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Article 1 – Definitions

“**Assembly**” means the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Union;

“**Chairperson**” means the Chairperson of the Sectoral Cluster Committee of the AU ECOSOCC, unless otherwise specified;

“**Cluster Head**” means the Head of the national ECOSOCC Cluster Committee of the national ECOSOCC Chapter

“**Commission**” means the Commission of the Union;

“**Constitutive Act**” means the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

“**CSO**” means Civil Society Organization;

“**ECOSOCC**” means the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the Union;

“**Executive Council**” means the Executive Council of the Union;

“**General Assembly**” means the General Assembly of ECOSOCC;

“**Member**” means a Civil Society Organisation elected to ECOSOCC

“**Member State**” means a Member State of the Union;

“**NEC**” means a national ECOSOCC chapter of the AU ECOSOCC in a member state

“**National President**” means the President of the national chapter of ECOSOCC in the member state; the National President shall be elected members of the current General Assembly of ECOSOCC

“**NEC Adviser**” means a Standing Committee member who provides support to National ECOSOCC Chapter of his origin state;

“**Representative**” means the duly accredited representative of a member of ECOSOCC

“**Standing Committee**” means the Standing Committee of ECOSOCC;

“**Union**” means the African Union established by the Constitutive Act.

Article 2 – Objectives of National ECOSOCC Chapters

National ECOSOCC Chapters shall be an emanation of the AU ECOSOCC family and shall operate in accordance to the Statutes and driving philosophy of ECOSOCC.

Article 3- Composition of National ECOSOCC Chapters

National Chapters shall be composed of different social and professional groups of the Member States of the African Union. These CSOs include but are not limited to the following:

- Social groups such as those representing women, children, the youth, the elderly and people with disability and special needs;
- Professional groups such as associations of artists, engineers, health practitioners, social workers, media, teachers, sport associations, legal professionals, social scientists, academia, business organizations, national chambers of commerce, workers, employers, industry and agriculture as well as other private sector interest groups;
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs) and voluntary organizations;
- Cultural organizations;

Article 4- Representation of national CSOs at the ECOSOCC General Assembly

As stipulated in the statutes of ECOSOCC and electoral procedures of the OLC

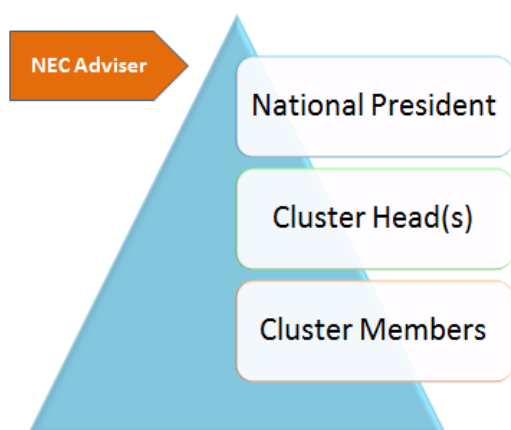
Establishment of National ECOSOCC Chapters (NECs)

Elected members of the General Assembly of each member state shall ensure leadership roles in the establishment and running of the NECs.

In the eventuality there are GA members who are part of the Standing Committee; such members shall provide advisory support (as NEC Advisers) to the National Chapter

One of the elected GA members (not forming part of the Standing Committee) shall act as National President

2.1 Simplistic Organizational Structure of NECs



2.2 Composition of Clusters

Each NEC shall operate 10 Sectoral Clusters. Membership of the clusters shall be in accordance with the ECOSOCC Statutes and shall primarily consist of representatives who have expert knowledge and/or special interest in the cluster related fields. As far as possible, membership should encompass competencies in all or a majority of specified key areas for each cluster.

SN	Cluster Committee	Code	Key Cluster Fields/Areas
1	Peace and Security	PS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Management • Peace Building • Prevention and Combating Terrorism • Drug & arms trafficking • Security reforms
2	Political Affairs	PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights & Rule of Law • Democratic and Constitutional Rule • Good Governance • Electoral Institutions • Humanitarian Affairs
3	Infrastructure and Energy	IE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy • Transport • Communications • Infrastructure • Tourism
4	Social Affairs and Health	SAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Children & Youth • Drug Control • Population & Migration • Labour and Employment • Family & Elderly • The Physically Challenged • Sports & Culture • Social Integration
5	Human Resources, Science and Technology	HRST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education & ICT • Human Resources • Science and Technology
6	Trade and Industry	TI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade • Industry • Handicrafts • Customs and • Immigration Matters
7	Rural Economy and Agriculture	REA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Economy • Agriculture and Food Security • Environment; • Water and Natural Resources • Desertification
8	Economic Affairs	EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Integration • Monetary and Financial Affairs • Private Sector Development
9	Women and Gender	WG	Women; Gender and Development
10	Cross-Cutting Programmes	CCP	HIV/AIDS, International Cooperation etc

2.3 Roles of Officials

(a) National President – NP

The National President shall:

- Provide leadership and guidance to the NEC,
- Oversee the appointment of Cluster Heads for each of the 10 sectoral clusters (in consultation with NEC adviser if any),
- Formally introduce each national Cluster Head to the Chairperson of the related Cluster Committee of the AU ECOSOCC
- Facilitate interaction between Cluster Chairpersons and Cluster Heads of each national chapter

(b) Cluster Heads –CH

Cluster Heads shall:

- Collaborate and provide inputs/advisory opinions to related Cluster Chairpersons
- Keep cluster members abreast about ECOSOCC stance of cluster-related issues
- Liaise with competent local authorities (e.g. Ministries) and provide inputs to national policy formulation

3.0 National Secretariat

(a) Seat?

(b) Funding?