

# **STATUTES OF SWEDISH-GAMBIAN NIUMI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

## **§ 1. The association's name:**

Swedish-Gambian Niumi Cultural Association.

## **§ 2. Swedish-Gambian Niumi Cultural Association:**

The association's activities carries out in Sweden. The associations head office is in Stockholm, Sweden

## **§ 3. The association is a democratic organisation:** The association consists of Niuminka men, women, children and youths, and is a religious and party political independent.

## **§ 4. Swedish-Gambian Niumi Cultural Association's mission is:**

To work for Niuminkas living in Sweden. To assist and integrate Niuminkas in Sweden through conferences and lectures on how to deal with the difficulties that they may encounter in the Swedish society. To work for Niuminkas rights under existing international conventions on human rights. To support Gambians valuable cultural activities and contribute to the development of Gambian culture. To educate new arrival Niuminkas on the valuable views on the important of political and social norms and values including democratic standards and environmental values in Swedish society. To support the democratic forces to fight racism and hostility against foreigners.

To cooperate with other associations in Sweden to organize various activities that is instructive for Niuminkas living in Sweden. To assist and support activities that protects peace in the world. To coordinate, support and present the association's activities and programmes. To help the disabled Gambians to be aware of their rights in the Swedish society. To increase understanding between the Swedes and Gambian on the similarities and differences between the Swedish and the Gambian cultural values and norms. To help Gambian families, particularly women and youths, to solve their problems by informing them about the difficulties they can be countered in Swedish society.

## **§ 5. Execution of the association's objectives:**

Association cooperates with Swedish authorities, organizations, individual experts in Sweden and the Gambia so as to achieve its objectives. Association cooperates with other ideal organisations in Sweden and the Gambia with the aims of achieving our goals.

To organise and participate in seminars, conferences, cultural and solidarity events and excursions.

Cooperate with other immigrant associations in Sweden to promote the common issues and exchange experiences and evaluations.

To cooperate with other associations to organize various projects and cultural activities.

## **§ 6. Membership:**

Membership may be acquired by Swedish or foreign nationals, regardless of a place of residence and under the following conditions: To be registered in the association and accept the association's statutes. To submit an application in writing to the association's board of directors to be approved as a candidate member of the association. The membership must be approved by the association's members at monthly meetings. To have a democratic structure, and be religious and party political independence. The fees for membership determined by the annual meeting for one year at a time. It is currently fixed at hundred kronor (SEK 50,00) per month for individual member and hundred kronor (SEK 50,00) per month for a family member. Association members should have paid their membership fee on or before the end of annual meeting.

## **§ 7. Termination of membership:**

Each member has the right to leave the association on written request. No compensation for members who requested a termination or who have been terminated.

**§ 8. The association's organs are:**

The association's annual meeting  
The association's board of directors  
Auditors  
Election committees

**§ 9. The association's annual meeting:**

The association's annual meeting, which is the association's highest decision-making body takes place in March each year and have the following task: Election of the President and protocol secretary for the annual meeting. Election of a member together with the annual meeting, President adjust the current protocol. The Board of Directors and the auditors' report as well as questions about responsibility of the Board. Election of the association's executive directors. Election of election committees which consists of three persons. Election of two auditors and one deputy auditor. The establishment of membership fees for members, in force in the following year. The association's annual meeting takes its decisions on the basis of the principle of a simple majority and at the annual meeting; every current member present holds one vote. Notice of the annual meeting and list of agenda shall be sent to members at least one month respective two weeks before the meeting.

**§ 10. Board of Directors:**

The association's governing body is made up of 5 members and 2 deputies, elected for a term of 2 years. In the election of the board, a broad support base within the association's activity shall be pursued. The Board is responsible for the association's total activity between 2 annual meetings. The Board of Directors appointed within themselves, the association's chairman, secretary and treasurer. The Board execute decisions made during the annual meeting. The Board meets once in 2 months, exception in the event of crisis, when the Board convenes extraordinary meeting. Notice of the Board meeting, together with the agenda sent by the President to the other members at least one week before the meeting. The Board is capable to act if at least half the members are present.

**§ 11. Auditor:**

The financial year ends a month before the annual meeting. Treasurer leaves the accounts to the auditor at least three weeks before the annual meeting. The auditors shall submit to the annual meeting a written statement of its audit of the accounts and the Board's management. The auditor made up of two board members and one deputy chosen by the annual meeting.

**§ 12. Election committee:**

Election committee consists of three people chosen by the annual meeting by a simple majority. Election committee shall submit proposals for the annual meeting on the composition of the board and the auditors and deputy auditor.

**§ 13. Decision:**

Decisions made at the annual meeting and board meeting taken by a simple majority, except in cases under §14, (amendment). At the annual meeting every current member present holds one vote.

The voting is open; Election takes place by secret ballot if any member requests it. At the equal votes, applies to the decision supported by the President

**§ 14. Amendment:**

Decisions on amendment must be taken at the annual meeting and must be supported by at least two-thirds (2/3) of members present. Proposals for such an amendment must be submitted to the Board at least a month before the annual meeting and shall be attached to the list of agenda. The same apply for proposals and decisions on the association's dissolution or merging with another association; such a decision would have to be taken on two consecutive annual meetings. After the dissolution of the association, all assets are shared together and the annual meeting will decide on which of the partners to take over the association's assets.

**§ 15. Extraordinary Annual Meeting: Extra annual meeting may be convened:**

If 2/3 of the association's board members request that. If 51% of the association's members through general meeting requested that. Extra annual meeting operate under the same basis as for a regular annual meeting. The decision on the extra annual meeting should be communicated to association members a month before the annual meeting.

**§ 16. The association's economy :**

Through membership fees Contributions from government agencies and organizations. Gifts and income from the association's activities. The association's capital will be kept in at an account number: **317662-5** This statute, which consists of a total of 16 clauses, has been approved by the Swedish- Gambian Niimi Cultural association at the membership meeting on October 6, 2007.