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STATUTE OF THE AFRICAN TRAINING CENTRE FOR
STATISTICS (PANSTAT)
PREAMBLE:

We, Member States of the African Union,

Guided by the objectives and principles enshrined in the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

Recalling Decision Assembly/AUDec.210 (XII) adopted by the Assembly of the Union in January 2009, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the African Charter on Statistics as a regulatory framework for statistics development in the Continent;

Recalling Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.424 (XIX) adopted by the Assembly of the Union in July 2012, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the establishment of the African Training Centre for Statistics that will be based in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire and express gratitude to Côte d’Ivoire for its commitment to cover operating costs at the stage of its inception;

Noting the review process of the Strategy of the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA) that responds to the continental development of statistics and implementation of the Agenda 2063;

Further Recalling Decision EX.CL/Dec.987(XXXII) in which the Executive Council, at its 32nd Ordinary Session held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25 to 26 January 2018, endorsed the STC on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration recommendations on the implementation of the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA 2), its plan of action, its financing plan and resources mobilization strategy;

CONVINCED of the importance of the establishment of the African Statistical Training Centre for Statistics and the role would play in building and strengthening capacities of the National Statistical Systems, broadly of the African National Statistical Systems by delivering trainings;

Determined to establish the African Training Centre for Statistics;

Have agreed as follows:
Article 1
Definitions

For the purpose of this Statute:

«African Union» or «Union» or «AU» means the African Union established by the Constitutive Act adopted on 11 July 2000 and which entered into force on 26 May 2001;

«Assembly» means the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union;

«Board» means the Board of the African Training Centre for statistics;

«Chairperson» means the Chairperson of the Board of the Pan-African Training Centre for statistics;

«CoDGs» means Committee of Director-Generals of NSO/NSI;

«Commission» or «AUC» means the Commission of the African Union;

«Constitutive Act» means the Constitutive Act of the African Union;

«Development Partners» means the institutions and organizations that promote statistics and share the strategic objectives of the African Training Centre for statistics;

«Executive Council» means the Executive Council of Ministers of the Union;

«Host Country» or «Government» means the Government of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire;

«Member States» means Member States of the Union;

«NSO/NSI» means National Statistics Office/National Statistics Institute;

«Policy Organs» means the Assembly and Executive Council of the African Union;

«RECs» means the Regional Economic Communities;

«Secretariat» means the Secretariat of the Pan-African Training Centre for statistics;

«PANSTAT» or the Centre means the African Training Centre for Statistics;

«STATAFRIC» means the African Union Institute for Statistics;

«STATCOM-Africa» means Statistical Commission for Africa;
«Statute» means the present Statute establishing PANSTAT;

«STC» means the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration.

«Scientific and Technical Committee» means a body that provides technical advice to PANSTAT;

Article 2
Establishment and Legal Status of PANSTAT

1. PANSTAT is hereby established as a Specialized Technical Office of the Union.

2. PANSTAT shall possess in the territory of host country legal capacity necessary for the fulfilment of its objectives and exercise of its functions, including the capacity:

   a) To enter into contracts;
   b) To acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property; and
   c) To enter and to respond to legal proceedings

Article 3
Mandate and Objectives of PANSTAT

1. Mandate

   The mandate of PANSTAT is to strengthen and build statistical capacity of the African Statistical System.

2. Objectives

   The Centre shall have the following objectives:

   1) Address the lack of a critical mass of statisticians in Africa by filling the existing gap in the specialized training of African statisticians particularly in specific specialized areas of statistics in line with SHaSA 2 Working Group and Agenda 2063/Agenda 2030 SDG and beyond;
   2) Provide specialized education and training in statistics (in a professional and technical sense), especially challenges inherent in the production and use of economic statistics - particularly those related to national accounts
   3) Bridge the gap between Anglophone, Francophone statisticians and any other AU official language to speak the same (technical) language by harmonizing statistical training systems; and
   4) provide courses in French and English in the areas of organization and management of modern statistical organizations and communication and marketing of statistical products
**Article 4**  
**Principles**

The Centre shall function in accordance with the following principles:

1) Non-interference in the internal affairs of any Member States, respect for the sovereignty and National Laws of AU Member States;

2) Respect of democratic principles, human rights, the rule of law and good governance in accordance with the Constitutive Act, the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and other relevant instruments;

3) Respect for ethics of law enforcement agencies of AU Member States, the principle of neutrality, integrity and the presumption of innocence;

4) Respect and recognition of African Union’ ownership of the Institute;

5) Respect of the African Charter on Statistics Principles and UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics to ensure the independence of statistics at national, regional and continental level

**Article 5**  
**Core Functions of PANSTAT**

PANSTAT is the research and training arm of the African Statistical System (AfSS) and one of the major Statistical Centre in AfSS. The following shall be functions of PANSTAT:

1. Identify gap and build curricula based on emerging issues and demand in order to fill in the knowledge gaps and capacitate National Statistical Systems;

2. Strengthen, through practically oriented training of official statisticians, the capability of AU Member States;

3. Provide intensive training in official statistics, economic theories, data processing and other emerging related disciplines for the improvement of official statistics;

4. Supervise the certification of diplomas in statistical schools and universities and undertake regular evaluations of training centres and schools in order to adapt training programs to the needs and requirements of the labour market.

5. Recognise and validate diplomas by the Centre which should be recognized by Member States and give rise to advances and/or subsidies at the country level.

6. Facilitate the mobility of students and teachers and remove language barriers between statisticians on the continent.
Article 6
Governance of PANSTAT

The structure of PANSTAT shall consist of:

1. The Board of Directors (Board);
2. Scientific and Technical Committee; and
3. Secretariat.

Article 7
The Function of the Board

1. The Board shall be the deliberative organ of PANSTAT;

2. The Board shall direct the overall policies of PANSTAT and shall be responsible to the STC;

3. The functions of the Board shall be to:
   a. Provide strategic guidance for the Secretariat, in accordance with AU policies and procedures, including implementation of policies, guidelines and strategic priorities of PANSTAT upon their adoption by the AU Policy Organs;
   b. Examine and consider PANSTAT Action Plan, budgets, activity and reports, and recommend the same for approval;
   c. Examine decision and/or proposals submitted by the Secretariat, and submit its recommendations to the STC;
   d. Propose amendments to the Statute based on recommendations by the Secretariat;
   e. Develop its internal guidelines and rules of procedures in line with the relevant AU legal instruments;
   f. Assist the Secretariat in resource mobilization;
   g. Establish strategic partnership with similar global institutions in accordance with AU rules and regulations;
   h. Report to the Executive Council of the African Union through the Commission.
   i. Elect its bureau in accordance with AU Rules;
   j. Decide on the venue of its meetings,
k. Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the AU Policy Organs for the purpose of ensuring the implementation of the Statute and other relevant instruments or policies.

**Article 8**

**Board Composition and Tenure of Office**

1. The Board shall be composed as follow:
   a) Ten (10) Directors General of NSOs/NSIs representing the five Regions of the AU, two (2) per region, with full voting powers;
   b) One (1) representative of the AUC Chairperson (non-voting ex-officio);
   c) One (1) representative of the AUC Legal Counsel;
   d) Four (4) Representatives from RECs on rotational basis for two (2) years (non-voting ex-officio);
   e) The Executive Director of STATAFRIC (non-voting ex-officio);
   f) One (1) representative from the Regional Organizations (African Development Bank, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, ACBF, AFRISTAT) as observers (non-voting ex-officio);
   g) The Executive Director of PANASTAT (non-voting ex-officio).

2. The Legal Counsel of the AU Commission or her/his representative shall attend the Board meetings to provide legal advice as may be required.

3. The Executive Director of PANSTAT shall serve as the Secretary of the Board.

4. The Board may invite such expertise as may be necessary to participate to its sessions.

5. The Bureau shall be composed as follows:
   a) One (1) Chairperson
   b) Three (3) Vice Chairpersons; and
   c) One (1) Rapporteur;

**Article 9**

**Election and Term of Board**

1. The ten members of the Board representing AU Member States shall be selected by their Regions.

2. The term of office of the ten (10) members of the Board representing AU Member States shall be two (2) years on rotational basis within the Region and non-renewable
and guided by the principle of succession based on equitable regional and gender equality.

3. The Board shall elect, by a simple majority, for a two (2) years non-renewable term, a Chairperson of the Board from among the regional representatives of Member States, taking into account the Union’s principle of regional rotation and gender equality.

4. The Board shall elect, by a simple majority, for a two (2) years non-renewable term, three (3) Vice Chairperson and the rapporteur of the Board also from among the regional representatives of Member States, taking into account the Union’s principle of regional rotation and gender equality.

**Article 10**

*Meetings Quorum and Decision Making Procedures of the Board*

1. The Board shall meet in ordinary session once every year;

2. The Board may be convened in extraordinary session, in conformity with its rules of procedures, subject to availability of funds at the request of:
   a) One half of its members; or
   b) The policy organs of the Union.

3. The quorum for the Board meetings shall be two thirds of the total membership of the board.

**Article 11**

*The Scientific and Technical Committee*

1. The Scientific and Technical Committee of PANSTAT shall be composed as follows:

   a) The five (5) Members of the Bureau of the CoDGs;
   b) The Director of Strategic Planning of AUC;
   c) One (1) Representative from each REC;
   d) One (1) representative from Regional Organizations (African Development Bank, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, AFRISTAT, ACBF);
   e) Five (5) Representatives from Scientific and Research Institutions and Training Centres, Strategic Partners, International Organizations, Private Sector, Civil Society Organization recognized by the AUC;
   f) The Executive Director of STATAFRIC; and
   g) The Executive Director of PANSTAT.

2. The functions, frequency of meetings and the proceedings of the Scientific and Technical Committee shall be provided in its Rules of Procedure.
3. The Scientific and Technical Committee may invite any State, international, regional or sub-regional organization or institution which is not a member, to attend its meetings as Observer.

**Article 12**

**Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat, led by the Executive Director of PANSTAT, shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of the decisions of the Policy Organs of the Union, the STC and the board of PANSTAT;

2. The Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of PANSTAT who shall be assisted by the necessary and proper staff.

3. The staff members of the Secretariat shall be recruited and shall hold positions in accordance with the African Union Staff Rules and Regulations.

4. The structure of the Secretariat shall be determined in accordance with the rules and procedures in force in the African Union.

5. The Secretariat shall:

   a) Provide the efficient administrative and secretarial services to PANSTAT;
   b) Convene and servicing the meeting of the Board, the Scientific and Technical Committee or other meetings of PANSTAT;
   c) Implement the decisions of the Board and the Scientific and Technical Committee;
   d) Draw up the annual draft program of work for the consideration and approval of the Board and subsequently by the STC and AU Policy Organs;
   e) Draft, circulate and file Minutes of meetings and all other records of PANSTAT;
   f) Prepare and submit annual activity and financial reports to the Board;
   g) Carry out any other functions assigned to it by the Board, the Scientific and Technical Committee or the relevant organs of the African Union.

**Article 13**

**Submission of Reports**

The Secretariat shall submit yearly report to the Board on:

   a) its activities;
   b) the financial management of the Centre;
   c) implementation of decisions of the Board.
**Article 14**  
**Working Languages**

The working languages of the Centre shall be the AU official working languages.

**Article 15**  
**Financial Arrangement of PANSTAT**

1. The budget of PANSTAT shall be born from the African Union and shall be within the AU Budget.

2. For purposes of attaining its objectives, PANSTAT shall have its own operational and programme budget;

3. In addition to the regular AU budget, other sources of funding PANSTAT may include:
   a) Voluntary contributions from Member States and partners;
   b) Contribution from Development Partners of the Union and the Commission;
   c) Contribution from Private Sector;
   d) National and regional financial institutions and other financing mechanisms;
   e) Contribution from foreign governments, non-governmental organisations and other entities willing to support the Centre;
   f) Any other sources of funding in accordance with AU Rules.

4. The budget calendar of PANSTAT shall be that of the Union.

5. The Centre shall prepare and submit its budget to the relevant Policy Organs of the AU for approval.

**Article 16**  
**Flag, Anthem and Logo**

1. PANSTAT flag and anthem shall be that of the Union;

2. PANSTAT may adopt the AU logo or its own logo.

**Article 17**  
**Role of the Chairperson Office of the AUC, the relationship of PANSTAT with Member States, Development Partners and Other Stakeholders**

1. The AUC Chairperson office, as the policy office on the subject matters of cross cutting sectors, shall ensure synergy between PANSTAT and the Commission;

2. In carrying out its functions, the Union shall dedicate necessary resources to building partnerships aimed at improving the effectiveness of its operations;
3. The Centre shall cooperate with Member States, RECs, organs and institutions of the AU on any subject matter related to its objectives and functions;

4. In the fulfillment of its mandate, the Centre shall cooperate and work closely with the strategic partners, continental development institutions, stakeholders and any other relevant organization;

5. PANSTAT may establish relations and collaborate with similar intergovernmental and international organizations that will enhance its capacity to deliver on its mandate.

**Article 18**

*Terms and Conditions of Service of Staff Members*

The terms and conditions of service of the staff members of PANSTAT shall be governed by the African Union Staff Rules and Regulations.

**Article 19**

*Headquarters of PANSTAT*

1. The Headquarters of PANSTAT shall be in Yamoussoukro, the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire in accordance with the decision of the Assembly.

2. The Secretariat of PANSTAT shall be located at the above seat of the Training Centre.

**Article 20**

*Privileges and Immunities*

1. The PANSTAT and its staff shall enjoy the privileges and immunities stipulated in the OAU General Convention on Privileges and Immunities and the Vienna Convention on the Diplomatic Relations.

2. The Host Agreement concluded between the AUC and the host Country of the Centre shall govern the relations between the PANSTAT and the host country.

**Article 21**

*Transitional Arrangements*

Following the adoption of the present Statute by the Assembly of the Union, the Chairperson of the Commission shall:

a) take the necessary measures to establish an Interim Secretariat; and
b) appoint the required staff in order to facilitate the speedy establishment of PANSTAT in accordance with the present Statute and subject to the endorsement by the relevant Policy Organs of the AU upon the signature of the Host Agreement.

Article 22
Amendments

1. The present Statute may be amended upon the recommendation of the Executive Council, the STC, the Board or the AUC.

2. The amendments shall enter into force upon adoption by the Assembly of the Union.

Article 23
Entry into Force

The present Statute shall enter into force upon its adoption by the Assembly of the Union.