



Constitution of the African Youth Election Observer.

Preamble:

We, the youth of Africa, recognizing the importance of democratic governance, electoral integrity, and active civic engagement in advancing peace, justice, and prosperity on the African continent, hereby establish the African Youth Election Observer (AYEO). Committed to upholding democratic principles, promoting transparency and accountability in electoral processes, and empowering young people to become catalysts for positive change, we adopt this Constitution to guide the operations and activities of the AYEO.

Article 1: Name and Nature

1.1 Name: The organisation shall be known as the African Youth Election Observer (AYEO).

1.2 Nature: AYEO is a non-partisan, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting electoral transparency, integrity, and inclusivity through the active participation of African youth in electoral observation missions.

Article 2: Objectives

2.1 Electoral Observation: AYEO aims to contribute to the enhancement of electoral integrity by conducting impartial and professional observation of electoral processes across Africa.

2.2 Youth Empowerment: AYEO seeks to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to actively participate in democratic governance and electoral monitoring activities.

2.3 Advocacy and Engagement: AYEO advocates for electoral reform, good governance, and the protection of democratic rights and freedoms, fostering active civic engagement among African youth.

2.4 Collaboration and Partnership: AYEO endeavours to collaborate with governments, electoral management bodies, civil society organisations, and international stakeholders to promote free, fair, and inclusive elections in Africa.

Article 3: Membership

3.1 Eligibility: Membership in AYEO is open to young people between the ages of 18 and 35 who share the organisation's vision, mission, and values.

3.2 Rights: Members of AYEO have the right to participate in the organisation's activities, attend meetings, and vote on matters concerning the organisation's governance and operations.

3.3 Responsibilities: Members are expected to adhere to the principles of non-partisanship, integrity, and professionalism in their engagement with AYEO and its activities.

3.4 Termination: Membership in AYEO may be terminated if a member engages in conduct contrary to the organisation's objectives or principles.

Article 4: Governance Structure

4.1 Board of Directors: AYEO shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of elected representatives from among its members. The Board shall oversee the organisation's strategic direction, policies, and activities.

4.2 Executive Committee: The Board shall elect from among its members an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers as deemed necessary. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the organisation.

4.3 General Assembly: AYEO shall convene a General Assembly consisting of all its members at least once a year to review the organisation's activities, elect members of the Board, and discuss matters of importance to the organisation.

Article 5: Operations and Activities

5.1 Electoral Observation Missions: AYEO shall organise and conduct electoral observation missions in collaboration with electoral management bodies,

civil society organisations, and other stakeholders to monitor electoral processes across Africa.

5.2 Training and Capacity Building: AYEO shall provide training and capacity-building programs for its members to enhance their knowledge, skills, and competencies in electoral observation, data collection, analysis, and reporting.

5.3 Advocacy and Campaigns: AYEO shall engage in advocacy campaigns and public awareness initiatives to promote electoral reform, good governance, and democratic participation among African youth.

5.4 Research and Publications: AYEO shall undertake research and produce publications on electoral integrity, youth participation, and democratic governance in Africa, disseminating knowledge and best practices to stakeholders.

Article 6: Financial Management

6.1 Funding Sources: AYEO shall seek funding from diverse sources, including grants, donations, sponsorships, and membership dues, to support its operations and activities.

6.2 Financial Accountability: AYEO shall maintain accurate financial records and adhere to transparent and accountable financial management practices, subject to periodic audits and reviews.

6.3 Use of Funds: All funds received by AYEO shall be used solely for the purposes of advancing the organisation's objectives and carrying out its activities in accordance with this Constitution.

Article 7: Amendment and Dissolution

7.1 Amendment: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly, provided that notice of the proposed amendments has been given to all members at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

7.2 Dissolution: AYEO may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly, subject to the distribution of any remaining assets to organisations with similar objectives as determined by the Board of Directors.

Article 8: Adoption

This Constitution shall come into effect upon its adoption by the founding members of AYEO at the inaugural meeting held on 7 October 2021.

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned founding members of the African Youth Election Observer, hereby adopt and subscribe to this Constitution on this 08 October 2020

founder & CEO, Ian Carter Kulani.