

ANUNSA OAU

**THE CONSTITUTION OF ALL-NIGERIA UNITED NATIONS STUDENTS AND YOUTH
ASSOCIATION,
OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE CHAPTER.**

PREAMBLE

We, the entire members of the ALL NIGERIA UNITED NATIONS STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSOCIATION (ANUNSA), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife Chapter, having firmly and solemnly considered it imperative to maintain the establishment of this association (ANUNSA) and to provide for ourselves a constitution for the promotion of international co-operation and understanding among students and youths all over the world, do hereby set out and give to ourselves the following constitution which shall assist us in carrying out the principles enumerated below and which the constitution shall be SUPREME and its provisions shall be binding on all members for as one remains a member of the association.

ARTICLE 1

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

I. The provision of this constitution are supreme and shall have binding force on all the members of the association

II. If any action or provision of any other document is consistent with the provision of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail and that the other actions or provision shall be to its inconsistency, null and void.

ARTICLE 2

NAME AND MOTTO

I. The name of the association shall be "ALL NIGERIA UNITED NATIONS STUDENTS AND YOUTH ASSOCIATION (ANUNSA)

OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY ILE-IFE CHAPTER" herein referred to as the Association. It shall be a chapter of the National body with whom it shall work hand-in-hand

II. The motto shall be "GLOBAL PEACE, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT".

ARTICLE 3

LOGO

I. The logo of the association shall be the logo of the United Nations which is the global world.

ii. The colour of the association shall be "SKY-BLUE".

ARTICLE 4

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

I. The association shall be a student and youth body of the United Nations (UN) by which is meant that the association shall devote its energies to.

II. To the objective study and workings of the United Nations.

III. To propagate the ideas and principles of the United Nations as a basis for the achievement of peace for mankind.

IV. To interest the Nigerian public in general and the Nigerian students and youths in particular on the United Nations activities and its specialized agencies.

V. The association shall cultivate amongst Nigerian students and youths, an objective outlook on national and international affairs.

VI. To co-operate and if necessary, affiliate with any national or international body that has a similar ideas, principles and objectives with those of ANUNSA.

VII. To support struggle for national independence, social development, economic and cultural liberation and disarmament.

VIII. To promote sustainable environmental development in Nigeria and the world at large.

IX. To create a pool of leaders trained in multilateral diplomacy and negotiation.

X. To participate in development of youth leaders network committed to and concerned with the United Nations.

XI. To carry out activities for the advancement of knowledge, educational, scientific, social, cultural, sports, charity purposes literacy campaigns as permitted by law.

ARTICLE 5

MEMBERSHIP

I. There shall be THREE categories of members; ORDINARY, ASSOCIATE, HONORARY

(a) ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP; shall be opened to all students of this university pursuing a course not less than one academic session.

(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP; shall be opened to all members of staff of this university who genuinely interested in the objectives of the Association.

(c) HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP; shall be accorded to any person who is genuinely interested in the objectives of the Association or the United Nations in general.

II. However, category (a) above shall be determined by the admission and induction committee of the association while categories (b) and (c) above shall be determined by the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

ARTICLE 6

ADMISSION

I. Application for membership into the Association shall be in writing by filling the Association's Membership form and having at least a pass mark at the Association's interview. The executive council shall have the right to decide on the method of admission to be adopted.

ARTICLE 7

OBLIGATION AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

This following shall be binding on all members of the association. Members shall;

I. Meet their financial obligations.

II. Observe the regulations and decisions adopted by the association even in their absence if they should fail to attend when notified.

III. Enjoy such rights and privileges as are consistent with the interest of the association.

IV. Have the right to vote and be voted for during general elections and/or when a POST is declared vacant as stipulated by the constitution.

V. However, only financial members of the association shall have the right to enjoy the privileges.

ARTICLE 8

OFFICE

I. There shall be an Executive council whose members are jointly responsible for the actions of the association.

II. The Executive council which shall be elected by the general house, shall serve in their offices for one academic session only

III. The composition of the Executive council shall be as follows;

- (a) The President
- (b) The Vice-President
- (c) The Secretary-General
- (d) The Assistant Secretary-General
- (e) The Public Relations Officer
- (f) The Treasurer
- (g) The Financial Secretary
- (h) The Director of Social
- (i) The Director of Travels and Exchange
- (j) The Director of Volunteer Corps

IV. There shall be Ex-Official members of the executive council which shall not be elected but shall be appointed by the executive council.

The Ex-Official members which shall be TWO in number and of whom ONE must be FEMALE, shall be selected from the immediate past executive council.

ARTICLE 9

I. THE PRESIDENT

- (a) He shall be the Head of the Executive Council and the association
- (b) He shall oversee the running of the association

- (c) He shall preside over executive and general meetings of the association
- (d) He shall co-ordinate and harmonize effectively all the activities of the association
- (e) He shall liaise with the Secretary-General as to the fixtures of meetings (executive, general or emergency)
- (f) He shall be a signatory with any officer concerned, any document of the association
- (g) He shall be the spokesman of the association within the provisions of this constitution
- (h) In case of a tie in a vote, the President shall have the determining vote
- (i) He shall interpret the provisions of the constitutions if need be, subject to an informal motion for reversal by two-third majority of the financial members present
- (j) He shall have the right to delegate any of his function to the Vice-President

II. THE VICE-PRESIDENT

- (a) Shall work hand-in-hand with the President at all times
- (b) Shall assist the President in all his duties
- (c) Shall act for the President in his absence
- (d) Shall perform such duties as the president may direct

III. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

- (a) Shall maintain and update the secretariat of the association
- (b) Shall collect and keep all correspondence made and received by the association
- (c) Shall in consultation with the President, summon general, emergency or executive meetings
- (d) Shall record the minute of all meetings
- (e) Shall be responsible for all correspondence
- (f) Shall have the right to delegate any of his functions to the assistant secretary- general
- (g) Shall serve the notice of meetings (Executive, Emergency or General) to members through the public relations officer

IV. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL

- (a) Shall work hand-in-hand with the secretary-general at all times
- (b) Shall assist the secretary-general in all his works
- (c) Shall act for the secretary-general in his absence
- (d) Shall perform other duties as delegate by the secretary-general
- (e) Shall assist the public relations officer in serving the notice of meetings (executive, emergency or general) if need be.

V. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

- (a) Shall publicize the activities of the association with the approval of the executive council or President
- (b) Shall issue press release on matters affecting the association's interest and on matters relating to national and international interest
- (c) Shall with the President be responsible for the elaborate publicity of organisation and arrangements of debates, lectures symposia, workshops etc. Whenever the association deems it fit to carry out such activities
- (d) Shall also with the President be a spokesman of the association
- (e) Shall serve notice of meetings (executive, emergency or general) to members of the association

VI. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

- (a) Shall collect and keep a proper account of dues, levies and other payments made to the association
- (b) Shall sign all vouchers and claim before payment is effected
- (c) Shall be one of the signatory to the association's financial documents and the president being the other signatory
- (d) Shall hand over such monies to the treasurer within twenty-four hours of receipt

(e) Shall prepare and submit and defend all financial reports and transactions to the general house before the general house before the dissolution of the general house and audit committee

(f) Shall keep a cash book account which shall be made available to the auditors on demand.

VII. THE TREASURER

(a) Shall collect from the financial secretary and safe keep all monies due to the association

(b) Shall deposit all monies of the association with the banker within two days of receipt

(c) Shall keep an impress account of not more than THREE HUNDRED naira (N300) only

(d) Shall work hand-in-hand with the financial secretary at all times.

VIII. THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIALS

(a) Shall act as the officer in charge of the planning and execution of all social activities of the association, which shall be approved by the executive council.

(b) Shall head all committees as concerned with the social activities of the association

(c) Shall be assisted by the assistant secretary-general if need be

IX. THE DIRECTOR OF TRAVELS AND EXCHANGE

(a) Shall facilitates students travels within and outside the country

(b) Bearing in mind the profit advantage of the passport processing for the association, it shall be his duty to encourage passport procurement as well as actually obtain passport for members of ANUNSA and non members at a fixed cost

(c) Shall with the possible assistance of the director of socials and the public relations officer, collect and publicize relevant information and materials for students travel.

X. THE DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER CORPS

(a) Shall mobilize, co-ordinate and monitor effectively the activities of people willing to volunteer their services and time for the association having in mind that such people need not be members of ANUNSA.

(b) Shall act as the Chairman of volunteer corps committee

(c) Shall be assisted by the Director of socials if need be.

XI. THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

(a) They shall be nominated at the First business of the executive council

(b) They shall not be more than two in number with one being a female

(c) They shall attend all executive council meetings

(d) They shall serve in the advisory capacity of the executive council only.

ARTICLE 10

COMMITTEES

I. There shall be established different committees to handle the affairs of the association

II. The title, composition, purpose and duration of such committees shall be determined by the incumbent executive council

III. Members of these committees shall either be nominated, appointed or elected by the general house

IV. The following committees shall be mandatory/standing in handling the affairs of the association

1. PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS COMMITTEE

(a) There shall be a publicity and awareness committee of the association constituting the public relations officer (PRO) as Chairman and not more than Six (6) other members

(b) The committee shall be responsible for the publicizing the objectives of the association especially at the beginning of the session

(c) And it shall be responsible for the publication of the association's materials, activities programs

(d) It shall assist the Public relations officer in discharge of his duties.

2. ADMISSION AND INDUCTION COMMITTEE

(a) There shall be admission and induction committee which shall consist of a chairman and a secretary and not more than three other members

(b) The committee shall be responsible for the constitution of new members into the association

(c) It shall be responsible for conducting and organizing the annual induction party/ceremony

(b) It shall undertake any matter(s) in connection with admission/induction

3. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(a) There shall be a Social Committee which shall consist of the Director of Social as Chairman and not more than six other members

(b) The Committee shall arrange for social activities and programs affecting the association

(c) It shall assist the director of socials in the effective discharge of his duties

4. AUDIT COMMITTEE

(a) There shall be a audit committee consisting of at least three non executive members of the association

(b) They shall be appointed by the general house before the Third business meeting of the association at the second semester and are accountable only to the general house

(c) They shall examine and audit the accounts of the association

(d) They shall present their report to the general house seven days before the dissolution of the executive council

(e) They shall give at least a week notice to the financial secretary and other members of the executive council to submit a comprehensive report of their activities

(f) They shall have the power to summon and interrogate any officer of the association

5. ELECTORAL PETITIONS COMMITTEE

(a) There shall be an electoral petitions committee consisting of not more than four members

(b) They shall be appointed by the general house before the third business meeting of the association at the second semester and are accountable only to the general house

(c) Any candidate or voter shall have the right to file an electoral petition not later than forty-eight hours after the election

(d) The committee shall have the power to determine all cases of electoral malpractices or/and irregularities

(e) Should an election be declared null and void, the committee shall declare the seat of such office vacant and a bye-election be conducted accordingly

(f) It should be noted however that the absence on the manifesto day automatically disqualifies a contestant for a bye-election.

6. ELECTORAL COMMISSION

(a) There shall be an electoral commission consisting of electoral officers

(b) The electoral officers shall not be more than five nor than two in number including a chairman to be appointed from amongst the electoral officers

(c) The electoral commission shall be nominated or appointed by the general house prior to the dissolution of the executive council

(d) They shall not be members of the executive council and during their tenure not be eligible to vote and be voted for at any of the association's general elections.

(e) The commission shall organize and effectively supervise all the elections of the association and the bye-elections with utmost good faith.

(f) The chief electoral officer shall immediately after the counting of votes is over, publicly announce the results of the elections and cause such announcement to be publicized on the association's notice board.

(g) If found to be of gross misconduct, the general house shall have the right to dissolve the electoral commission and appoint another, but shall refer the case to the elections petitions committee at the first instance.

ARTICLE 11

ELECTIONS

(i) Elections into the executive council shall be held by the sixth week of the resumption into the second semester of every session.

(ii) Forms for the election shall be obtained from members of the electoral commission and such obtainer must be sponsored by two members of the association.

(iii) Every candidate for an elective post, appointment or nomination, must have currently fulfilled all financial obligations to the association.

(iv) Elected members of the executive council are to hold office for one academic session in which they can be elected for another academic session.

(v) Elections shall be decided by a simple majority.

ARTICLE 12

ELIGIBILITY

(I) Only registered members of the association who have spent at least one academic semester on campus shall be entitled to vote and be voted for at any of the association's elections.

(II) Only financial members of the association shall be entitled to vote and be voted for at any of the association's elections.

(III) Must have attended meetings with at-least fifty percent attendance, letters stating reason(s) of absence forwarded to the secretary-general of the association may be considered for the aspirants concerned.

(IV) A dismissed or removed officer of the association shall not be eligible for any of the association's elections

ARTICLE 13

DISMISSAL, RESIGNATION AND IMPEACHMENT

DISMISSAL

(I) Any member of the association can be dismissed for gross misconduct, action(s) amounting to insubordination and inconsistency with the objectives of the association

(II) Any elected, appointed or nominated member of the association of the association can be dismissed for incapacity of the mind or soul

(III) The dismissal, which can be initiated by any member is subject to the ratification of two-third members of the general house present and voting

(IV) In the case of ordinary member, two-third of the members of the executive shall be sought

RESIGNATION

(I) Any appointed or elected officer of the association may resign his seat/office or appointment in writing to be tendered to the executive council via the secretary-general, his letter shall be via the president

(II) Any person shall tender his letter of resignation to the executive council two(2) weeks prior to the time of resignation

(III) Resignation may not be approved when an officer or a member has been found wanting, fraudulent or guilty of gross misconduct. Such resignation letter may subsequently be converted to dismissal or impeachment

(IV) In the case of mass resignation of members of the executive council, an electoral commission shall be set up and the chairman shall summon a meeting to inform members and conduct bye-elections for interested members

IMPEACHMENT

(I) Any officer of the association shall cease to hold office if a motion for his removal is seconded and supported by a two-third majority of the general house

(ii) Any officer of the association can be impeached or gross dereliction of duty, disrespect to the constitution, embezzlement and acts amounting to totalitarianism

(iii) Where in, the whole executive council is removed or impeached from office, a caretaker committee shall be put to run the affairs of the association pending the time a fresh election will take place

(iv) Any impeached officer of the association shall not be eligible for any of the association's elections.

ARTICLE 14

FINANCE

I. INCOME

(a) The financial secretary shall be the only recognised officer to collect all monies on behalf of the association and shall issue out the receipt of the association addressed to payer in respect of all monies received

(b) However the treasurer and other members of the executive council may assist the financial secretary in the collection of the monies

(c) All the monies collected by other executives shall be handed over to the financial secretary for accountability

(d) Intending members are to be enrolled with the following stipulated registration fee

(i) Induction fees: N200

(ii) National Identity card: N50

(iii) Constitution: N50

(e) All members are expected to pay an annual sum of TWO HUNDRED NAIRA (N200) each

(f) The amount are subjected to the executive council

(g) The executive council shall reserve the right to impose special levies on members if and when necessary

II. EXPENDITURE

(a) The treasurer of the association shall maintain an impress account of not more than three hundred naira only for emergency and immediate uses

(b) Application of monies and properties of the association shall first be approved by the executives

(c) Application of monies and properties of the association shall be solely towards the promotion of the aims and objectives of ANUNSA as set forth in his constitution

(d) No portion of such monies and/or properties therefore shall be paid or transferred by the way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to its members or any other person or group of persons provided that nothing herein contain shall prevent in good faith, the payment of remuneration to any person or group of persons in return for any approved services rendered by them to ANUNSA.

III. ACCOUNTABILITY

(a) The financial secretary shall be held responsible for any financial misappropriation arising during his tenure of office and for all expenditures of the association

(b) The executive house shall be accountable to the general house

ARTICLE 15

BANKER

(i) The association shall have a banker

(ii) The banker shall be determined by the executive council

ARTICLE 16

MEETINGS

(i) There shall be a general meeting of the association at least once a month. The First shall be within four weeks of the beginning of each semester

(ii) There shall be executive meeting of the association at least twice a month

(iii) There shall be emergency meetings of the association when the need arises and shall be called on short notice

(iv) Meetings shall be summoned by the secretary-general on the advice of the president

(v) Notice of meetings shall be issued out by the secretary-general given at least five days notice before such meeting is called

(vi) The president shall be compelled to summon a general meeting when such meeting is called for by a quarter of financial members to the nearest whole number

(vii) The president shall be compelled to summon a general meeting when such meeting is called for by at least five members of the executive council

(viii) The president shall preside at all meetings and in his absence after a period of twenty minutes, the vice-president shall preside. The absence of the president and the vice-president for a period of twenty minutes, the rest of the executive council shall elect amongst themselves a person that shall preside at the meeting.

(ix) In case of a possible absence at any general meeting, a letter of leave of absence shall be written to the secretary-general in advance before the general meeting stating reason(s) for absence

(x) Failure to comply with article 16 sub-article IX above which results in the absence at any general meeting for a period exceeding two consecutive times, shall result in such members being penalised or sanctioned in a manner deemed fit by the executive council.

ARTICLE 17

QUORUM

(I) A quorum of the association shall be deemed to have been formed at any general meeting when one third of members are present

(II) A quorum of the executive council meeting shall be deemed to have formed when at least five members of the executive council members are present which must include the president or the vice-president and the secretary-general or the assistant secretary-general

ARTICLE 18

VOTING

(I) Every financial member shall be entitled to vote and be voted for

(II) During any general meeting, issues to be deliberated upon apart from elections shall be by show of hands .

(iii) Members shall have one vote each.

(iv) In the case of a tie, the president shall have the determining vote.

(v) a simple majority is required in voting except where otherwise stated by provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE 19

PUBLICITY AND PRESS RELEASES

(I) The association shall make press releases on matters affecting ANUNSA through the following officers;

(a) The president

(b) The public relations officer

(ii) In the absence of the president, the vice president shall sign and in the absence of the public relations officer the secretary general shall sign.

(iii) Any release not signed by the president and the public relations officer or in their absence the vice-president and the secretary general shall be null and void and of no effect.

ARTICLE 20

RULES OF DEBATE

(I) A member of the house shall stand when speaking shall address the president and the whole house by first introducing himself

(II) In the course of a meeting only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time

(III) A member intending to speak shall raise his hand for recognition

(IV) The President or the presiding officer shall have the power to determine which member shall speak giving preference to members who have not spoken

(V) There shall be no side talks at any meetings

(VI) No hand shall be raised for recognition to speak while a speaker is still at his feet

(VII) Whenever the President or the presiding officer has occasion to rise to assert his authority, any member on his feet or/and speaking shall stop speaking and resume his seat

(VIII) English language shall be the official language of the association. All official business of the association and correspondence shall be in

English language

(IX) The use of foul, abusive, insulting, and derogatory language by any member on another member directly or indirectly shall not be entertained on the floor of the house

(X) Failure to comply with article 20 sub-article IX above shall result in the offender being sanctioned by a manner deemed fit by the executive council

(XI) Motions moved by any member shall be seconded by another member before it shall be deliberated upon

(XII) A counter motion can be raised to any motion. Such counter motion must be proposed and seconded in the appropriate manner

(XIII) After a motion has been raised and a counter motion has also been raised, the motion shall be opened for discussion. If however there is no counter motion, the motion shall be debated upon

(XIV) Debates on motion must be limited to the immediate pending questions. The president or presiding officer reserves the right to rule out of order any speaker failing to adhere to the subject of the discussion

(XV) A point of order when raised must be heard at all times except during the act of voting and shall be with the conduct of the meeting and shall concern matters such as;

(a) Violation of standing orders

(b) Intention to refer to standing orders

(c) Intention to refer to the constitution

(d) Introduction of matters not relevant to issues under consideration

(c) Matters of indecorum

ARTICLE 21

STAFF ADVISER

(I) The association shall have not less than two staff advisers and not more than five

(II) The staff advisers shall be members of staff of the Obafemi Awolowo University

(III) They shall be people who are genuinely interested in the affairs of the association and shall be people of unquestionable character in the affairs of the association

(IV) They shall be willing to support the association especially in areas of advice, finance, morale and materially

(V) Their tenure shall be determined by the incumbent executive council

(VI) They shall be informed of the activities of the association from time to time

ARTICLE 22

PATRONS/PATRONESS

- (I) The association shall not have less than two patrons/patroness nor more than seven
- (II) Patrons/patroness to be appointed shall be those who are genuinely interested in the affairs of the association and shall be people of unquestionable character in the society
- (III) They shall be willing to support the association especially in the areas of advice, morale, finance, and materially
- (IV) Their tenure shall be determined by the incumbent executive council
- (V) They shall be informed of the activities of the association from time to time

ARTICLE 23

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- (I) Certificates of Merits shall be awarded to the following category of people at the end of every session:
 - (a) Outgoing members of the executive
 - (b) Final year students of the association
 - (c) Other members who have distinguished themselves through their support to the association and its objectives
- (II) The executive council shall have the right to charge when necessary any fee required for the presentation for the presentation of certificates
- (III) Awards are to be determined by the generality of the executive council in conjunction with constituted awards committee.

ARTICLE 24

PROPERTY

(I) The executive council shall keep continuous record of all ANUNSA properties in their care, handed over to them or procured during their stay in office

(II) The financial secretary shall obtain and keep copies of all hand over notes with respect to property

(III) The financial secretary shall keep records of all new properties acquired by any member of the association specifying the member responsible for the acquired item.

ARTICLE 25

INTERPRETATION

(I) In this constitution unless otherwise stated or required by all context all masculine pronouns shall include feminine

(II) Officers of the association shall be any student serving the association as a result of an election, appointment or nomination in one capacity or the other

(III) The general house shall comprise of all members of ANUNSA

(IV) The President shall have the power to interpret the rules and provisions of the constitution and rules on matters where the constitution seems silent

(V) Such interpretation stated above in article 25 sub-article IV shall be made without any biased mind and in good faith on behalf of the association

(VI) Such interpretations however shall be subject to the approval of two thirds members present at any general meeting.

ARTICLE 26

DEMISE

(I) Should the demise of member of the association occur, the executive council shall see to it what last honour and respect is deemed fit to the person

ARTICLE 27

OATH

(I) An oath of office shall be administered by the commissioner for oaths to newly elected officers of the association at the swearing ceremony

(II) An oath of membership shall be administered by the commissioner for oaths to the newly inducted members of the association

(III) The commissioner for oaths shall be a staff adviser of the association

(IV) At the absence of the commissioner for oaths during the swearing ceremony of new officer of the association, the chairman, electoral commission shall swear in the officer

(V) At the absence of the commissioner for oath during the induction ceremony of new members, the incumbent president of the association shall swear in the inductees

ARTICLE 28

AMMENDMENTS

(I) Any part or provision of this constitution is subjected to amendment in parts or in whole on a motion moved by any member of the association

(II) Constitution Review Committee (CRC) shall be constituted to amend such constitutional lapses

(III) Amendments to the constitution shall be made and become effective by a resolution passed by two third majorities of members present at any general meeting.

ANUNSA OATH OF MEMBERSHIP

I.....do solemnly declare to abide by all rules and regulations of the association stated in the constitution. I promise to work for the glory, honour and upliftment of ANUNSA and will in no way subject this association to ridicule or disrespect. Failure to this, I stand to be suspended or dismissed from the association.

So help me God. Amen

ANUNSA ANTHEM

With ANUNSA we shall live to love

With ANUNSA we shall strive to serve

With global peace and humanity

And our God is on our very side.

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.....For the presiding officer only (Global Peace)

Members' response (Social Justice and development).....

ANUNSA MISSION STATEMENT

We are guided by the philosophy to serve humanity, bound with the spirit of love, trust and friendliness. Determined to maintain justice and peace, that we are conscious of the need to defend our right. We at ANUNSA are at the will of God, effect of change for a better future for our Youths.

Global peace to all!