Association
of the
International School of Ouagadougou

CONSTITUTION

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MISSION

ISO strives to cultivate a student's intellect and character, in an English-speaking environment, by offering strong academic programs while promoting cultural understanding and community involvement.

Article I – Name, location and status of the Association

The Association of the International School of Ouagadougou, hereinafter called "the Association", shall be established in the city of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso. The Association shall be incorporated as a non-profit entity under Burkina Faso law, pursuant to which it shall seek and maintain the appropriate legal recognition, status and privileges from the authorities of Burkina Faso.

Article II - Purpose of the Association

1. The purpose of the Association shall be to operate a private, non-profit educational institution without political or religious affiliation or aims. The said institution shall be known as the International School of Ouagadougou, hereinafter referred to as "ISO" or "the school".
2. Through ISO the Association shall provide an internationally accredited pre-school, elementary and upper school education program similar to that of a US public school, while drawing on best practice from around the world; the main language of instruction shall be English, and the program shall be directed by a qualified professional.
3. The ISO education program shall be so designed as to foster an understanding of the people and culture of Burkina Faso and to promote multicultural and international understanding among the pupils of the school and between the school and host communities.
4. Admission to ISO shall be open to students who are equipped to benefit from the school's academic program and who are children of:
    a. in the first instance:
        i. expatriate holders of diplomatic passports or laissez-passers
        ii. ISO faculty and senior administrative staff (Director Principals, Business Manager, Head of Education Technology, and Counselor), and
    b. as the capacity of the school allows:
        i. expatriate staff of international agencies and companies,
        ii. other foreign passport holders,
        iii. any other individuals seeking an English language education for their children.

Article III - Membership and governance

1. The Association's membership shall consist of:
    a. Parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in the school.
    b. ISO faculty members and senior administrative staff (Director Principals, Business Manager, Head of Education Technology, and Counselor).
    c. One designated representative of the US Embassy, Ouagadougou.
2. Membership shall cease when a member:

    a. No longer has a child enrolled in the school.
    b. Ceases to be employed by the school.
3. The Association shall adopt By-Laws to facilitate its operation and governance.
4. The Association shall hold at least two general meetings in each school year. A simple majority of members present and voting shall decide matters brought before them, except as so provided in Articles V and VI of this Constitution and the Association's By-Laws.
5. The Association shall be governed by a Board of Trustees made up of voting and non-voting members. The Board's voting members shall be members of the Association as defined in Article III.1(a) and (c) of this Constitution.

Article IV - Finances and property

In order to fulfil its purpose as defined in Article II of this Constitution, the Association shall as necessary:

1. Collect funds and control their expenditure and investment;
2. Acquire and maintain movable and immovable property.

Article V - Amendment of the Constitution

1. The Constitution may be amended at a general meeting of the Association or at a meeting specially called for this purpose.
2. The Constitution or any of its articles may be amended provided that Articles I and VI shall not be so amended as to impair or alter the non-profit character of the Association.
3. The text of a proposed amendment shall be transmitted to the Board of Trustees at least 20 days before the meeting at which it is to be considered.
4. The Board shall forward the said text to each member of the Association at least 15 days before the meeting at which it is to be considered.
5. The assent by a two-thirds majority vote of the Association members who are present at such a meeting shall be required to effect an amendment to the Constitution.

Article VI - Duration and dissolution

1. The Association shall exist as long as its members perceive a need for the existence of an internationally accredited English language school in Burkina Faso.
2. The Association may be dissolved only with the assent of two-thirds of its total members present and voting at a general meeting of the Association or at a meeting specially called for this purpose.
3. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Trustees shall take the necessary steps to honour outstanding financial obligations, provided that the private property of members of the Association shall not be subject to attachment for honouring such financial obligations. Any assets remaining after all outstanding financial obligations have been honoured shall be donated to other educational institutions at the discretion of the Board.