



# STATUS OF THE « NETWORK OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS »

## CHAPTER I

### CREATION – FORM – NAME – HEADQUARTERS – DURATION

#### **Article 1: Creation – Name**

An association is created in Antananarivo, under the decree n° 60-133 of Oct 3rd 1960, ruling Associations in general and the name of which is ASSOCIATION DU RÉSEAU DES SYSTEMES D'INFORMATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE or “ARSIE” (the Network of the Environmental Information Systems)

#### **Article 2: Form**

The Association is non political, non confessional, non profit .

#### **Article 3: Headquarters**

The headquarter is at Foiben-Taosarintanin'i Madagasikara (FTM), Rue Dama Ntsoa – Antananarivo 101 – and can be transferred at any other place according to the General Meeting decision.

#### **Article 4: Duration**

The duration of the Association is unlimited except in case of dissolution pursuant to the present status.

## CHAPTER II

### AIM

#### **Article 5: AIM**

The Association brings together organizations and reference people/resource persons having or using information in relation to environment , and whose aim is :

- To facilitate and dynamize the circulation of information and reliable data contributing to the enlarged global vision dealing with environmental issues for a sustainable development
- To make people aware of what is available in Madagascar in terms of data, competence and experiences in the field of environment.
- To develop networking strategies of systems of environmental information

### CHAPTER III COMPOSITION – RESIGNATION – DISMISSAL

**Article 6: Members**

Organizations, public service, institutions, resource persons and networks directly or indirectly working in the field of environment and sharing the same vision as ARSIE can be members of the association.

The members' rights and obligations are set up in the association Rules and Regulations.

**Article 7: Resignation and dismissal**

The right of being a member is lost with the following acts :

- Voluntary resignation
- Disappearance or dissolution of the entity
- The striking out decided by the General Meeting due to a serious or repeated violation of the status and its Rules and Regulations .

### CHAPTER III RESOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

**Article 8: Type of resources**

The resources of the Association consist of :

- Membership fees and contributions, which [G1]are fixed in the Rules and Regulations
- Profits inherent in activities and permitted by the Malagasy State
- Subsidies and loans, donations and legacies .

### CHAPTER IV ADMINISTRATION AND RUNNING

**Article 9: The bodies of the association**

The Association has got two main bodies:

- The General Meeting
- The Executive Office

**Article 10: The General Meeting**

The General Meeting is the supreme body of the Association. It is composed of all the members of the association.

There are two kinds of General Meetings: the Ordinary General Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting .

**Article 11 bis : Ordinary General Meeting**

The Ordinary General Meeting meets once a year .

Its aim is to :

- approve the activity and financial reports of the year under review



- elect the members of the Executive Office
- approve the association programme and budget that are proposed by the Executive Office members for the coming year
- confirm and ratify the Rules and Regulations and amend the status following the motions from the Executive Office

The methods of notification, the principles of vote and the proceedings of the Ordinary General Meeting are set by the Rules and Regulations.

**Article 11 ter : Extraordinary General Meeting**

The aim of the Extraordinary General Meeting is to deal with particular problems faced by the association, problems that have to be discussed and approved by all members and that cannot wait till the time of the Ordinary General Meeting.

The methods of notification, the principles of vote and the proceedings of the Extraordinary General Meeting are set by the Rules and Regulations.

**Article 11: Validity of proceedings**

Either the Ordinary General Meeting or the Extraordinary General Meeting cannot really take a decision unless the absolute majority of members are present.

In case the quorum [G2] is not present during the first meeting, the members are asked to come again to a second meeting that will have to take decision whatever their number.

**Article 12: The Executive Office**

The Association is run by the Executive Office, the members of which are elected for a one year period during the Ordinary General Meeting . They carry out the decisions taken during the Ordinary General Meeting.

The methods of working of the Executive Office are set in the Association Rules and Regulations.



**Article 13: Composition of the Executive Office**

The Executive Office is composed of seven (07) members who are elected by all members during the Ordinary General Meeting, they are elected through universal suffrage with relative majority for a one (01) year period renewable :

- A president
- A vice-president
- A treasurer
- Four advisors

The functions and responsibilities are defined in the Association Rules and Regulations.

**Article 14: Secretary for the Executive Office**

The Executive Office can recruit a Secretary .

The role and functions of the Secretary for the Executive Office are set in the Rules and Regulations .

**Article 15: Rules and Regulations**

Rules and Regulations are established by the Executive Office and are approved by the General Meeting.



Any modification brought to the Rules and Regulations has to be validated by at least 2/3 of the General Meeting quorum.

## CHAPTER V

### STATUS MODIFICATION – LITIGATION – DISSOLUTION

**Article 16: Modification of status**

Any modification to the present status has to be approved by 2/3 of the quorum of the General Meeting.

**Article 17: Litigation**

Any litigation concerning the application /implementation of the present status or the Rules and Regulations has to be settled out of court at the General Meeting. In case of failure, a competent jurisdiction is referred to.

**Article 18: Dissolution**

Dissolution can be decided during the Ordinary General Meeting or the Extraordinary General Meeting pursuant to the decision of at least two-thirds of the quorum present.

In case of the Association dissolution, all the Association commitments are cancelled and its patrimony is transferable to another association sharing similar objectives and appointed by the General Meeting.