



# **ASSOCIATION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOLARS**

## **DRAFT BY-LAWS (ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION)**

### **1.1. Article 1: Name of the Association**

The Association shall be known as Association of Entrepreneurship Scholars of Nigeria; abbreviated AES. 'Entrepreneurship Scholars' means scholars, teachers and researchers in the area of entrepreneurship education and training in Nigeria.

### **1.2. Article 2: Legal Status**

Association of Entrepreneurship Scholars of Nigeria (AES) is a duly registered professional association with the Corporate Affairs Commission

### **1:3: Article 3: Purposes of the Association**

Purposes of the Association are to:

1. promote cluster-based strategies to improve entrepreneurship teaching and learning in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.
2. improve the methodologies for strengthening the quality of entrepreneurship training and learning in Nigeria.
3. raise the professional level of entrepreneurship teachers, trainers and practitioners by promoting entrepreneurship development tools and offering high level advocacy and training to potential entrepreneurship trainers and practitioners.

Any profit-making is excluded.

The scope of action is mainly the territory of Nigeria.

#### **1:4 Article 4: The Registered Address of the Association**

The registered address of the Association is located at 2B kenema Close, Off Sakono Close, Ademola Adetokunbo Crescent, Wuse 11 Abuja, Nigeria. The Abuja registered address shows the scope of the entity's main activity without prejudice of the clear national spirit of the Association.

#### **1:5 Article 5: Membership of the Association**

The following may form part of the Association as members:

**FOUNDING MEMBERS AND FELLOWS:** The four members signing the founding Articles of Association and at least two (2) industry giants shall have the status of fellows and the founding members shall be permanent members of the Board of Trustees. Others who can become fellows are those who have spent at least ten (10) consecutive years as ordinary members and have made significant contributions to the association and to the society.

**ORDINARY MEMBERS:** The Association of Entrepreneurship Scholars' members may be individuals teaching entrepreneurship or entrepreneurship related courses in any tertiary institution in Nigeria.

**SUPPORTING MEMBERS:** Private companies and enterprises, non-profit organizations, government agencies, multilateral organizations, academic institutions and small and medium enterprises aimed at promoting entrepreneurship training and development may participate as corporate or financial supporters of THE ASSOCIATION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOLARS.

**HONORARY MEMBERS:** Appointed by the Board of Trustees in recognition for their contribution to the Association and to entrepreneurship development in Nigeria. All members of the Board of Trustees shall have the status of honorary members during their term of office but without the right to vote.

**Note:** The minimum entry qualification for registration is a PhD in any discipline from a recognized institution, except for the Supporting and Ordinary Members.

## **1:6 Article 6: The Rights of the Members of the Association**

The rights of the members of the Association are to: 1. attend the General Assembly meetings with voice and vote; 2. appoint or be appointed for representative positions or for holding executive positions; 3. exercise the representation bestowed upon them in each specific case; 4. intervene in the governance and management, in the services and activities of the association, in accordance with the legal and statutory regulations; 5. propose to the Assembly and to the Board of Trustees all matters they believe could contribute to a more fulfilling life of the association and to the more efficient out carrying out the basic objectives of the association; 6. request and obtain explanations regarding the administration and management of the Board of Trustees or of the association's executives; 7. be heard prior to the adoption of disciplinary measures; 8. receive information regarding the activities of the association; 9. make use of the common services established by the association or that this has at its disposal; 10. take part in work groups as may be established from time to time; 11. have a copy of the Articles of Association; 12. consult the association's books.

## **1:7 Article 7: Duties of the Members of the Association**

Duties of the Members of the Association are to: 1. commit to the objectives of the association and actively strive to achieve these; 2. contribute to the support of the association by paying prescribed fees, levies and other financial contributions set out in the Articles of Association and approved compliant with said Articles; 3. comply with any other obligations resulting

from the statutory provisions; 4. abide by and comply with the agreements validly adopted by the governing organs of the association.

### **1:8 Article 8: Reasons for Withdrawal of Membership**

1. By a decision of a member, who shall notify in writing his/her decision to exit the association to the Board of Trustees.
2. Non-payment of the stipulated fees.
3. Non-compliance with the statutory obligations.

### **1:9 Article 9 1: The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association. Members of the association are all members by their own unwaivable right. Members of the association, gathered in legally constituted General Assembly, decide by majority of votes the issues that are the responsibility of the Assembly. All members are bound by the agreements reached at the General Assembly, including those absent and those who disagreed or abstained from voting. The General Assembly must hold at least once every year.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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