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This Constitution is the official governing document of Ondo Progressive Indigenes in Diaspora (OPID). Every Full Member shall receive a copy upon admission. Any amendments approved by the General Assembly shall automatically form part of this document.

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OPID CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION OF ONDO PROGRESSIVE INDIGENES IN DIASPORA (OPID)

PREAMBLE

We, the sons, and descendants of Ondo Kingdom residing outside Nigeria, united by our common ancestry, cultural heritage, and commitment to the advancement of Ondo Kingdom, do hereby establish and adopt this Constitution to govern the affairs of Ondo Progressive Indigenes in Diaspora (OPID), promote unity among members, preserve our cultural values, support the welfare of members, and contribute meaningfully to the sustainable development of Ondo Kingdom.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be ONDO PROGRESSIVE INDIGENES IN DIASPORA (OPID).

ARTICLE 2: STATUS AND HEADQUARTERS

1. OPID shall operate as a global, non-political, non-religious, social and developmental organization.
2. The organization shall be registered in Nigeria in accordance with applicable laws.
3. The official headquarters shall be situated in Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria.

ARTICLE 3: VISION

To become a globally respected diaspora organization serving as a leading platform for the development, advancement, and promotion of Ondo Kingdom.

ARTICLE 4: MISSION

The mission of OPID shall be:

- a. To promote unity and brotherhood among Ondo indigenes in the diaspora.
- b. To preserve and promote Ondo cultural heritage.
- c. To support social, educational, economic, and infrastructural development.
- d. To provide welfare and networking opportunities.
- e. To collaborate with relevant institutions for the advancement of Ondo Kingdom.

ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of OPID shall include:

- a. Community development.
- b. Educational advancement.
- c. Cultural preservation.
- d. Welfare support.
- e. Strategic partnerships.

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- f. Youth and community empowerment.
- g. Humanitarian assistance.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to:

- 1. Native sons of Ondo Kingdom.
- 2. Descendants of Ondo Kingdom indigenes.
- 3. Persons who can establish ancestral ties to Ondo Kingdom.

Membership categories:

- a. Full Members.
- b. Honorary Members.
- c. Patrons.

Only Full Members shall possess voting rights.

ARTICLE 7: ELIGIBILITY

Applicants shall:

- a. Ordinarily be between forty (40) and sixty (60) years of age at admission.
- b. Reside outside Nigeria.
- c. Be recommended by five members.
- d. Demonstrate integrity and good character.
- e. Pass the prescribed screening process.

ARTICLE 8: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Members shall:

- a. Attend meetings.
- b. Pay dues and levies.
- c. Participate in welfare activities.
- d. Obey the Constitution and bylaws.
- e. Maintain active participation.

Every Full Member shall receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of OPID upon admission. Members shall be deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the provisions of these governing documents and any amendments duly adopted by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 9: GOVERNANCE

The governing bodies shall be:

- 1. General Assembly.
- 2. Executive Committee.

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3. Board of Trustees.
4. Standing Committees.

The General Assembly shall be the highest decision-making body.

ARTICLE 10: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall comprise the following officers in the order of hierarchy:

- President
- Vice President
- General Secretary
- Public Relations Officer
- Financial Secretary
- Social Director
- Welfare Officer

Collectively, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the General Assembly and managing the day-to-day affairs of the organization.

Term of office shall be two years.

No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE 11: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT

The President shall:

- a. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Head of the Organization.
- b. Provide leadership and direction for the affairs of OPID.
- c. Preside over General Meetings, Executive Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Emergency Meetings, except where the President is the subject of discussion or investigation.
- d. Advise the Secretary to convene meetings of the organization.
- e. Supervise and coordinate the activities of all officers, committees, and projects of the organization.
- f. Represent OPID in all official matters and external engagements.
- g. Serve as a signatory to the organization's bank account during tenure.

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- h. Present an annual report of the activities and achievements of the organization at the Annual General Meeting.
- i. Exercise emergency powers on behalf of the organization where urgent action is required and where meetings cannot reasonably be convened, provided that consultation is made with at least two-thirds of the Executive Committee.
- j. Exercise a casting vote in the event of a tie during meetings.
- k. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2: VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall:

- a. Assist the President in the discharge of official duties.
- b. Act for and on behalf of the President during the President's absence or incapacity.
- c. Succeed the President in the event of vacancy in the office of President.
- d. Perform duties delegated by the President or the Executive Committee.
- e. Serve as Chairman of the Membership and Admission Committee.
- f. Serve as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.
- g. Coordinate special assignments as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3: GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary shall:

- a. Serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the organization.
- b. Convene meetings at the direction of the President or upon the request of two-thirds of the Executive Committee.
- c. Issue notices of meetings and circulate meeting agendas.
- d. Record and maintain accurate minutes of meetings.
- e. Maintain custody of all official records, documents, and correspondence of the organization.
- f. Handle all official communications and correspondence on behalf of OPID.

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- g. Maintain the register of members.
- h. Ensure proper documentation and preservation of organizational records.
- i. Perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall:

- a. Receive all dues, levies, donations, and other monies belonging to the organization.
- b. Maintain accurate records of all financial transactions.
- c. Deposit all monies received into the approved bank account within three (3) business days where cash transactions are involved.
- d. Maintain proper accounting records of income and expenditure.
- e. Make authorized disbursements as approved by the Executive Committee or General Assembly.
- f. Obtain and maintain receipts and supporting documents for all expenditures.
- g. Serve as a co-signatory to the organization's bank account.
- h. Prepare annual financial statements and present financial reports to members.
- i. Provide periodic financial updates as may be required.

SECTION 5: PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

The Public Relations Officer shall:

- a. Serve as the official spokesperson of the organization.
- b. Promote the image and reputation of OPID.
- c. Coordinate publicity, media relations, and public communications.
- d. Manage the organization's social media and public information platforms.
- e. Publicize programs, projects, and activities of the organization.
- f. Chair the Publicity Committee where established.

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- g. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6: SOCIAL DIRECTOR

The Social Director shall:

- a. Serve as Chairman of the Social Committee.
- b. Organize and coordinate social activities and events of the organization.
- c. Plan and supervise social engagements, celebrations, and special events.
- d. Promote fellowship and interaction among members.
- e. Work closely with the Welfare Officer in ensuring the comfort and well-being of members during meetings and events.
- f. Carry out such additional responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7: WELFARE OFFICER

The Welfare Officer shall:

- a. Serve as Chairman of the Welfare Committee.
- b. Monitor the welfare and well-being of members.
- c. Maintain records relating to members' welfare matters.
- d. Reach out to members during illness, bereavement, emergencies, or prolonged absence.
- e. Coordinate welfare assistance approved by the organization.
- f. Monitor attendance at meetings and activities.
- g. Work with the Social Director to ensure members are adequately catered for during physical meetings and official functions.
- h. Present welfare reports to the Executive Committee and General Assembly as required.

ARTICLE 12: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall consist of five to eleven members.

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The Board shall:

- a. Facilitate registration and legal compliance.
- b. Hold property in trust where required.
- c. Act in the best interests of OPID.
- d. Possess no overriding executive authority.

ARTICLE 13: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees shall include:

1. Membership and Admission Committee.
2. Disciplinary Committee.
3. Project Committee.

Additional committees may be created as necessary.

ARTICLE 14: MEETINGS

General Meetings:

Second Sunday of each month.

Annual General Meeting:

December in Ondo City.

Executive Meetings:

As necessary.

Meetings may be conducted virtually.

ARTICLE 15: NOTICE OF MEETINGS

General Meeting: Seven days.

Executive Meeting: Three days.

AGM: Thirty days.

Emergency Meeting: Twenty-four hours.

ARTICLE 16: QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of one-third of Full Members.

ARTICLE 17: ELECTIONS

Only members in good standing may vote or contest elections.

Voting may be conducted physically or electronically.

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ARTICLE 18: FINANCE

SECTION 1: SOURCES OF FUNDS

The organization shall derive its funds from:

- a. Admission fees.
- b. Annual dues.
- c. Levies.
- d. Donations.
- e. Fundraising.

Financial year:

January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 2: BANKING AND FINANCIAL AUTHORITY

1. The official bank account(s) of the organization shall be maintained in the name of Ondo Progressive Indigenes in Diaspora (OPID).
2. The authorized signatories to the organization's bank account(s) shall be:
 - a. The President;
 - b. The Financial Secretary; and
 - c. The General Secretary.
3. All withdrawals, transfers, payments, or other financial transactions shall require the authorization of **at least two (2) of the three (3) authorized signatories**.
4. No single officer shall have sole authority to withdraw or disburse funds from the organization's bank account.
5. All financial transactions shall be supported by appropriate documentation and shall be subject to review by the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

All expenditures shall be approved in accordance with the approved annual budget or by resolution of the Executive Committee or General Assembly, as applicable.

ARTICLE 19: WELFARE

Immediate family shall mean:

- Spouse.
- Children.
- Father.
- Mother.

Welfare assistance may be granted in accordance with approved policies.

ARTICLE 20: DISCIPLINE

Members and officers may be disciplined for:

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- Misconduct.
- Absenteeism.
- Financial impropriety.
- Abuse of office.
- Failure to perform duties.

ARTICLE 21: VACANCIES

Vacancies shall arise through:

- Death.
- Resignation.
- Removal.
- Incapacity.

The Vice President shall succeed the President where necessary.

ARTICLE 22: RECORDS AND ASSETS

All records and assets belong exclusively to OPID.

Outgoing officers shall hand over all records within thirty days.

ARTICLE 23: AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at a duly convened meeting, provided thirty days' notice has been given.

ARTICLE 24: DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, all assets shall be transferred to charitable or developmental causes benefiting Ondo Kingdom.

ARTICLE 25: ADOPTION

This Constitution shall take effect upon adoption by the founding members of OPID.

President: Bisola Akinware

General Secretary: Adeniran Akinsade

Adoption Date: 4th of July 2026