

**A draft Constitution**  
presented to the  
**Wanava-Mokwe Midlands Group**  
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The reason for having this constitution is to articulate the purpose of Wanava-Mokwe-Midlands and to detail the procedures for its orderly function. Once the constitution is developed, it would be revised every four years and resubmitted to the house or executive body of Wanava-Mokwe-Midlands

The organizations needs would be inevitably changes during such a process, so its important that its constitution reflects its current circumstances. The final copy would be provided to the executive ruling body and amendments made later.

Every member of **Wanava-Mokwe Midlands** would have copy of the constitution, which would help members stay informed about the opportunities for participation and procedures that they would be needing to follow in order to be an active contributing member.

Also, i am proposing to the house a through study of the constitution and its by-laws by an officer orientation and transition manner.

The said proposed drafted constitution has been drawn with the intention to be amended and adopted as Wanava-Mokwe Midlands' based on the special Provision to that of a non-governmental Organization. As such the drafters have chosen the appropriate wordings and structured the constitution into chapters, articles and paragraphs.

## **THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR WANAVA-MOKWE-MIDLANDS.**

### **1.DESIGNATION**

The name of the Association shall be called as early referred to in this document and accepted by members of the first meeting as ***Wanava-Mokwe-Midlands*** which might hereafter be referred to as (WM-Midlands)

This Group(Association) is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental organizations established in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations of The South West Province Tribal Group and our Country Cameroon. The Association would be registered with the various government authority that would be deemed wise on any accepted said date, with the need for a registration number for further reference.

The Activities of the Association shall cover the entire territory of the Midlands in Britain(UK).

The headquarter of the Association would be based in Leicester.

## II AIMS

The Association shall:

be a people's movement for the realization of the purposes of the Bakweri People:

educate about and gain support for the aims, achievements and activities of the Wanava-Mokwe-Midlands people and other affiliated groups that might emerge;

conduct studies, research and activities relating to the Fako Community at large;

promote international understanding and peaceful co-operation among ourselves;

strive along with other organizations, to promote harmony, as well as economic, social and cultural progress in the country of its origin;

co-operate with other non-governmental organizations at home and abroad that have common objectives and aims;

carry out all other undertakings approved by its General Assembly and/or Executive committee;

## III RELATIONS WITH FAKO COMMUNITY

The Association would:

strive to achieve its aims through membership with other Fako Groups.

co-operate with other groups with a just course for the promotion of its social activities. (*Inter marital status calls for such a move*) .

endeavor to participate in activities conducted under Fako Umbrella.

## **IV MEMBERSHIPS**

### **A. Affiliation**

The association shall consist of individual and collective members as well as honorary life members.

They Shall be:

- 1 direct affiliation;
- 2.affiliation through chapters (*location or subgroups*) or
3. a combination of both kinds of affiliation.  
*(the formation of chapters would be encouraged because it helps to give the Association a truly national image).*

All persons of (age) year of age who accept the objectives of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands, are willing to devote themselves to its aim and purposed and undertake to pay the assessed annual subscription are eligible to be members.

The process of being a member shall be dealt with by the appointed Secretary of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands. The Secretary-General shall present applications for affiliation by other bodies to the Executive committee for final approval.

### **B. Rights and Obligation inherent to membership**

All members shall be entitled to take part in the activities of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands.

They shall have the right to participate, directly or indirectly, in the decision-making process of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands. These rights include:  
the right to vote in the Election of Officers:

the right to be elected as an Officer of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands

the right to make proposals and/or suggestions regarding Wanava-Mokwe Midland's policies and programmes;

the right to comment on the work of the Officers.

### **C Termination of Membership**

Membership can be terminated:

1. **By letter** of registration addressed to the Secretary-General;
2. **by Decision** of the Executive committee taken with a two-thirds majority;
3. **By cessation of payment** of the annual subscription during( number of years) years.

### **V. Officers**

The officers of Wanava Mokwe Midlands shall be:

The president;

one or more Vice President(s);

The Secretary General;

The treasurer;

(number of members, preferably uneven) members of the Executive committee.

The president, Vice President(s), Treasurer and Secretary-General shall be entitled to take decisions on urgent matters but shall report as soon as possible to the Executive committee.

The officers shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of (number of years) years due attention being paid to the geographical and organization character of the membership. The officers can/cannot be re-elected for a second (or more) term(s). The vote shall be taken by secret ballot.

The President, the Vice President(s), the Treasurer and the members of the Executive committee can resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Secretary General. The Secretary General can resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the President.

The President, the Vice President(s), the Secretary General and the Treasurer may be suspended from office by the Executive committee. Such action shall be proposed in writing by at least (number of members) members and shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Executive committee.

## **VI Organs**

### **A. General Assembly**

The General Assembly of Wanava Mokwe Midlands shall meet in ordinary session every(number of years) years.

(Note: the General Assembly should meet on a fixed pattern)

It shall be convened by the Secretary General, who shall give notice of such a session and communicate its agenda at least (number of weeks) weeks in advance.

The Secretary General may convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly:

There shall be:

1. at the written request of (number of EXCO members i.e 2/3) members of the Executive committee;
- 2.
3. at the written request of(number of members) members.

Notice of an extraordinary session shall be given at least(number of weeks) in advance and shall state the purpose for which the session is convened. The session shall deal only with the item(s) for which it is convened.

The General Assembly of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands shall consist of (number of members i.e 2/3) of the membership

- The General Assembly of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands shall:
- Be responsible for the promotion of the aims of the Association.
- Discuss matters included in its agenda by the Executive Committee;
- Consider the report of activities submitted by the Secretary-General;
- Adopt the policy and programme of activities of the Association;
- Elect the officers of the Association and appoint and auditor.
- Determine the amount of annual Subscription, adopt the budget, approve the report of the Treasurer and the audited accounts;
- Receive appeals against a decision by the Executive committee;
- Perform any other functions as set forth by this constitution.
- If a vote is required, the decisions of the General Assembly of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands shall be taken by simple majority, with the following exceptions, which shall require a 2/3 majority of those present and voting:
  1. Amendments of the constitution;
  2. The response to an appeal against a decision of the Executive committee;
  3. The waiving of the secrecy of the vote;
  4. The disassociation of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands

### **Voting;**

if Wanava-Mokwe Midlands should adopt further groups consisting of individual and collective members;

Each individual member shall have one vote and each collective member shall have a number of votes determined in consultation of the Executive committee at the time of its admission as a member.

if the subgroup consist only of small branches, then each individual member shall have one vote; Each collective member shall have a number of votes determined in constitution with the Executive committee at the time of its admission as a member,

each group shall have a number of votes equivalent to the number of its members who have paid their subscription up to and for the current year.

### ***B Executive Committee.***

- ◆ The Executive committee of **Wanava-Mokwe Midlands** shall consist of (number of individuals preferably and uneven number) individuals.
- ◆ The president, Vice President(s), Secretary-General and Treasurer shall participate ex-officio in the work of the Executive committee.
- ◆ In the event that a member of the Executive committee is unable to continue to serve until the end of his/her term, the Executive committee may co-opt a person to serve until the end of the expired term.
- ◆ The quorum of the Executive committee shall consist of ( )number of members) of its members.
- ◆ The Executive committee shall meet every(number of months)months, with a minimum of four meetings per annum.
- ◆ The President **Wanava-Mokwe Midlands**, or in his/her term absence of Vice President shall chair the meetings of the Executive committee.

The Executive committee shall;

- Endeavor to implement the policies adopted by the General Assembly;
- Fix the date and prepare the agenda of the General Assembly;
- Assist in fund raising activities; (ceremonies , parties etc)
- Performed any other function as specified by the constitution

The Executive committee shall work on the basis of consensus, In cases where this proves impossible, decisions shall be taken by a simply majority f members present.

## **VII FINANCES**

- **WANAVA- MOKWE MIDLANDS** shall derive its funds from the dues of its individuals and collective members, donations, grants and fund raising activities.
- The subscription of individual members shall be paid directly to the Wanava-Mokwe Midlands Treasurer.
- The dues of collective members are paid directly to Wanava-Mokwe Midlands ( to the assigned person)
- The financial year of Wanava-Mokwe Midlands shall begin on (1 January ) and expire on the(31 December).
- The Budget prepared by the Treasurer shall be submitted to the General Assembly for adoption.
- The Treasurer shall prepare a yearly statement of accounts which after having been checked by an auditor appointed by the General Assembly, shall be submitted to the General Assembly.

## **VIII.AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in writing by the individual member, by a collective member of a group. This should reach the Secretary-General at least(number of months) 2months before a session of the General Assembly, at which time they will be considered.

Amendments to this constitution can be made by the General Assembly only by a vote of two-third of those present and voting.

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Signed by: *Lawrence Cumber*