

Statutes

The Medicus Mundi International Network, a non-profit registered association according to German law, was founded in 1963 as “International Organization for medical co-operation”. Since then, the organization’s statutes have been revisited several times. The current version was approved by the General Assembly in 2007.

1. a) NAME and SEAT

The name of the organization is:

MEDICUS MUNDI INTERNATIONAL - International Organization for Co-operation in Health Care (hereinafter referred to as "the organization") and is seated at Tönisvorst, Federal Republic of Germany.

b) AIM

The aim of the organization is the promotion of health and health services especially in developing countries and supporting the actions undertaken in this respect by the members in different countries.

The aim will be realised by:

- a) promoting the acquisition of appropriate know-how on health care development in third world countries (among members),
- b) promotion of co-operation among members in the execution of joint programmes for health care development.
- c) enhancing communication and sharing of experience between members in order to raise the general quality of health care development work under the auspices of Medicus Mundi members and promoting development awareness,
- d) fostering co-operation between Medicus Mundi members on the one hand and all national and international health care development organizations, in particular WHO, pursuing the same aim,

- e) acting as the official liaison office on behalf of members in relation to WHO,
- f) assisting individual members with advice on financial, on administrative, conceptual and public relation matters,
- g) fostering the creation of member organizations in countries in which no Medicus Mundi organization is yet existing,
- h) acting as a referral centre for organizations (including governmental institutions) in third world countries seeking advice or assistance from Medicus Mundi and one or more of its members,
- i) all other actions facilitating the achievement of the above aim,
- j) collecting financial resources necessary to realise the aim of the organization,
- k) establishing and maintaining a secretariat and a centre for information, documentation and education.



2. The organization is a non-profit organization and does not own business interests.

3. The proceeds of the organization are only permitted to be used on behalf of the aim formulated in these statutes (par. 1.b.).

4. No allowance can be made for expenses that do not correspond to the aim of the organization.

Outgoing members are not entitled to receive any repayment of the contributions, or any share in the capital of the organization.

5. In case of termination or dissolution of the organization or cancellation of the up to now applied aim, the capital of the organization will be handed over to the members of MMI.

6. MEMBERSHIP

1) Legal persons and nationally or internationally organized groups of individuals ready to adopt and able to promote the aim of the organization, may become members of the organization.

2) The founders of the organization are honorary members.

3) The General Assembly decides on the admission of new members. For admission the agreement of two-third of the members present at the General Assembly is required.

4) An annual contribution proposed by the Executive Board and agreed by the General Assembly will be paid by the members within three months of the receipt of the communication of each member's commitments.

5) Membership ends:

a) by resignation: Resignation from the organization is made by a written statement to the address of the organization. This resignation takes effect after financial obligations have been fulfilled.

b) by exclusion: Exclusion follows corresponding with par. 8 (6) by the General Assembly.

7. INSTITUTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Institutions of the organization are:

- 1) the General Assembly,
- 2) the Executive Board (hereinafter called: the Board),
- 3) the Secretariat.

8. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1) The General Assembly, as the highest authority of the organization:

- a) 1. elects the chairman,
2. elects the Board and decides on its discharge,
- b) determines the policy of the organization,
- c) draws up integral regulations,
- d) decides on the audit of the annual financial report, the discharge of the treasurer and fixes the annual contribution,
- e) decides on the admission of new members and the exclusion of members,
- f) decides on modification of the statutes,
- g) examines and approves the report of activities of the past year and determines the general line of activities for the following year.

2) The ordinary General Assembly will be held every year. An extraordinary General Assembly can be held if required for the functioning of the organization, or if required by at least three members of the organization.

3) The chairman of the Board convenes the General Assembly at least 4 weeks before the meeting. The provisional agenda should be sent at the same time. In case the chairman is prevented one of the deputy-chairmen will replace him.

4) The Assembly reaches quorum if at least one-third of the members is present.

An Assembly which has not gathered the quorum and has been reconvened is considered to have gathered the quorum without regard to the number of members present.

The secretary appointed by the chairman has to make a report on the Assembly.

- 5) The presidency of the General Assembly is assumed by the chairman of the Board.
- 6) Decisions are taken by simple majority of votes. Majority of three-quarters of the members present is required for the modification of the statutes and for exclusions of members.
- 7) Members may be represented on the General Assembly by proxies. The Board has to be informed of the authorisation of the proxy.
- 8) The General Assembly arranges its own standing orders.

9. THE BOARD

- 1) The Board is chosen from candidates proposed by the members and/or by the Board for a term of 3 years. Retiring members are eligible for re-election. The chairman may be re-elected once in succession.

The Board is composed of the chairman, 2 vice chairmen, the secretary, the treasurer and 2 ordinary board members.

The Board remains in office until new elections.

- 2) Two Board-members represent the organization in and outside legal proceedings according to par. 26 German Law.
- 3) All Board-members have the same rights if not differently settled in these statutes.
- 4) The Board is entitled to appoint an executive secretary to support its work and to give him power of attorney.
- 5) The Board is entitled to co-opt advisors.

The members are allowed to attend the board meeting as observer.

- 6) The Board determines the work of the organization and the method of work of the Secretariat according to the policy formulated by the General Assembly.
- 7) The Board determines its own method of work.
- 8) The Board engages and discharges the executive secretary, who directs the Secretariat.

10. THE SECRETARIAT

The executive secretary, appointed by the Board, takes care of the affairs of the organization according to the directions of the Board. He is expected to follow the work-regulations established by the Board and is responsible to the Board. He has a consultative vote.

11. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year is the calendar year.

12. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the organization must be agreed by a majority of three-quarters of its members.

In case of dissolution par. 5 has to be observed.

13. To these statutes the Law of the federal Republic of Germany is applicable.

