



Statute
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The Constitutional Annual Council of SDGI Adopted the Statute as follows:

I General Provisions

Article 1 Name of the Organization

The official name of the Organization is 'Sustainable Development Group International'. The abbreviation used shall be SDGI.

Article 2 The Organization

SDGI is a Non- Profit, International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) mainly based on the *pro bono* contributions of its members. Contributions can be of material and/ or intellectual nature.

Article 3 Core Values

In line with the aim and purpose of the Millennium Declaration of the United Nations, and in response to ever changing global needs, SDGI seeks to promote, enhance and foster global sustainable development in respect of human rights as stipulated in the 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Article 4 Mission

To comply with the Core Values as stated in Article 3, SDGI will foremost, but not exclusively, act in consulting capacity and broker for innovative sustainable problem solving regardless of geographical region.

Article 5 Methodology

SDGI addresses; International Organizations, Intergovernmental Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations; Multinational- National and Local Corporations as well as other players from the private sector; National, Local, and Regional Governments, Interest Groups and Grass Root Organizations.

SDGI will seek opportunities and favourable strategic partnerships with the purpose of fostering sustainable development in respect of human rights.

The areas which fall within SDGI's competency are relative to the expertise of its members.

II Membership

Article 6 Membership and Voting Rights

SDGI shall remain open for new members (physical persons only) regardless of ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religious belonging as long as the member fully endorses the core values as stipulated in Article 3.

- All members have equal rights and obligations.
- Membership is granted through procedure defined by the Annual Council.

Article 7 Termination of Membership

Membership with SDGI may be terminated at any time by resignation in writing.*

The Board of Directors may impose sanctions (which may consist of a warning, temporary suspension or permanent exclusion) on any Member, if in its opinion that Member does not act in accordance with the values of SDGI, or the rules of the present Statute, and constitutes a threat to the reputation, integrity or operation of SDGI.

Temporary suspension or permanent exclusion shall not be executed or imposed until the concerned is informed in writing of the grounds of the sanctions. Termination of membership shall be informed to all other Members. The grounds for such decisions shall not be disclosed to any party other than the Board of Directors and the concerned.

In case of termination of membership the concerned shall be provided with an opportunity to make a statement before the Board of Directors within six months before termination of membership is imposed. A Member has the right to appeal before the Board of Directors within 31 days of the final decision. No judicial appeal is possible.

* When the written form is required fax and e-mail are also applicable written forms.

III Structure

Article 8 Governing Bodies

The bodies of the organization are: the Annual Council and the Board of Directors.

SDGI will hold Annual Council as the highest decision making body of the Organization. The Council will appoint a Board of Directors which will act as the executive body between Council meetings.

Article 9 Annual Council

Annual Council shall convene before the month of July at a date decided by the Board of Directors.

Council shall convene if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and/or responsible accountant(s), or when at least one tenth of all members so requests. Request for Council including pertinent subject matter must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.

Council announcement shall include a description of subject matter(s), and be transmitted in writing to all members with voting rights three weeks previous to Annual Council and two weeks previous to other convened council.

Members may raise particular subjects in Council only if the matter has been added to the agenda by means of written request to the Board of Directors ten days previous to given date.

If attendance is not possible during Council then voting rights may be delegated in writing to a present member.

Annual Council may convene in any part of the world or virtually.

9.1 Competence of the Annual Council

Following issues fall under the competence of the Annual Council:

- Opening of Annual Council
- Election of Annual Council Chairman
- Verification of Electoral Register (listed members with voting rights at the Annual Council)
- Verification of adequate Council announcement
- Approval of agenda
- Election of Council Secretary and responsible person for verification of minutes
- Accountability review
- Financial strategy and annual budget review (if applicable)
- Decision regarding liability discharge for Members of the Board of Directors
- Decision on possible remuneration for Members of Board of Directors
- Appointment of Members of the Board of Directors and accountant(s)

- Appointment of Election Nominating Committee
- Project evaluation against agreed strategies and missions
- Proposals for annual activities and strategies by the Board of Directors
- Future development of SDGI
- Matters raised by Members
- Annual Council adjourned

Article 10 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of at least three and not more than seven members. Members of the Board are elected during Annual Council and hold office until following Annual Council is convened.

- The Board of Directors may convene in any part of the world or virtually.
- The Board of Directors will appoint a Board President from one of the Members of the Board.
- The Board of Directors may establish an Advisory Committee if deemed necessary.

Article 11 General Voting Procedures

Decisions subjected to votes will be decided by majority rule. Where voting is even, the Chairman, or when applicable the Board President, will have the casting vote.

Article 12 Representative Capacity

The Board of Directors, the Board President as well as any other person(s) defined by the Board of Directors, are authorized to port representative capacity on behalf of SDGI.

IV Miscellaneous

Article 13 Working Language

The official working languages of the organization are English, Spanish, and French.

Article 14 Transparency

All reports and decisions of the organization shall be available to the public.

Article 15 Additional procedures

Additional rules of procedure may be adopted by the bodies of the Organization, always in accordance with this statute.

Article 16 Accountants

One or several accountants will be appointed by the Annual Council if deemed necessary.

Article 17 Financial Year

If applicable, accounting will be done on a calendar year basis.

Article 18 Changes and Amendments to this Statute

Changes and amendments to this Statute will be decided in Council with three fourths majority (qualified majority), or in two consecutive meetings if such majority is not obtained. Consecutive meetings can not be held within a calendar month.

Article 19 Termination of SDGI

Termination of SDGI in its current structural form will be decided in Council with three fourths majority (qualified majority), or in two consecutive meetings if such majority is not obtained. Consecutive meetings can not be held within a calendar month.

Distribution and use of possible assets will be decided in Council. Common assets can not be used for personal gain of the members.

Article 20 Intellectual property

Logo, Graphic Profile, Webpage and its respective domain are not considered common assets and can only belong to the registered owner. No claims can be made by former members of SDGI.

Article 21 Entry into Force

The present statute will enter into force upon adoption

Annex I
Founding members of SDGI

The Statute of SDGI was approved and adopted in Council by the following persons, hereon also referred to as the 'Founding Members of Sustainable Development Group International'.

- **Ana De Miguel**
 - Spain
- **Anguel Tcholakov**
 - Bulgaria
- **Carolina Chica**
 - Colombia
- **Daniel Rackowski**
 - Germany
- **Fallckolm Cuenca**
 - Bulgaria/ Sweden
- **Fredy Guayacan**
 - Colombia
- **Gloria Manzotti**
 - Argentina
- **Isabella Armbrust**
 - Germany
- **Leire Ottamendi**
 - Spain
- **Sidonie Porterie**
 - Argentina
- **Tara Lisa Persaud**
 - Trinidad Tobago
- **Tenia Kiriazi**
 - Greece
- **Valerie Nussenblatt**
 - USA
- **Vanessa Ortiz**
 - Spain