

# **Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO)**

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## **AATO CONSTITUTION**

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# Article 1 Establishment

1. The undersigned African aviation training organizations and other civil aviation entities, founding members, active or associate, as referred to in Article 3, hereby establish the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO), hereinafter referred to as the Association.
2. The Association, a non-governmental international organization, shall be incorporated as a non for profit association, according to the laws of the jurisdiction, in which it has its headquarters.
3. The Association shall have its headquarters at a location approved by the Council. It may have other offices throughout Africa and representations around the world.

# Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of the Association are as follows:

- a) Promote Cooperation among its members;
- b) Promote the interests of its members and aviation training in Africa;
- c) Promote the harmonization and standardization of aviation training in Africa;
- d) Encourage the sharing of expertise among its members and other aviation organisations.

# Article 2 Objectives/Cont

To achieve its objectives the Association shall in particular:

- a) Develop policy and guidelines for aviation training organisations in Africa in order to facilitate their compliance with international and national standards, and best practices in aviation training;
- b) Develop and advocate positions on issues of interests for its members and aviation training in Africa;
- c) Develop and implement a system of designation of Centers of Excellence
- d) Support the accreditation of training organizations accross borders;
- e) Ensure the development and implementation of standards, harmonized procedures and guideliness for aviation training.

# Article 3 Membership

## **Full membership:**

- a. Full membership is open to all African aviation training organizations;
- b. To be eligible for Full membership, an aviation training organization must have been approved by an appropriate certification authority and agree to abide by the Constitution of the Association;
- c. Full members have all the rights of membership; they can elect or be elected to the Council or any other bodies that may be established by the Assembly, including the right to vote in all Assembly deliberations.

# Article 3 Membership/Cont

## Associate membership:

- a. Associate membership is open to:
  - i) all African aviation training organizations that have not yet obtained approval by an appropriate certification authority,
  - ii) aviation professionals, and
  - iii) non-profit aviation related organizations.
- b. Associate members can participate in Assembly discussions and deliberations but have no right to elect or be elected to the Council or any other bodies that may be established by the Assembly;
- c. Associate members do not have the right to vote.

# Article 3 Membership/Cont

## Corporate membership:

- a. Corporate membership is open to corporate entities in aviation related organizations that have a commercial, for profit objective and are willing to support the Association and its objectives;
- b. Corporate members can participate in Assembly discussions and deliberations but have no right to elect or be elected to the Council or any other bodies that may be established by the Assembly;
- c. Corporate members do not have the right to vote.

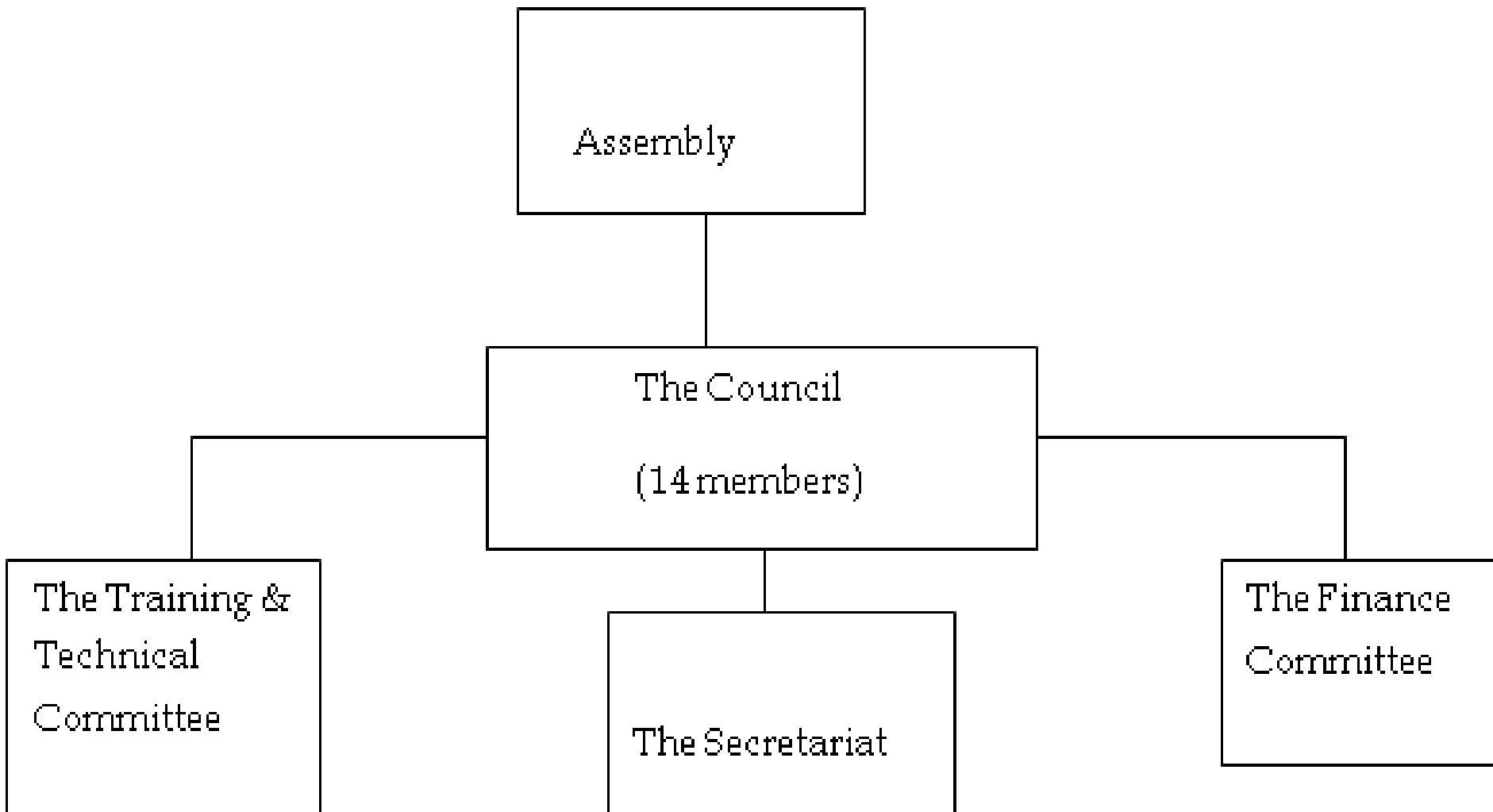


# Article 4 Bodies

The Bodies of the Association are:

- a. The Assembly
- b. The Council
- c. The Secretariat

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# Article 5      The Assembly

- ❑ The Assembly is the highest organ of the association
- ❑ The Assembly shall meet in ordinary session once every year,
- ❑ Each Assembly session elects a Chairman and Vice- Chairman for such session from amongst the full members.
- ❑ Procedures for such elections are in the custody of the Secretariat.
- ❑ The Assembly takes its decisions by a simple majority vote of its full members voting.
- ❑ The quorum for a session of the Assembly is two-thirds of its full and associate members.
- ❑ The Assembly shall elect the members of the Council for a term of 3 years.

# Article 6    The Council

- ❑ The Council shall hold two regular meetings each year,
- ❑ The Council shall have a minimum of twelve and a maximum of eighteen members, appointed by the Assembly, for three year terms.
- ❑ Members can stand for re-election.

# Functions of the Council

- ✈ Developing policy and guidelines for aviation training organisations in Africa in order to facilitate their compliance with international and national standards, and best practices in aviation training;
- ✈ Developing and advocating positions on issues of interests for its members and aviation training in Africa;
- ✈ Developing and implementing a system of designation of Centres of Excellence;
- ✈ Supporting the accreditation by States in Africa of training organizations across borders;

# Article 7      The Secretariat

- ❑ The Secretariat is the administrative body of the Association.
- ❑ The Secretariat is headed by a Secretary General, who is the Chief Administrator of the Association.
- ❑ The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Council, for a five year term, once renewable. The terms of service of the Secretary General shall be determined by the Council.

# Standing Committees

The Council will establish two Standing Committees to assist the Secretariat in carrying out its functions.

- ❑ **Training & Technical Committee**- Overseeing implementation of the framework for harmonization and standardisation, conducting accreditation, quality assurance and coordination collaboration in research among the aviation training institutions;
- ❑ **Finance Committee** - Overseeing the financial affairs of the organization including consideration of budget proposals and monitoring the utilization of funds.

# Article 8

# Finances

- ❑ The revenues of the Association, as contained in the annual budgets, shall consist of:
  - Start-up funds for the establishment and first year of full operation of the Association, granted by founding members, international, regional and States aviation-related organizations;
  - Membership and application fees for the different categories of members. These fees may be adjusted to take into consideration the size of the different members involved, according to objective criteria; fees may be revised from time to time by the Assembly.
  - Fees for specific services rendered by the Association,
  - Grants or Donations.



# Other Articles

- ❑ Article 9: Dispute Resolution
- ❑ Article 10: Amendments
- ❑ Article 11: Dissolution

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