Swahili Culture and Switzerland. There will be opportunities to get to know this culture better, be it in its language, in artistic fields and much more.

2. The goals of the association's work take place in a variety of forms and groups, including the following measures:

- ▪ Promoting individual and societal understanding of and about Swahili culture
- ▪ Promoting exchange with other cultures
- ▪ Organization of cultural events
- ▪ Initiating regular public relations work
- ▪ The association will be there with advice and support to the counseling of East African travelers to East Africa
- - Children are taught the language through history in a playful way.
- - Organize a festival on World Kiswahili Language Day (07.07)
- ▪ Offering translation services and also, for example, crash courses Kiswahili.

In the long term, events are to be offered by cultural events and public relations.

Social charitable projects in East Africa itself are planned.

3. The association does not pursue any commercial purposes.

3. Activity

The association focuses on a meaningful and lively use of the premises in the "Quartierzentrum QuBa" and the restaurant "Kastanienhof in Basel" operated by the non-profit association. There are typical Swahili music, dance and literature, poetry events, film screenings, educational courses, lectures, exhibitions, readings, Swahili cultural games, Swahili culture, etc.

4. a Active membership

Any natural person who recognizes the statutes, undertakes to pay the annual fee and undertakes to actively support the purpose of the association can become active members with voting rights.

b. Passive membership

Any natural person who supports the association financially can become a passive member without voting rights.

5. Termination of Membership

1. Membership expires by:

a. The death of the member

b. The resignation of the member

2. Resignation is possible at any time and must be notified to the Board in writing. For the year that has begun, however, the full year membership fee must be paid.

3. The board of directors is responsible for the exclusion. Before expulsion, the member must be heard.

4. If the membership fees are repeatedly (for 2 years) not paid, this leads to exclusion from the association.

5. The Board of Directors is responsible for the exclusion of members. Before expulsion, the member must be heard.

6. Membership fees

1. The membership fee is CHF 25 per year.

2. Membership fees shall be determined annually by the General Assembly.

3. Failure to pay the membership fee by the end of the financial year will result in the loss of voting rights in the following financial year.

7. Organ

1. The organs of the association are:

- a. The General Assembly
- b. The Board of Directors
- c. The Auditors

2. The organs of the association work on a voluntary basis and are only entitled to compensation for their actual expenses and cash expenses.

8. The Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors consists of 3 to a maximum of 6 members, who are elected every two years by the General Assembly.

The board of directors manages the day-to-day business of the association and represents it externally.

The approval of the budget is a matter for the Board of Directors/the General Assembly.

2. At least a record of the resolutions of the Board of Directors must be kept.

3. The association is obligated by the collective signature of two board members.

4. The tasks of the Board are:

- a. Convening ordinary and extraordinary general meetings
- b. Decision on the admission and possible exclusion of members
- c. Control of compliance with the statutes, drafting of regulations and administration of the association's assets.

The members of the Executive Board are exempt from the obligation to pay contributions for the duration of their function.

9. Revisionsstelle

The General Assembly elects two auditors for a term of office of two years, who do not have to be members of the association. They audit the annual financial statements and accounts of the association and report to the General Assembly.

10. Finance

1. The income of the association may be composed as follows:
 - a. Membership Fees
 - b. Donations
 - c. Other benefits
2. The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.
3. Only the association's assets are liable for the liability of the association; personal liability of the members is excluded.

14. 11th General Assembly

The supreme body of the association is the General Assembly. It takes place once a year.

Extraordinary General Meetings are convened by resolution of the Executive Board or if requested by at least one-fifth of the voting members, stating the items on the agenda in writing.

Members shall be invited to the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting in writing at least three weeks in advance, enclosing the agenda.

Motions from members to be dealt with at the General Assembly must be submitted in writing to the President two weeks before the meeting.

Each active member and each honorary member has one vote at the General Assembly. The resolution is passed by a simple majority. Passive members are invited to the General Assembly, but do not have the right to vote. In the event of a tie, the casting vote of the President decides.

The meeting is usually chaired by the president or a deputy from the board. The Executive Board shall ensure that minutes are kept of the resolutions.

12. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the debts of the association. Personal liability of the members and the members of

the board of directors is excluded.

13. Amendment of the Articles of Association

These Articles of Association may be amended at the General Assembly if two-thirds of the members present approve the proposed amendment.

The resolution is only valid if the proposed amendments have been published with the invitation to the meeting.

14. Dissolution of the Association

1. The dissolution of the association can be decided by the resolution of both an ordinary and an extraordinary general meeting.

If less than 10% of all members attend the meeting, a second meeting must be held within two months.

At this meeting, the association can be dissolved by a simple majority, regardless of the number of members present. In the event of the dissolution of the association, the association's assets fall to a tax-exempt organization that pursues the same or a similar purpose. The distribution of the association's assets among the members is excluded.

2. The General Meeting shall decide on the appropriation of any liquidation proceeds.