**Treaty of the PanAfrican University and its Associated Agencies**

*Excellence for World Peace*

**[Draft/Proposal]**

**Preamble**

**We, the Heads of States and Governments of Africa and the African Diaspora,** assembled in the City of [City]], [Country],

**Conscious** of the contribution of the people of Africa to human knowledge throughout the history of mankind,

**Conscious** of the need for mankind to fully understand itself and its surrounding environment, including other living entities,

**Convinced** that it is the inalienable right of all people to control their own destiny, including through research, innovation, the knowledge of themselves and the environment in which they live,

**Convinced** that the long-term development of our states and our people requires policies that respect the environment,

**Conscious** of the fact that freedom, equality, justice and dignity are essential objectives for the achievement of the legitimate aspirations of the African peoples,

**Conscious** of our responsibility to harness the natural and human resources of our continent and the African diaspora for the total advancement of our peoples in all spheres of human endeavor,

**Inspired** by a common determination to promote understanding among our peoples and cooperation among our states in response to the aspirations of our peoples for brotherhood and solidarity, in a larger unity transcending ethnic and national differences,

**Convinced** that, in order to translate this determination into a dynamic force in the cause of human progress, conditions for peace, security, education and research must be established and maintained,

**Dedicated** to the general progress of Africa and the African diaspora,

**Persuaded** the Principles of international law, of which we reaffirm our adherence, provide a solid foundation for peaceful and positive cooperation among States,

**Desirous** that the people of Africa and its diaspora should henceforth unite so that their welfare and well-being can be assured,

**Resolved** to reinforce the links between our people by establishing and strengthening common institutions,

**Have agreed to the present Treaty.**

**Chapter I. The PanAfrican University and its Associated Agencies**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican University* and its associated agencies described in Chapter III below.

Other agencies associated to the *PanAfrican University* could be created by member countries with an addendum to this Treaty.

The *PanAfrican University*, in collaboration with its associated agencies, must pursue all branches of knowledge and become a World leading learning and research center in all fields of knowledge.

**Chapter II. The Executive Board and Management**

The PanAfrican University and its associated agencies shall be managed by a single Executive Board, which shall set a multi-annual agenda for the university and each of its associated agencies.

Members of the Executive Board shall be composed of representatives appointed by member countries of this Treaty, with each country represented by one member, and a representative elected by registered students.

The voting power of members of the Executive Board shall be set once a year for one year, at least thirty days before the beginning of the academic year.

Executive Board members appointed by member countries shall have votes based on the number of students of each member country registered at the PanAfrican University (“votes based on registered students"). They shall also have votes based on the cumulative contributions of member countries to the university or its associated agencies (“votes based on cumulative contributions"). In-kind contributions shall be valued at their cost at the time they were accepted by the university or its associated agencies.

The Executive Board member elected by registered students shall only have votes based on the “cumulative contributions” of students (“votes based on cumulative contributions"), which shall include the “cumulative tuition payments” of students. Donations by students’ family members, former students and their family members shall count toward the “cumulative contributions” of students. In-kind contributions shall be valued at their cost at the time they were accepted by the university or its associated agencies.

A decision shall be adopted by the Executive Board if and only if Executive Board members supporting it account for more than fifty (50) percent of the votes based on registered students and at least seventy-five (75) percent of the votes based on cumulative contributions. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be consistent with the requirements and goals of this Treaty.

The Executive Board shall set up a steering committee for the university and each of its associated agencies to guide the decisions of the Executive Board and ensure their adequate implementation.

The Executive Board shall set up an organizational and management structure for the university and each of its associated agencies after considering the recommendations of their respective steering committees. This organizational and management structure could be modified as needed by the Executive Board.

**Chapter III. Associated Agencies of the PanAfrican University**

**PanAfrican Education Agency**

The member States of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Education Agency* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

The overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Education Agency* is to ensure the highest quality of education to the residents of member States of this treaty and to all people of African descent around the World.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, this agency shall work in collaboration with the *PanAfrican University* and other associated agencies to:

1. help member countries strengthen their educational systems at all levels by helping them mobilize adequate human and physical resources to provide education of the highest quality to their people;
2. assess through annual consultations the effectiveness of the education framework of each member country of this Treaty and its efforts to help achieve the objectives of the agency; and make recommendations where needed.

**PanAfrican Health Agency**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Health* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

The overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Health Agency* is to ensure the autonomy of the African continent in medical research and practice and transform it into a World leader in this field.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, this agency shall work in collaboration with the *PanAfrican University* and other associated agencies to: (i) identify and track diseases early on around the World; (ii) develop and implement strategies to help member countries address these diseases and strengthen their health systems, including the local production of medical equipment; (iii) promote medical research and practice in member countries, including research in medicinal plants and animal medicine; (iv) contribute to the development and testing of theories of living beings with a view of transforming medicine into an exact science; and (v) assess through annual consultations the effectiveness of the healthcare framework of each member country of this Treaty and its efforts to help achieve the objectives of the agency.

**PanAfrican Agency for Space Studies**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Agency for Space Studies* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

The overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Agency for Space Studies* is to ensure the autonomy of the African continent in the field of space studies and transform it into a World leader in this field.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, this agency shall work in collaboration with the *PanAfrican University* and other associated agencies to: (i) explore and develop where possible propulsion systems that are friendly to the environment, including those based on electromagnetic forces, that can use widely available sources of energy such as solar energy; and (ii) establish in a manner that respects the environment a permanent research base on the moon that can host at least one hundred (100) people at the same time.

**PanAfrican Agency for Atomic Energy**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Agency for Atomic Energy* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, the overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Agency for Atomic Energy* is to: (i) study and document the fundamental properties of matter and light in view of their peaceful and environmentally-friendly exploitation to the benefit of member countries; and (ii) ensure the autonomy of the African continent in the development and use of atomic energy and transform it into a World leader in the field of atomic energy.

**PanAfrican Agency for Renewable Energy**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Agency for Renewable Energy* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

The overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Agency for Renewable Energy* is to ensure the autonomy of the African continent in the development and use of renewable energies and transform it into a World leader in the field of renewable energies.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, this agency shall work in collaboration with the *PanAfrican University* and other associated agencies to: (i) improve the efficiency of existing systems of production and transportation of renewable energy, including solar panels and electric cables, and help reduce their cost of production to the minimum possible; (ii) develop new production and transportation systems of renewable energy where possible; (iii) develop and implement strategies to promote the use of renewable energy in member countries of this Treaty; (iv) assess through annual consultations the effectiveness of the renewable energy framework of each member country of this Treaty and its efforts to help achieve the objectives of the agency.

**PanAfrican Agency for Agriculture and Ecology**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Agency for Agriculture and Ecology* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

The overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Agency for Agriculture and Ecology* is to turn all member countries of the Treaty into an environmentally friendly countries and ensure their autonomy in agricultural production and research and transform them into World leaders in this field.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, this agency shall work in collaboration with the *PanAfrican University* and other associated agencies to: (i) develop and implement strategies to improve the volume and quality of agricultural production in member countries of this Treaty in a manner that respects the environment; (ii) identify or develop crops and plants that can be exploited in member countries of this Treaty in an efficient, environmentally-friendly and sustainable manner to satisfy the demand for food products in Africa and the rest of the World as well as the demand for agricultural products for other uses, including renewable energy production, medicine and reforestation; (iii) develop and implement strategies to combat the desertification of the African continent, including through reforestation; (iv) explore, develop and promote environmentally-friendly solutions to environmental challenges facing member countries of this Treaty, including global warming and greenhouse gas emissions; (v) assess through annual consultations the effectiveness of the agricultural and environmental policy frameworks of each member country of this Treaty as well as its efforts to help achieve the objectives of the agency set in this Treaty or by the Executive Board.

**PanAfrican History Agency**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican History Agency* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, the overarching goal of the *PanAfrican History Agency* is to systematically study of preserve the history of all people of Africa and the rest of the World.

**PanAfrican Agency for Languages and Cultures**

The member countries of this Treaty create with this Treaty the *PanAfrican Agency for Languages and Cultures* as an associated agency of the *PanAfrican University*.

The overarching goal of the *PanAfrican Agency for Languages and Cultures* is to preserve the languages and cultures of the peoples of Africa and the rest of the World, design a single panafrican language and promote its use in Africa and the rest of the World.

Among other goals that could be set by the Executive Board, this agency shall work in collaboration with the *PanAfrican University* and other associated agencies to: *(i)* systematically study and preserve languages and cultures of all societies in Africa and the rest of the World with a view of contributing to the development and testing of theories of living beings; and *(ii)* design a single panafrican language, using all existing African languages and cultures, and promote its teaching and use in Africa and the rest of the World.

**Chapter IV. Publications, Partnerships, Patents and Industrialization of Innovations**

The *PanAfrican University* shall set up leading academic journals covering all branches of knowledge. Online access to these journals shall be free of charge. Researchers under the payroll of the *PanAfrican University* or any of its associated agencies shall first submit their manuscripts for publication to one of these journals. Submission for publication to another outlet shall only be considered if the manuscript is rejected by the relevant specialized journal of the *PanAfrican University*.

The *PanAfrican University* or any of its associated agencies could set up commercial firms or enter into partnerships with other entities, including private firms, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Such partnerships should not derail the university or its associated agencies from their goals as set by this Treaty or the Executive Board.

Patents obtained from the research made by a student or employee of the *PanAfrican University* or its associated agencies shall remain the propriety of the university or the concerned agency, which shall rip all its benefits under the guidance of the Executive Board.

Patents obtained from the research conducted by the *PanAfrican University* of its associated agencies in partnership with other entities, including private firms, shall remain the propriety of the university or the concerned agency unless otherwise specified in the partnership agreement.

Any commercial firm created by the *PanAfrican University* or any of its associated agencies shall primarily support: (i) the objectives set forth in this Treaty or by the Executive Board; (ii) the operationalization and industrialization of innovations made in the *PanAfrican University* or its associated agencies; or (iii) the training of the students and employees of the *PanAfrican University* or its associated agencies.

**Chapter IV. Budget and Financing**

The unit of account of the University and the Associated Agencies shall be the African Drawing Right for all financial matters, including salaries and tuition, which shall be set in African Drawing Rights.

The Executive Board shall approve at least thirty (30) days before the start of the fiscal year, the annual budget of the University and the Associated Agencies.

The university and its associated agencies shall be financed with mandatory contributions from member countries, donations, tuition, and other revenue generated from their investments, patents, and partnerships.

Mandatory contributions shall be set for each member country of this Treaty, using a formula that considers the number of nationals of the member countries registered in the University and its nominal GDP. This formula shall be set by the Executive Board.

Mandatory contributions and tuitions shall be allocated to the common account of the university and its associated agencies. They shall be paid at least 30 days before the start of the academic year.

[Twenty five (25)] percent of cash donations and other revenue generated from the investments, patents, and partnerships of the university or any of its associated agencies shall be reallocated to the common account of the university and its associated agencies. The remainder shall be allocated to the university or the receiving associated agencies’ own account.

**Chapter V. Admissions and Recruitment**

At least [three-fourth (75 percent)] of admitted students must be nationals of member countries of this Treaty that are current on their financial obligations to the PanAfrican University.

At least [three-fourth (75 percent)] of non-faculty personnel must be nationals of member countries of this Treaty.

There is no restriction on the nationality of faculty. Their recruitment must mainly be based on merit. Nonetheless, the Executive Board shall give enough opportunities to nationals of member countries of this Treaty where possible.

All members of the Executive Board, with the exception of the one elected by students, senior researchers and senior managers of the PanAfrican University and its associated agencies must devote at least [ten (10) percent] of their time teaching for the PanAfrican University, including through seminars. The Executive Board shall designate who is senior researcher or senior manager for the purpose of fulfilling this requirement.

**Chapter VI. Tuition and Fellowships**

Tuition shall be set per credit and shall be the same for all students and all courses in all campuses of the university.

Fellowships and financial assistance to students could be granted by the University based on merit and need.

**Chapter VII. Courses**

The Executive Board shall promote online learning as much as possible to: (i) ensure the greatest access to courses at the lowest cost possible; and (ii) easily tap into the teaching expertise available worldwide by allowing faculty to teach from anywhere in the World.

Any student registered with the university who is current on his/her financial and academic obligations shall be authorized to take online courses provided by any of the campuses of the university in any member country of this Treaty.

For courses requiring physical presence in the campus, students shall take the courses in the campus where they have been registered. Exceptions could be granted upon request by the university on a case-by-case basis or in special circumstances.

**Chapter VIII. Privileges, Immunities and Dispute Resolution**

Member states of this Treaty shall recognize the PanAfrican University and its associated agencies as international organizations and grant them and their employees the same privileges and immunities as those granted to other international organizations and their employees.

In particular, the member states of this Treaty shall reimburse upon request the PanAfrican University and its associated agencies any direct or indirect taxes, fees or levies they pay to member states on their transactions.

In line with standards set by international organizations, the Executive Board shall set internal rules and a dispute resolution system for the PanAfrican University and its associated agencies, including an internal tribunal with a clear statute that shall uphold these rules and resolve all disputes involving the PanAfrican University, its associated agencies, as well as their employees and students.

**Chapter IX. Other issues**

The member countries of this Treaty shall adopt a flag or flags for the PanAfrican University and its associated agencies at the signature of this Treaty. The Executive Board can subsequently modify this flag or these flags as necessary.

The Executive Board shall adopt an anthem for the PanAfrican University and its associated agencies as soon as possible.

All issues not addressed in this Treaty shall be addressed by a decision of the Executive Board, a modification of this Treaty, or an addendum to this Treaty.