

Umnga Farmers Training Group NPC Constitution

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1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be "Umnga Farmers Training Group NPC" (hereinafter referred to as "the Group").

2. Legal Status

The Group is a non-profit company (NPC) registered under the laws of the Republic of South Africa, dedicated to providing accredited agricultural training in rural communities in South Africa and throughout Africa. The training is offered as short-courses, National certificate and Diploma.

3. Objectives

The objectives of the Group are:

- To provide bursaries to learners who cannot afford to pay for themselves from the donation the Group will be receiving.
- To enhance the online learning platform to enable a smooth and enjoyable learning experience for learners with the use of pictures and videos.
- To provide comprehensive agricultural training to rural communities.
- To promote sustainable farming practices and improve agricultural productivity.
- To enhance the livelihoods of rural farmers through education and capacity building.

4. Membership

4.1 Eligibility

The current membership of the Group are the Directors that forms the Board of the Group.

4.2 Categories of Membership

- Individual Members

4.3 Admission

Membership applications shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

4.4 Termination

Membership may be terminated by resignation or expulsion by the Board for conduct detrimental to the Group.

5. Governance

5.1 Board of Directors

- The Board shall consist of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 members.
- Directors shall serve a term of two years and may be re-elected.
- The Board shall meet at least once a month.

5.2 Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers as deemed necessary.
- The Executive Committee shall oversee the day-to-day operations of the Group.

5.3 Advisory Council

- The Board may appoint an Advisory Council to provide expert advice and guidance.

6. Meetings

6.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The AGM shall be held within six months after the end of the financial year.
- Notice of the AGM shall be given to all members at least 30 days in advance.

6.2 Special General Meetings

- Special General Meetings may be called by the Board or upon request by at least 10% of the members.
- Notice of Special General Meetings shall be given at least 14 days in advance.

6.3 Quorum

- A quorum for the AGM and Special General Meetings shall be 50% + 1 of the voting members.

7. Finances

7.1 Financial Year

The financial year of the Group shall be from 1 January to 31 December.

7.2 Funds

The funds of the Group shall be derived from donations, grants, and other sources approved by the Board.

7.3 Bank Account

The Group shall maintain a bank account in its name, and all transactions shall be authorised by at least two signatories.

7.4 Financial Statements

The Treasurer shall prepare annual financial statements, which shall be audited and presented at the AGM.

7.5 Financial Policies

The Board shall adopt financial policies and procedures to ensure proper financial management.

8. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at the AGM or a Special General Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendments has been given at least 30 days in advance.

9. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Group, any remaining assets shall be that of the organisation as determined by the Board.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Non-Discrimination

The Group shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, or any other characteristic.

10.2 Conflict of Interest

Board members and staff shall disclose any conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from decisions where a conflict exists.

10.3 Indemnity

Board members and staff shall be indemnified against any liability incurred in the course of their duties, except in cases of gross negligence or misconduct.

Adoption of Constitution

This Constitution was adopted by the members of Umnga Farmers Training Group NPC on this **_24_** day of **_JUNE_, 2024**.

This comprehensive constitution provides a clear framework for the governance, membership, operations, and financial management of Umnga Farmers Training Group NPC, ensuring its mission to support agricultural training is effectively realised.

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