

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EMEAGWALI CENTRE
FOR RESEARCH



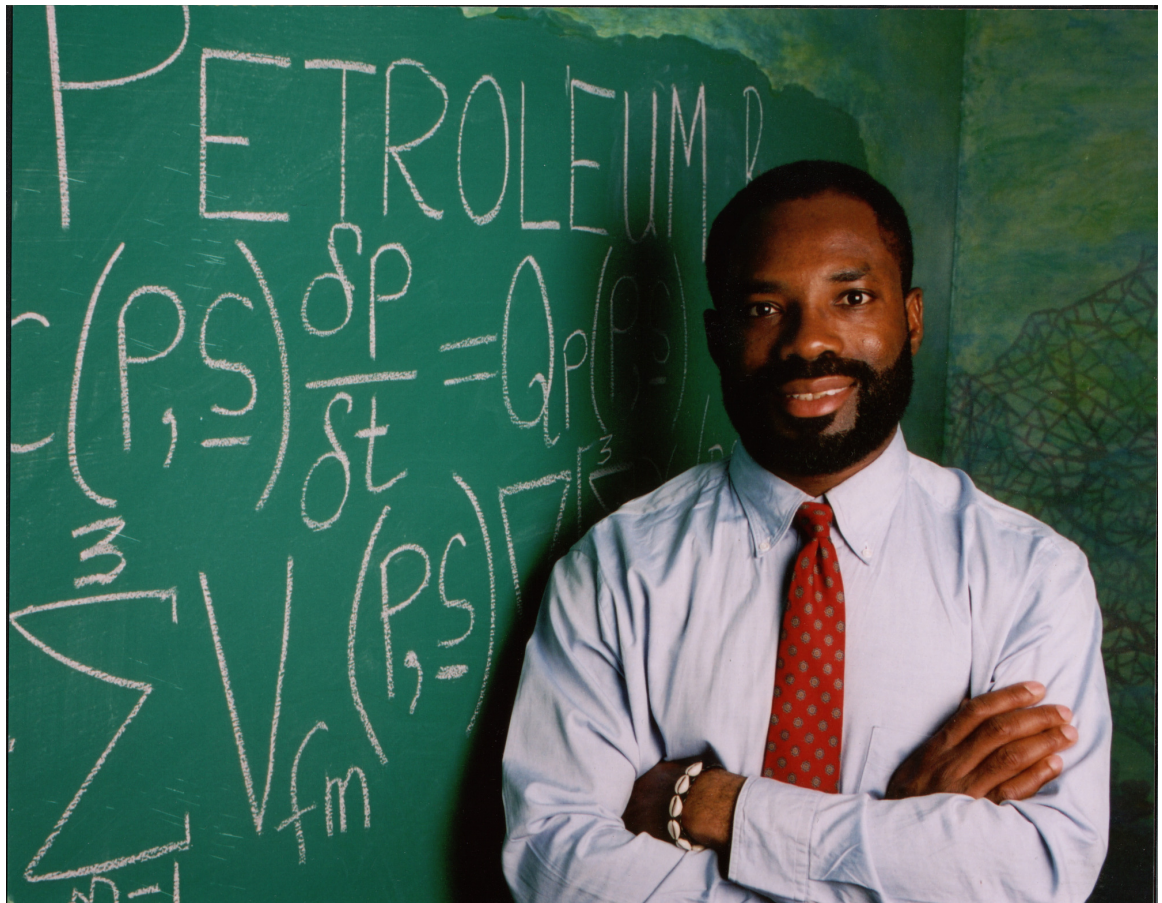
EMEAGWALI CENTRE FOR RESEARCH CONSTITUTION .

PREAMBLE;

- Conscious of research and development as a means for capacity building and human development.
- Conscious of the intrinsic value of science and technology in the socio-economic development of any nation.
- Conscious also of the importance of science in attaining and sustaining development in Nigeria and the African continent.
- Affirming that science and development are common concerns of our people and leadership.
- Aware of the general lack of information and knowledge regarding scientific developments and discoveries in our various institutions, especially in the industrial sector.
- Noting that it is vital and important to reverse this trend by mobilizing all resources, human and material to enable our nation to achieve self-reliance
- Noting further the measures which must be taken by private sector in our march towards development and it has become imperative that a new alliance be forged between scientists, politicians, policy makers, Economists and Industrialists to create the enabling environment for science based and technology – driven development.
- Recognizing that economics, social development and the eradication of poverty are first and foremost overriding

priorities of our counting and conscious that this can only be achieved through constructive research and development.

- Desiring to enhance and complement existing national and international infrastructures in the fulfillment of this purpose.
- It is hereby resolved to establish a multi – dimensional and multi – disciplinary think tank to serve as an engine of our development.



ARTICLE 1

NAME

- 1 The name of the organization shall be **EMEAGWALI CENTRE FOR RESEARCH**
- 2 The center shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall be registered as an incorporated trustee.

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES

The objects for which the center is established are:-

- 1 To promote the cause of science and technology in our society through capacity building and human development, operate a think tank as a custodian of scientific, economic and social ideas in our society as well as being the catalyst of development at both national and international levels.
- 2 To create, promote and sustain exchanges of ideas and research as well as discussions in science, technology and other related fields towards upliftment of the Nigerian and African society as the council may determine.

- 3 To establish independent research laboratories for the conduct of research relevant to the development of the society especially on information technology, materials science and renewable energy sources to also promote industries where ideas so generated can be applied for the betterment of the society.
- 4 To facilitate the exchange of experiences and ideas between African scientist and scientists in other continents and to mobilize and utilize such ideas in the development of the Nigerian and African society.
- 5 To serve as a bridge between the developed and developing nations of the world in their quest for knowledge and technological development.
- 6 To be at the vanguard to educational, social, economic and technological development in the society.
- 7 To harness knowledge for the benefit and welfare of the society.
- 8 To promote co-operation between scientists, economists, other social scientists, technologists, Industrial enterprises and other commercial establishments
- 9 To encourage and facilitate interdependence and interaction of scientists all over the world in the quest for a better society

- 10 To confer, consult, establish, sponsor and maintain contacts with any person, organizations, institutions or bodies established in Nigeria or elsewhere having similar objectives to those of the center.
- 11 To promote social, intellectual and economic development in our society
- 12 To serve as an avenue for the interaction and exchange of ideas between politicians, scientists, Economists, Engineers, Industrialist and Policy makers in all key sectors of our society and to encourage understanding and interdependence between them for the advancement and enhancement of our society.



ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Centre shall consist of the five categories listed hereunder and shall be open to all persons (as this constitution may define) who are interested in the objectives of the centre.

a. **Full members** - Shall be citizens of Nigeria or any other country who shall have met such conditions for full membership as may be prescribed by the council.

b. Associate members – Shall be selected Nigerians or citizens of other countries who shall have met such conditions for full membership as may be prescribed by the council.

c. Fellows/ Life members – Shall be full members of the centre and shall be selected Nigerians or any other persons who shall have met such conditions as may be prescribed by the council.

d) Honorary members – Shall be selected distinguished persons who shall have met such conditions as may be prescribed by the council.

e) Corporate members – Shall be corporate bodies which shall have met such conditions as may be stipulated by the council.

PROVIDED that the centre in general meeting may by means of a special resolution create any other categories of membership.

2. Every application for membership shall be sponsored by at least two members of the centre and shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the council.
3. The council may in its absolute discretion refuse to admit any applicant to the membership of the centre.
4. Admission to membership of the centre shall be by simple majority of the council upon the recommendation of its membership and disciplinary committee.
5. Membership of the Centre shall be deemed to constitute an undertaking by the person concerned to be bound by the provisions of this constitution and such regulations made hereunder for the time being in force
6. The Council shall have power to take such disciplinary measures as it shall deem proper against any member for the breach of the Rules and Regulations of the Centre.
7. Only the following classes of members shall have a right to vote at any meeting (provided they have complied with all other conditions as may be stipulated by the Council or this Constitution);
 - a) Full Members
 - b) Fellows/life members
 - c) Corporate members
8. Any member of the Centre
 - i) Who is more than two (2) years in arrears in paying to the centre any sum of money which has become payable by such member, or

ii) Who in the opinion of the Council has been guilty of conduct which renders him unfit to retain his membership,

may be expelled from the centre by a resolution carried by a simple majority of a meeting of the Council duly convened with notice of intention to consider the case PROVIDED that the resolution to expel a member shall not be valid unless such a member had been given not less than twenty-one (21) days notice in writing of the meeting and had been given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense

9. Any member of the Centre who wish to resign his membership shall give written notice to that effect to the Council in writing, but such resignation shall take effect only after consideration and approval by the Council
10. Any person who ceases to be a member of the centre other than by reason of the provisions of sub-clause 8 (ii) above may be re-admitted by the Council acting on the recommendation of the membership and Disciplinary Committee and upon such terms as the Council may deem appropriate.



ARTICLE 4

ORGANS OF THE CENTRE

The Centre shall consist of the following

ORGANS

- a) General Assembly
- b) Governing Council
- c) The Board of Trustees.

SUB-ORGANS

- a) Council of Fellows
- b) International Advisory Board
- c) Membership and Disciplinary Committee
- d) Finance Committee
- e) National Advisory Board
- f) General Purpose Committee

g) Management and Implementation Committee



ARTICLE 5

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 The centre shall consist of a general assembly whose membership shall be as earlier determined in Article 3 subject to the provision of this constitution and shall have overall responsibility for directing the affairs of the Centre.

2 The center shall in each calendar year hold general meetings twice and such extra-ordinary general meetings as may be expedient at such time and place as the GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MAY DETERMINE

1. The business at annual general meeting shall include:

a) The election of members of the council;

b) Adoption of the accounts and annual operating budget;
And any other business of which notice of at least twenty-one
(21) days has been given to the secretary

3) The President of Nigeria and the state governor shall be at all times members of the General Assembly, Governing Council and Trustee.

4) Elected members of the General Assembly/Council other than those terms have been specified shall hold office for two years at a time and shall be eligible for re-election.

5) An elected member of the General Assembly shall vacate office if he:

i. Resigns his office or ceases to be a member of the centre or

ii. Is convicted of a criminal offence by a court of jurisdiction, which conviction in the opinion of the Council expressed by resolution of the body makes him unfit to continue in office or

iii. Is officially declared a bankrupt.

iv. Is removed from office by a resolution of the general Assembly at a general meeting upon the recommendation of the Council.

b) Notice of such meetings shall be given in writing by the secretary of the centre at least 14 days, before the date appointed for the meeting.

PROVIDED that the meeting of the General Assembly may be called by shorter notice if a majority of the members entitles to attend so agree.

- c) Without prejudice to other provisions of this constitution, the General Assembly may delegate its powers and functions to any of its standing committees, the Co-chairman or secretary or such other officer as it may decide and may set-up a commission and have committees, groups or individuals to undertake or perform specific assignments, functions as may be deemed expedient.
- d) Subject to other provisions of this constitution the General Assembly shall regulate its own procedure and may adopt such rules and regulations for the effective conduct of the affairs of the centre as it deems appropriate.



ARTICLE 6

GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. There shall be a Governing Council for the Centre which subject to the provisions of this Constitution shall have the overall responsibility for directing the affairs of the Centre including but not limited to the formulation and execution of policies and collection and disbursement of funds
2. The Council shall be composed of all the officers listed below and 3 other member elected at a general meeting so that the membership of the Council shall not be less than five (5) and more than twelve (12)

- a) The Proponent and the sole founder shall be at all times members of the Governing Council and Trustee for their entire lifetime and at demise, shall be succeeded by their sons
- b) Elected members of the Council other than those terms have been specified shall hold office for two years at a time and shall be eligible for re-election.
- C) An elected member of the Council shall vacate office if he:
 - i. Resigns his office or ceases to be a member of the centre or
 - ii. Is convicted of a criminal offence by a court of jurisdiction, which conviction in the opinion of the Council expressed by resolution of the body makes him unfit to continue in office or
 - v. Is officially declared a bankrupt.
 - vi. Is removed from office by a resolution of the general Assembly at a general meeting upon the recommendation of the Council.
- 3. a) The Council shall meet at least twice in every calendar year at such time and place as may be expedient
- e) Notice of such meetings shall be give in writing by the secretary of the centre at least 14 days, before the date appointed for the meeting.

PROVIDED that the meeting of the council may be called by shorter notice if a majority of the members entitles to attend so agree.

- f) Without prejudice to other provisions of this constitution, the council may delegate its powers and functions to any of its standing committees, the chairman or secretary or such other officer as it may decide and may set-up a commission and have committees, groups or individuals to undertake or perform specific assignments, functions as may be deemed expedient.
- g) Subject to other provisions of this constitution the council shall regulate its own procedure and may adopt such rules and regulations for the effective conduct of the affairs of the centre as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 7

OFFICERS

The council shall consist of the following:

1 CHAIRMAN;

- a. Who shall be a person with good knowledge of science, economics, politics or industry or such a distinguished member as the members of the centre shall elect every five (5) years on such terms and remuneration as the council may determine.

- b. The Chairman shall be Fellow of the centre.
- c. He shall be a Trustee.
- d. He shall preside in the general assembly at least once in a year.
- e. He shall be an initiator and motivator of ideas and persons.
- f. He shall be the Chairman of the General Assembly and in that capacity, preside over meetings of general purposes.
- g. He shall perform all such other duties as the centre may at general meeting assign to him from time to time.

2. ALL INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRE.

3. CO-CHAIRMAN

- a) The centre shall every five years elect a person as Co-Chairman of the centre.
- b) Such person shall be a fellow of the centre.
- c) He shall be the chairman of the governing council and board of trustees and in that capacity, preside over meetings of general purposes, management, membership and disciplinary committees of the centre.
- d) He shall be an initiator and motivator of ideas and persons
- e) The Co-Chairman shall generally assist the Executive Chairman in the performance of his duties and perform such other functions at the general meeting or the

general purpose committee from time to time as may assign to him jointly or individually.

5. THE SECRETARY

a) The Council may appoint a suitably qualified member as a full-time secretary of the centre on such terms and remuneration as the council shall decide.

b) Any member so appointed as secretary shall hold office at the pleasure of the council.

c) He shall be responsible to the chairman, co-chairman and the director.

d) He shall head the secretariat of the centre. Without prejudice to such other functions as the chairman-in-council may from time to time assign to him, the duties of the secretary shall include:

i) Keeping proper and adequate records of all the activities of the centre.

ii) keeping of minutes of all meetings of the centre, its Organs or committees.

iii) Implementation of the decisions under the direction of the Co- chairman

vi) Keeping custody of the common seal of the Registered Trustees, the use of which shall be as directed by the co-Chairman.

vii) He may be a Trustee of the Centre

viii) Any person appointed as Secretary shall vacate the position if he

- a) Resigns his office or ceases to be a member of the Centre
- b) Is officially declared a bankrupt, or
- c. Is guilty of any conduct which (in the opinion of the Council expressed by resolution of that body) makes him unfit to continue to serve as Secretary of the Centre and especially the following. Fraudulent practices, disloyalty, corrupt practices, inefficiency and unproductively or any act considered detrimental to the objects of the Centre.

4 **The Director:**

- a) The Director shall see to the management and implementations of the affairs of the centre.
- b) He shall be the chief spokesman of the centre.
- c) The Director with the approval of the council in consultation with the chairman employ auxiliary and ancillary staff and officials to assist him in the discharge of duties and shall be responsible for defining the duties of such employees and supervise their performance thereof.
- d) The Director shall submit an Annual Report of the activities of the center to the general meeting every year through the secretary.

- e) The Director shall be the Vice Chairman of the finance committee.
- f) The office of the Director is for a renewable period of two years.
- h) The first Director who is the initiator of this scintillating centre/ program shall last for five years as a Director after which he becomes a permanent member of the General Assembly, Governing Council and Board of Trustees. Subsequent Directors shall last for a period of two years. No Director can serve more than two terms.
- i) The Director should be appointed through election by the board of Trustees.
- j) The Office of Director is terminated when guilty of misappropriation of funds.

6. **TREASURER**

- a) The Centre shall every three years elect a suitably qualified member as the Treasurer.
- b) The Treasurer shall be a member of the finance committee established by this constitution
- c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping of proper records of all financial transactions as well as all assets and liabilities of the Centre and in particular but without limitation.
- i) Prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting of the Centre a statement of financial transactions of the Centre in the preceding year duly audited.

- ii) Prepare appointed as Treasurer shall vacate office in such circumstances enumerated above in relation to the office of Secretary.

7. DEPUTY SECRETARY

- a) Shall be a suitably qualified member of the Centre
- b) May be appointed by the Council to assist the Secretary
- c) Shall do all such other things as the Council or General Purposes Committee may determine

8. LEGAL ADVISER

- a) Shall be a suitably qualified member of the Centre
- b) Shall be in charge of all legal matters pertaining to the Centre
- c) He may also serve as the Secretary/ Deputy Secretary
- d) He shall be responsible to the chairman, co-chairman and Director in the conduct of his duties
- e) He shall be a Trustee of the Centre
- f) He shall do all such other things assigned to him by the Council

9. PUBLICITY SECRETARY

- a) He shall be a member of the Centre.
- b) He shall be a person appointed by the Council on the Recommendation of the Director.

- c) He shall perform such other as may be assigned to him by the chairman, co-chairman Director or Council
9. There may be such other members as may be elected or co-opted by the General Assembly

ARTICLE 8

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- a) It shall consist of renowned and distinguished personalities in various fields of human endeavor, particularly in science- related fields
- b) They shall be honorary members of the Centre. The persons shall be appointed by the Council and the members of this Committee shall not exceed seven (7). The co-chairman and the director may be members of this Committee, while the Secretary shall act as Secretary of this august body.
- c) The Committee shall act as advisors to the Council and Centre helping to fulfill both long and short-term objectives of the Centre. They shall hold office for a term of two years subject to reappointment by the Council which may be ratified by the general Assembly
- d) The Committee shall have other powers and carry out such functions as the Council or entire Centre

may from time to time delegate to it and shall meet at least once in any given year.

- e) The recommendation or resolutions of the Committee shall be sent to the Co-Chairman who shall then communicate to the Director for implementation of decisions reached thereof.

2. NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

- a) It shall consist of eminent and distinguished Nigerians selected from diverse fields of human endeavor,
- b) They may be honorary members of the centre.
- c) They shall be persons appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of the Management and implementation Committee.
- d) Its membership shall not exceed 15 persons duly appointed.
- e) The co Chairman and the Director shall be members of this Board while the Secretary or his representative or such other member or person nominated by the Council, shall act as Secretary of this body.
- f) Members shall hold office for a term of two (2) years subject to reappointment by Council which shall be ratified by the General Assembly.
- g) The Board shall have such other powers and functions as the Council shall decide.

- h) Its recommendation or resolution shall be sent to the Secretary who shall be bound to inform the Council of such decision for its necessary action.

3. MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

- a) Shall consist of the co-chairman who shall chair its meetings or that the co chairman may co-opt.
- b) It shall be responsible for implementation of resolutions reached by either the Council, the Advisory Boards, or the General Assembly may reach at general meeting.
- c) They shall meet as often as necessary or at least monthly.

4. MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- a) Shall consist of the co-chairman of the Centre who shall be the Chairman the Director the Legal Adviser and 10 other members elected by the Council, 3 of whom may be Fellows of the Centre.
- b) The Committee shall subject to confirmation by the Council have responsibility for.
 - i. Prescribing the conditions for admission to membership of the Centre of all categories of members.
 - ii. Screening applications for or nominations to membership of the Centre.
 - iii) Recommendation of disciplinary measures against members of the Centre.

5. GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

- a) Shall be the body responsible for the drawing up of both long term and short-term objectives of the Centre
- b) Its member shall be the co-chairman Director and such other officers as the Council may determine and three Fellows elected by the Council Fellows.
- c) The co-chairman or his representative shall chair the meetings

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a) Shall consist of the co- chairman, Director Treasurer and three other members as the Council may appoint.
- b) The Committee shall assist the Treasurer in the discharge of his functions and may supervise him in the carrying out of such functions.
- c) They shall recommend to the Council possible persons suitable to act in the office of auditors to the accounts of the Centre

8. BODY OF FELLOWS:

- a) It shall consist of chairman, co-chairman, the first Director and other distinguished members of the Centre who have enhanced the cause of the Centre

or society as stated in the objects of the Centre, through their various works or endeavors

- b) They shall meet at least once a year; notices of such meeting will be issued by the Secretary
 - c) They shall be life members of the Centre
 - d) They may be members of the General Purpose Committee and may also serve on the Membership and Disciplinary Committee of the Centre. (This provisions must however be in consonance with Article 7 (4) and (5) of this Constitution)
 - e) They shall not be more than 10 fellows of the Centre at any given time.
 - f) They shall hold office for life subject to the provisions of Article V (3) (i) (iii) (iv)
 - g. They shall be protectors of the ideas of the Centre
 - h) Decisions taken by this body may be binding on the Centre provided that they are in consonance with the long term objectives of the Centre.
8. All standing committees shall be responsible to the Council and may stand dissolved upon the dissolution of council
9. However, the Council of fellows can only be dissolved by a special resolution of the General Assembly.
10. The co chairman or his representative the Director and Secretary shall be members of all Committees. However, the Secretary may not be a member of the Council of

Fellows, International Advisory Board and the National Advisory Board but shall act as Secretary of these bodies.

ARTICLE 8

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

1. The Local Organizing Committee shall not exceed ten members at a time.
2. They shall be responsible for the organization of conferences, seminar, workshops and all other social affairs of the Centre.
3. The members of LOC. Are life members the Centre.
4. The Director should be appointed from time to time from the LOC.
5. One seizes to be a member of the LOC. If found guilty of misappropriation,

ARTICLE 9

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Centre which shall consist of the co chairman the Director and not less than five or more than seven other distinguished members of the Centre. They shall hold office for life.

2. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be known as the INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE EMEAGWALI CENTRE

COMMON SEAL

3. The Trustees shall have a common seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary who shall produce same when required for use by the Trustees.
4. All documents required to be signed or executed by the co-Chairman and the Director such other officers as the Board may determine shall be sealed with the Common Seal.
5. A Trustee may hold office for life but shall cease to hold office if he:-
 - i. Resigns his office or ceases to be a member of the Centre
 - ii. Is declared bankrupt.
 - iii. Is convicted of a criminal offense by a Court of competent jurisdiction which offence is in the opinion of the Council expressed by resolution of that body which makes him unfit to continue to hold office or
 - iv. Is removed from office by a resolution of the Centre in general meeting acting on recommendation of the Council
6. Any vacancy in the office of Trustees shall be filled at the next General Meeting following the occurrence of the same

- a) The trustees shall apply to appropriate government authority for registration under the Companies and Allied matters Act 1990
- b) Upon such registration the Trustees shall have power to accept and hold in trust, all and other properties belonging to the centre in their joint names on behalf of the Centre
- c) The Trustees shall act as Legal Representatives of the Centre.

ARTICLE 10

FINANCE

1. The incomes of the Centre may comprise of the following
 - a) Fees and dues payable by members
 - b) Contract Research fees
 - c) Royalties and
 - d) Such money as may be received by the Centre as gifts and donations or grants.
2. The Council shall authorize bank accounts to be opened in the name of the Centre. Co-Chairman, the Director and Treasurer may be signatories to all such account in addition such other as the Council shall decide
3. The Accounts of the Centre shall be audited at the end of each financial year by an Auditor appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and or the chairman.

4. The Auditor shall submit its report to the Council which shall cause same to be tabled before each Annual General Meeting together with the report of the Treasurer.
5. In the event of a casual vacancy in the office of Auditor the may in consultation with the appoint another who shall act unit the next General meeting
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3. The Auditor shall submit its report to the council which shall cause same to be tabled before each annual general meeting together with the report of the treasurer.
4. In the event of a casual vacancy in the office of Auditor, the Co-Chairman may in consultation with the Board of trustees, appoint another who shall act until the next general meeting.

ARTICLE 11

LIMITATION AND APPLICATION OF INCOME

SPECIAL CLAUSE

The income and property of the centre, whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the centre as set forth in ARTICLE 2 of this constitution and no portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus shares, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the centre.

PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith as reasonable and proper remuneration to a member, officer or servant of the centre in return for service rendered to the centre nor prevent the payment of interest at the rate stipulated by the Central Bank of Nigeria as the minimum discount rate on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises or let by any member of the centre but no other member of the council (expecting the Co-Chairman and the Director) shall be appointed to any salaried office of the centre.

ARTICLES 12

FISCAL YEAR AND BUDGET

1. The fiscal year of the centre shall be prescribed by the council acting on the recommendation of the treasurer.
2. Upon the joint recommendation of the treasurer, director and the secretary, the council shall cause to be laid before the general assembly for approval, an annual budget covering all the activities of the centre.

ARTICLE 13

QUORUM

1. The quorum for the general meeting of the centre (Annual or Extra-ordinary) shall be one-quarter (1/4) of the entire membership of the centre or shall consist of at least eight full members present in person.
2. The quorum of other meetings of the centre (Annual or Extra-ordinary) shall be (1/4) of the entire membership of such organs.

ARTICLE 14

VOTING

1. Voting at all meetings of the centre (including committee meetings may be by ballot or show of hands).
2. Except in the case of a special resolution all decisions shall be carried by affirmative support of a simple majority of the persons present and voting at such meeting either in person or by proxy PROVIDED that the council may disallow the vote of any member who is in arrears in payment of monies due from him to the centre.

ARTICLE 15

AMENDMENT

1. The general assembly may by special resolution passed at a general meeting amend, alter or add to any provision of the constitution.

2. Amendment to this constitution may be proposed by the council or by the joint petition of not less than five members.
3. No addition, alteration or amendment to this constitution shall take effect unless the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the decree 1990 or any other subsequent legislation.

ARTICLE 16

WINDING-UP

1. The centre may be dissolved and wound-up upon a resolution to that effect carried by the affirmative support of not less than three-fourth of the entire membership of the centre present and voting at a general meeting called for that purpose with written notice of at least thirty (30) days sent to all members entitled to attend and to vote thereat.
2. In the event of dissolution or winding-up of the centre, the remains after the satisfaction of all its debt and liabilities, any property whatever the sum shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the centre, but may be given or transferred to some other institution(s), association(s), club(s), societies having objectives similar to the objects of the centre to be determined by the general assembly of the centre at or before the time of dissolution or wounding-up.

ARTICLE 17
INTERPRETATION

1. In this constitution, the following words and phrases shall, except in so far as the context otherwise admits, have the following meanings:
 - a. “Common Seal” means the common seal of the registered trustees of the centre as provided for in or Article V hereof.
 - b. “Council” means the governing council of the association established in clause 1 of article V hereof;
 - c. “Members” means persons admitted to membership of this centre under Article 111 hereof;
 - d. “Trustees” means the registered trustees for the time being of the centre or such of them to whom the specified powers had been delegated by the whole;
 - e. “Persons” include corporate bodies and institutions
 - f. Words importing the singular only shall include the plural;
 - g. Chairman means chairman of the general assembly governing council
 - h. Co-Chairman means chairman of board of trustees and all other bodies as may be constituted by the board of trustees.
 - i. Director means the director of the centre.

2. Any dispute as to the interpretation of any provision of this constitution shall be referred to the general purpose committee established by/ Clause 5 or Article 7.

Dated thisday of.....

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Director

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Secretary



Uche Okpala, Coordinator of Emeagwali Center

