

South African Forestry Assurance Scheme

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Statutes of the SAFAS Council

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SAFAS Statutes

Article 1: Name, Duration and Seat

1. Under the name "South African Forestry Assurance Scheme (SAFAS)" exists as a non-profit association registered in terms of Section 21 of the Companies Act (2013)
2. The association has an unlimited duration.
3. The seat of the association is in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Article 2: Objectives

1. The SAFAS Council has the following objectives:
 - i. To promote Sustainable Forest Management in South Africa through the implementation of SAFAS ;
 - ii. To act as the National Governing Body of SAFAS;
 - iii. To co-ordinate and to further develop the implementation of SAFAS.
 - iv. To act as the Standardising Body until such time as a separate Standardising body is established under SAFAS.
 - v. To act as the SAFAS representative for any global or regional certification schemes to which SAFAS applies to for endorsement.

Article 3: Membership

1. As a Section 21 Company the SAFAS Council must have 7 members and at least 2 directors.
2. National organisations or individuals associated with forest management in South Africa may become members of SAFAS. Members agree to adhere to Articles of Association and legal decisions made by the governing bodies.
3. Written application is required for membership. The admission of new members is decided by the SAFAS Council with a majority of 2/3 in conformance with Article 4.
4. Membership will entail a membership fee which will be determined by the SAFAS Council.
5. Termination of membership must be in writing, and has immediate effect. Resigning members are not entitled to a share of the association's funds.

Article 4: The SAFAS Council

1. The Council is the highest authority of SAFAS. The Council shall perform the responsibilities assigned to it in the SAFAS Council Statutes and the duties as required by the Objective in Article 2.
2. The Council will be responsible for the election of national delegates and observers to represent SAFAS at the General Assembly of international or regional certification systems.

3. The Council can appoint working groups to perform specific duties and delegate the necessary authority to such working groups.
4. English is the working language of the SAFAS Council.

Article 5: Finance and Accounting

1. The Council shall collect membership fees or raise funding in another way to cover the membership fee of SAFAS and other necessary expenses.
2. Each organisation represented in the Council will cover the costs of their work relating to SAFAS.
3. The Chairman of the Council is responsible for the accounting and management of the association's funds.

Article 6: Changes to the Statues

1. These Statutes may be revised by a 2/3 majority of the Council's votes.
2. The dissolution of the association requires a 2/3 majority in the Council.
3. The proposal for dissolution must be put forward with one year's notice.