

The CONSTITUTION OF ANCEFA



Endorsed by the ANCEFA Board on March 19, 2011 for Ratification by member National Coalitions

PREAMBLE

We, National Education Coalitions and members of Africa Network Campaign on Education For All [ANCEFA] from 32 countries of Africa, and including in our ranks Non-Governmental Organisations, Teachers' Unions, professionals in Education, media, human rights and policy advocacy, and other Education For All (EFA) Champions;

Recognizing the positive steps taken by a number of our governments to actualize the right to Education for African Citizens through such programmes as Free Primary Education;

Aware that the multitude of challenges impeding the realization of quality Education For All (at all levels) in Africa requires a strong collective voice and multifaceted action by various actors to overcome;

Recalling that the conclusions of the World Education Conference in Dakar and the agreement on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in New York have given impetus to the push for increased school enrolment as a global cause;

Considering that the mobilization of the international community around Education for All has prioritized Africa on the one hand, and that the will to fast-track EFA implementation has led to the Fast Track Initiative on the other hand;

Noting that EFA Goals constitute a global development package for Education Sector, and which need to be universally embedded in national strategies in fight against poverty and HIV/AIDS;

Convinced that realization of the EFA Goals and MDGs can only be achieved with effective and adequate resourcing at international, regional, sub regional and national levels;

Desirous to evolve a common will to work together based on a shared vision and experiences in ensuring the promotion, integral defence and monitoring of Education For All (EFA) goals in Africa;

Committed to the implementation of diverse strategic programmes and actions that; improve information and knowledge access; support effective community commitment for turning knowledge into influence tools focused on change; and support capacity strengthening of national coalitions on Education policy analysis and budgets;

Further Committed to structured and synergistic collaborations with African State Organizations such as the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the East African Community (EAC), Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC), among others, on one hand, and local, national, regional and international Networks and partners in Education, on the other, to accelerate EFA implementation in Africa;

Do Hereby Enact and Adopt this CONSTITUTION as the supreme body of laws and principles guiding the organization and functioning of ANCEFA in the present and future.

Dated April 08, 2009

Article 1: Definition and Interpretation of Terms

In this constitution where the context so admits:

- 1.1 The expressions hereinafter defined shall have the meaning assigned to them respectively and, in addition:
 - 1.1.1 “*Constitution*” shall herein refer to the Constitution of ANCEFA;
 - 1.1.2 “*Programme Document*” shall mean any instrument in writing signed by the parties thereto and dated or in the case of a party or parties thereto which shall be a body or bodies corporate then executed in accordance with the Articles of Association or other statute of such corporate body or bodies;
 - 1.1.3 “*Network Resources or ANCEFA Resources*” shall include such moneys, layout of infrastructure and personnel, investments or other property as may be added thereto by other persons, person or accumulations of income lawfully made and the moneys, investments or other property for the time being representing the same;
 - 1.1.4 “*Secretariat Staff*” shall include the chief executive, programme, finance and administrative staff including such other offices as may be established by the Board from time to time on need basis.
 - 1.1.5 ‘*Gross violation*’ shall include consciously involving oneself in fraud, putting the name and integrity of ANCEFA in disrepute, engaging in any activities and affairs that are detrimental to the existence of ANCEFA, and fuelling mistrust and discord among ANCEFA members.
 - 1.1.6 ‘*National Coalition or Network*’ shall be a member who satisfies sustainably the membership criteria and standards of governance as spelt out in the ANCEFA Charter of Principles.
 - 1.1.7 The singular shall include the plural and the masculine include the feminine and vice versa;
- 1.2. Any reference to an Act, Ordinance or Article or Decree or By-law shall be taken to include any rules made thereunder and any statutory modification or re-enactment of such Act or Ordinance or Decree or re-numbering of the appropriate Article.

ARTICLE 2: Name of the Network

- 2.1 Name: The name of the Network shall be Africa Network Campaign on Education for All also called ANCEFA.

- 2.2 Registered Office: The registered office of the Network shall be based in the City of Dakar, Senegal. Contact details shall include B. P. 3007 Dakar Yoff, Dakar, Senegal. Relocation of the Registered Office shall be done through a majority resolution of the General Assembly.
- 2.2.1 ANCEFA shall strive to establish and support operations of programme offices of the Secretariat in such countries as are permissible by the respective existing legal regimes.
- 2.3 Identity and Legal Status: ANCEFA is a voluntary, non-partisan and not-for-profit Network of national civil society organizations in Africa championing the cause for quality Education. ANCEFA has the Legal Status of a Non-Governmental Organisation registered in accordance with Decree No. 96 103 modifying Decree 89 775 of June 30, 1989 (Laws of Senegal) thereby being bound by the terms of operations as spelt therein.
- 2.4 Limitation of Term: ANCEFA shall exist for an unlimited term.

ARTICLE 3: Vision, Mission, Aims and Objectives

3.1 Vision of ANCEFA

- 3.1.1 ANCEFA envisions a literate and empowered Africa where Quality Education For All is a reality enjoyed by all children, youth and adults, without any hindrances whatsoever.

3.2 Mission of ANCEFA

- 3.2.1 ANCEFA exists to enhance capacity of African Civil Society to efficiently and effectively push for universal access to quality Education and development through campaign, advocacy, Network, research and resource mobilization.

3.3 Aims and Objectives

- 3.3.1 To support the emergence of vibrant civil society Networks, coalitions and alliances that critically engage in EFA processes at the local, national, regional and international levels.
- 3.3.2 To facilitate local and external resource mobilization, planning and utilization for the provision of EFA in Africa and to ensure that all children in Africa receive quality Education.
- 3.3.3 To undertake monitoring of public resources for optimal delivery of EFA and quality Education in Africa.
- 3.3.4 To establish and manage a robust and efficient Education information management system for sharing information and best practices.

- 3.3.5 To develop mechanisms for consensus building on EFA priorities in Africa and utilize the same for joint advocacy and lobbying at sub-regional, regional and international arena.
- 3.3.6 To participate in civic Education and mobilisation, legal Education and general life Education as relates to EFA and other matters pertaining to the provision of Education in Africa.
- 3.3.7 To strengthen capacity for public policy dialogue and critical engagement with other actors at the international platforms.
- 3.3.8 To nurture a mature and dynamic civil society leadership responsive to the aspirations of the respective nationalities so as to empower people to organise for Education rights both for themselves and their children.
- 3.3.9 To establish and support a Regional Institute for Life Long Learning and such other centres of excellence in the promotion of innovative skills development.
- 3.3.10 To Network with organizations and individual professionals undertaking similar work in the pursuit of the Network's aims and objectives.
- 3.3.11 To undertake any activity that will enable ANCEFA to pursue the aims and objectives contained in this constitution.
- 3.3.12 To raise funds from any legal source for the purpose of fulfilling ANCEFA's aims and objectives.

ARTICLE 4: Membership

- 4.1 ANCEFA membership shall be open to a legally registered, broad-based national coalition or Network that demonstrates, upholds, shares and participates in the aims, ideals and objectives of ANCEFA.
- 4.2 No coalition or Network shall be eligible to become a member of ANCEFA unless its application has been approved by the Board and ratified by the General Assembly.
- 4.3 Upon ratification by the General Assembly, a member shall be required to subscribe to the **ANCEFA Ethics and Integrity Charter**, and immediately pay ANCEFA's membership fee and an annual subscription fee as determined by the Board.
- 4.4 A member shall be required to append their signature to a declaration undertaking to promote the aims, ideals and objectives of ANCEFA.

4.5 For avoidance of doubt, ANCEFA shall recognize only one Coalition or Network from every country. Such a coalition or Network shall merit the recognition upon fulfilling and maintaining the conditions of eligibility as spelt out in the Eligibility Criteria.

4.6 Subject to article 7.26, the Board may invite any person or institution who has distinguished themselves professionally in the promotion of education to become a member of ANCEFA. A person or organisation so invited shall be designated as an **Honorary Member**.

4.7 In the interest of promoting ANCEFA work and highlighting key education issues, the Board may from time to time designate renowned individuals and celebrities as ANCEFA Ambassadors. This designation does not in any way confer membership to the individual.

4.8 A member may resign their membership of ANCEFA by writing to the Board. The resignation will take effect upon a Board Resolution to that effect based on full disclosure of the material facts and settling of any outstanding liabilities. The Chairperson of the Board shall then issue a discharge letter to the member who has so resigned.

4.9 No fees will be refundable to a member who has resigned

ARTICLE 5: Rights, Obligations and Duties, and Discipline of Members

5.1 Rights of Members

All members of ANCEFA have the right

5.1.1 To participate in the affairs of ANCEFA subject to this Constitution, ANCEFA by-laws and specific program documents.

5.1.2 To inspect the register of members

5.1.3 To receive notice of meetings

5.1.4 To attend, deliberate and vote at the General Assembly and Special General Assemblies

5.1.5 To receive and approve ANCEFA's audited accounts at the General Assembly, and

5.1.6 To petition for Special General Assembly as provided for in this Constitution.

5.2 Obligation and Duties of Members

Members of ANCEFA shall:-

- 5.2.1 At all time preserve and protect the name and integrity of ANCEFA
- 5.2.2 Not disclose ANCEFA's affairs to unauthorized persons
- 5.2.3 Not engage in any activities that may be detrimental to the existence of ANCEFA
- 5.2.4 Have a duty to promote the activities and public image of ANCEFA
- 5.2.5 Not engage in any fund raising activities on behalf of ANCEFA without the express knowledge and permission of the Board
- 5.2.6 At all time in their activities, especially those elected to the Board, promote trust amongst members of ANCEFA
- 5.2.7 Show a commitment to the broad objectives and philosophy of ANCEFA as stated in Article 3
- 5.2.8 Remit their annual subscription fees and other related contribution to ANCEFA Secretariat on a timely basis

5.3 Discipline of Members

- 5.3.1 A member who breaches any of the provisions of this constitution shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with this constitution and rules made thereunder.
- 5.3.2 A member in breach as aforesaid shall be informed of the breach in writing and accorded reasonable time, but not more than three months, to explain why disciplinary measure should not be taken against them.
- 5.3.3 The sanctions prescribed shall be commensurate to the breach committed.
- 5.3.4 A member in gross violation of this constitution shall be liable to suspension for such duration of time as the violation is corrected or the member is expelled by the General Assembly from membership.
- 5.3.5 The rules of natural justice shall apply in all disciplinary cases.
- 5.3.6 The Board shall be the principal reference organ for all disciplinary matters regarding ANCEFA. Decisions made by the Board are only subject to review by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 6: Organs of ANCEFA and their Composition**6.1 The organs of ANCEFA shall include:**

6.1.1 The General Assembly

6.1.2 The ANCEFA Board

6.1.3 The ANCEFA Secretariat

6.1.4 National Coalitions

6.1.5 The ANCEFA Trustees

**6.2 The General Assembly of ANCEFA shall comprise of**

6.2.1 Member national coalitions or Networks

6.2.2 The Chairperson of ANCEFA, who shall be the Chairperson of the General Assembly

6.2.3 Members of the Board

6.2.4 ANCEFA Partners, Ambassadors, nascent non-member coalitions who may be in attendance as observers. Such nascent coalitions gain full membership status on fulfillment of Membership Criteria.

6.2.5 ANCEFA Trustees who shall have no voting rights

6.2.6 Secretariat members as Ex-officio

6.3 The Board of ANCEFA shall comprise of

6.3.1 The Chairperson of ANCEFA

6.3.2 The Deputy Chairperson

6.3.3 Six elected members from the sub-regions, taking into account the official ANCEFA language groups.

6.3.4 Four professionals each appointed from the media, teachers unions, academia and research, religious organisations, child rights and human rights organisations, youth and a gender advocate.

6.3.5 The Regional Coordinator as Ex-Officio

6.4 The Secretariat shall comprise of

6.4.1 Regional Coordinator

6.4.2 Programme, finance and administrative Staff as may be established by the Board from time to time on need basis. Page | 9

6.4.4 It is the policy of ANCEFA to decentralize operations of the Secretariat to the sub-regional levels while maintaining a strong and effective Regional Secretariat here called the Head Office



6.5 The National Coalition/Network shall comprise:

6.5.1 Local and International NGOs and Networks

6.5.2 Teachers' Unions and Associations

6.5.3 Media Practitioners

6.5.4 Child Rights Advocates

6.5.5 Community-based Advocacy Organisations

6.5.6 Researchers

6.5.7 Other education theme-based Advocacy Groups

6.5.8 Devolved Organs and Strata of the National Coalition

6.5.9 Coalition Secretariat

ARTICLE 7: Functions and Duties of Organs of ANCEFA

7.1 The General Assembly shall:

7.1.1 Be the supreme organ of ANCEFA

7.1.2 Receive and approve progress reports, policy principles and strategic directions formulated by the Board

- 7.1.3 Elect members of the Board from amongst the membership subject to the provisions of this constitution
- 7.1.4 Appoint and remove Trustees of ANCEFA
- 7.1.5 Approve any proposed amendments to the Constitution, by two thirds majority
- 7.1.6 Terminate the tenure of the Board or any Board Member on grounds of inability, incompetence or misconduct, by two thirds majority
- 7.1.7 Receive and approve ANCEFA's audited accounts, provided that where for any reason the General Assembly does not approve the audited accounts, it shall give directions to the Board for appropriate action
- 7.1.8 Approve membership as nominated and proposed by the board
- 7.1.9 Receive and approve tri-annual financial estimates and budgets of ANCEFA
- 7.1.10 Appoint Auditor to audit ANCEFA accounts
- 7.1.11 Give specific direction and advice for follow-up by the Board or Secretariat on any matter regarding ANCEFA and education in Africa
- 7.1.12 Develop own rules and regulations to guide its meetings
- 7.2 The Board shall**
- 7.2.1 Formulate policies and principles to the programmes and activities of ANCEFA
- 7.2.2 Give any necessary directions and guidance on matters of policy to the Secretariat
- 7.2.3 Approve the general programmes and strategies of ANCEFA
- 7.2.4 Establish a Secretariat for ANCEFA and oversee its operations
- 7.2.5 Appoint the Regional Coordinator and other Senior Members of Staff
- 7.2.6 Nominate an individual professional or organization for ANCEFA membership

- 7.2.7 Undertake disciplinary measures within the confines of this constitution, including suspending any Board Member or National Coalition on grounds of inability, incompetence or misconduct, or breach of this constitution or **Ethics and Integrity Charter**.
- 7.2.8 Suggest any necessary amendments to the provisions of the constitution and table the same for approval by the General Assembly.
- 7.2.9 Receive, discuss and confirm the audited accounts of ANCEFA.
- 7.2.10 Recommend for appointment by the General Assembly Auditors of ANCEFA
- 7.2.11 Represent ANCEFA in policy forums at sub-regional, regional and international levels as planned with the Secretariat
- 7.2.12 Assist in fundraising efforts for ANCEFA.
- 7.2.13 Delegate to its sub-committees or secretariat, or any ANCEFA Officer any of its special functions as it deems appropriate.
- 7.2.14 In the discharge of its functions, the Board shall not receive any remuneration for the duties rendered to the organisation.
- 7.3 The Secretariat shall:**
- 7.3.1 Implement policies and decisions of the General Assembly and the Board
- 7.3.2 Facilitate the day to day implementation of programmes and running of affairs of ANCEFA
- 7.3.3 Establish and manage the Information Management System of the Network
- 7.3.4 Provide safe and secure repository of all ANCEFA documents
- 7.3.5 Advise the Board on eligibility of national coalitions or professionals for admission into ANCEFA membership
- 7.3.6 Undertake such other tasks as may be assigned to it by the Board
- 7.3.7 Establish an internal Management Committee to assist the Regional Coordinator in participatory discharge of ANCEFA affairs and mandate

7.3.8 Explore fundraising opportunities for ANCEFA

7.4 The National Coalition or Network shall:-

7.4.1 Coordinate the implementation of ANCEFA programmes and activities at the national and local levels

7.4.2 Represent ANCEFA interests and values at the national and local levels

7.4.3 Develop own rules and regulations, including securing legal registration, for effective discharge of their mandate without prejudice to the policy and legal context of the country

ARTICLE 8: Meetings

8.0 The ANCEFA meetings shall consist of the General Assembly and its committees, Special General Assembly, The Board and its committees, Secretariat, and Sub-regional forums..

8.1 Frequency of Meetings

8.1.1 The General Assembly shall meet once every three years, except where a Special General Assembly is called to transact a particular business

8.1.2 The Board shall meet at least once every six months.

8.1.3 The Management Committee of the Secretariat shall meet once every three months. Special meetings may however be convened by the Regional Coordinator as the need may arise

8.2 Procedure and Quorum of Meetings

8.2.1 Notices for the respective ANCEFA meetings shall be given in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and the rules of the particular organ

8.2.2 The Chairperson of the organ, in consultation with the Regional Coordinator, shall convene meetings of the respective organs

8.2.3 One third of the membership of any organ of ANCEFA may petition for a special meeting of that organ

8.2.4 The Chairperson shall convene the General Assembly by giving each member sixty days' notice in writing.

- 8.2.5 The Chairperson may convene a Special General Assembly upon giving each member a thirty days' notice in writing
- 8.2.6 The Chairperson shall upon a requisition signed by at least two thirds of all the paid up members of ANCEFA, convene a Special General Assembly within three months giving each member at least thirty days' notice in writing.
- 8.2.7 The quorum for the organs of ANCEFA shall be one third of the total number of members of the respective organ
- 8.2.8 If no quorum is available for any meeting, a similar notice shall be given for re-convening the meeting without variation as to agenda and logistics. Such a reconvened meeting, if it so decides, may proceed to transact business even if the requisite quorum is not present
- 8.2.9 A notice for any meeting shall be deemed sufficient only and only if it is done within the provisions of this constitution, and it has clearly stated agenda

8.3 Proceedings and Resolutions of Meetings.

- 8.3.1 At any General Assembly each member present shall have one vote on each issue to be voted upon. Such a member shall designate one representative to cast the vote.
- 8.3.2 Any member desirous of moving a resolution for consideration by the meeting shall submit the complete text of the resolution she/he desires to move to the Regional Coordinator at least forty-five days before the date of the General Assembly.
- 8.3.3 The Regional Coordinator shall circulate the agenda including any resolutions by the Board to members, at least thirty days before the date of the meeting.
- 8.3.4 The agenda so constituted shall contain all items of business to be transacted at the meeting
- 8.3.5 Unless otherwise expressly provided by this constitution or the rules of any organ of the network, decisions of all organs of ANCEFA shall be arrived at by consensus in the absence of which a simple majority of those present and voting will prevail.
- 8.3.6 Except as may otherwise be expressly provided for under this constitution, voting shall be by secret ballot

8.3.7 The Chairperson of the Organ shall have a casting vote in case of a tie

ARTICLE 9: Elections

9.1 Without prejudice to ANCEFA Election Rules and Regulations, Election of the Chairperson and the Board members shall be done at the General Assembly

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9.2 The Board shall propose names of three independent individuals to constitute the Elections Board, one of whom shall be named the Chairperson of the Elections Board

9.3 The Chairperson of the Elections Board shall be designated the Returning Officer and, with the assistance of the two other members, preside over the elections at the General Assembly, including declaration of results, in accordance with this constitution and ANCEFA Election Rules and Regulations

9.4 Nomination of candidates for elections shall commence on the date of notice for the General Assembly and end on the eve of the General Assembly

9.5 Each sub-region and language-base, where applicable, shall caucus and eligible members cast their votes in favour of the duly nominated candidates, whereupon the candidate who emerges with the highest number of votes cast and counted, shall be declared elected as a Board Member

9.6 The Chairperson of ANCEFA and Deputy Chairperson of ANCEFA shall be elected directly by the General Assembly, taking into account regional, linguistic and gender balance

9.7 Where only one candidate is validly nominated for a specific seat, she/he shall be declared the winner

9.8 A list of professionals to be nominated to the Board shall be tabled by the Outgoing Board at the commencement of the General Assembly for vetting and approval by the Assembly

9.9 The principles of gender equity, institutional continuity, regional and linguistic balance, inclusion, and inter-generational equity shall be observed in the election and composition of the Board.

9.10 All the elected members of the board shall hold office for a period of three years and are eligible for re-election for only one more term.

- 9.11 Vacancy be through resignation, removal by other Board Members,
- 9.12 Results of elections shall be registered with the Interior Ministry, Government of Senegal.

ARTICLE 10: Duties of Office Bearers**10.1 The Chairperson shall**

- 10.1.1 Be the titular head of the Network
- 10.1.2 Preside over the meetings of the Board and the General Assembly
- 10.1.3 Represent ANCEFA in regional and international policy platforms
- 10.1.4 Offer effective leadership to ANCEFA members and beneficiaries.

**10.2 The Deputy Chairperson shall**

- 10.2.1 Assist the Chairperson in his/her duties, and in that regard, upon request by or during the absence or illness of the Chairperson, he/she shall discharge the mandate of the said office
- 10.2.2 Undertake any other task as assigned by the Board

10.3 The Regional Coordinator shall

- 10.3.1 Be the Head of the Secretariat, and Secretary to the Board and General Assembly, and Chief Executive of ANCEFA
- 10.3.2 Be the custodian of ANCEFA records, take or cause to be taken, and keep minutes of the meetings of the Board and the General Assembly.
- 10.3.3 Keep a membership register of ANCEFA which shall be open for inspection by any member upon notice
- 10.3.4 Preside over all the meetings of the Management Committee of the Secretariat
- 10.3.5 In consultation with the Board, be in charge of the overall administration, coordination of the Secretariat, programmes and financial management of ANCEFA
- 10.3.6 Represent and act on behalf of ANCEFA as directed by the Board
- 10.3.7 Be a mandatory signatory to all ANCEFA accounts

- 10.3.8 Keep and maintain up-to-date financial records of ANCEFA including those related to membership fees and subscription
- 10.3.9 Provide the annual overall financial statement of ANCEFA's accounts to the General Assembly.
- 10.3.10 In consultation with the Board, be responsible for the discipline of ANCEFA Secretariat
- 10.3.11 Spearhead fundraising and building of strategic alliances and partnerships in Africa and beyond
- 10.3.12 Do all such acts as are necessary for the efficient and effective running of ANCEFA
- 10.3.13 Undertake all such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by other organs of ANCEFA

10.4 Vacancy in Office

- 10.4.1 In case of resignation, death or changes in coalition's leadership, the sub-region shall adopt any consensual mechanism to elect or nominate a new replacement to the ANCEFA Board.

ARTICLE 11: The Trustees of ANCEFA

- 11.1 There shall be a pool of three Trustees of ANCEFA who shall be individuals of integrity and champions of Education in Africa.
- 11.2 The Trustees shall be accorded full membership status of ANCEFA during the period of their service. The Trustees, however have no right to vote at the General Assembly or Special General Assembly of the network.
- 11.3 The trustees shall be nominated by the Board and appointed through a resolution of the General Assembly
- 11.4 Their tenure of office shall be five years from the date of appointment and be renewable only once
- 11.5 The property and assets of ANCEFA shall be vested in the Trustees.

- 11.6 The Board shall have the power to suspend any Trustee for misconduct, incompetence or incapacity and shall refer such matter to the annual General Assembly for ratification
- 11.7 In case of death or incapacity of any Trustee, the General Assembly or Special General Assembly shall appoint another Trustee in replacement thereof
- 11.8 Any Trustees may resign by notice in writing to the Chairperson of the Board. The resignation shall only take effect upon Board resolution discharging the Trustee of the trusteeship

ARTICLE 12: Network Resources**12.1 Funds**

- 12.1.1 The funding for ANCEFA shall be derived from subscriptions from members
- 12.1.2 Grants and donations from international public bodies, non-governmental organizations, private organizations, individuals, inter-governmental organizations/agencies and such other legal sources as the Board and General Assembly may from time to time determine shall be acceptable, and
- 12.1.3 Any funds incidental to the activities of ANCEFA
- 12.1.4 ANCEFA funds shall be deposited in formal accounts as approved by the Board
- 12.1.5 With the exception of the Regional Coordinator as the mandatory signatory, the Board shall appoint other signatories on the basis of convenience
- 12.2 Proper inventory of other resources and assets of ANCEFA shall be kept and the said resources utilized only in the interest of ANCEFA

ARTICLE 13: Auditor

- 13.1 The Board shall nominate three names of reputable audit firms competitively sourced, and table at the General Assembly for appointment of one
- 13.2 The Auditor shall, on an annual basis, audit the accounts of ANCEFA for a 3-year term
- 13.3 All reports of the auditor shall be submitted to the Board through the Chairperson
- 13.4 The Auditor shall present all ANCEFA audited accounts for approval by the General Assembly

13.5 The term of service for the Auditor may be renewed only once, by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 14: Financial Year

14.1 The financial year of ANCEFA shall start on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December of each year unless otherwise recommended by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.

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ARTICLE 15: Amendment to the Constitution

15.1 Subject to Article 7.1.4, any articles of the Constitution or any part thereof may be varied or replaced and any new article may be added; provided that a special General Assembly be called for this purpose and any proposed amendment(s) or addition(s) are duly circulated to members together with the notice convening such meeting; and provided that two thirds of those present and entitled to vote approve the amendment or addition

15.2 A special General Assembly for that purpose may be held on the same day and same place as the General Assembly

ARTICLE 16: Agreements of ANCEFA

16.1 An agreement between ANCEFA and any other party or parties shall be validly entered into if signed for or on behalf of ANCEFA by the Chairperson, Regional Coordinator or any other member of the Board expressly mandated to do so, or their respective deputies on their behalf when duly appointed to do so by the Board

ARTICLE 17: By-laws, Rules and Regulations

17.1 The Board may, subject to the provisions of the Constitution develop such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper functioning and discharge of specific mandate of ANCEFA, which shall upon approval by the General Assembly, be binding on all members of ANCEFA

ARTICLE 18: Dissolution

18.1 ANCEFA may be dissolved upon the petition of two thirds of the membership if the objectives for which it was established have been achieved

18.2 A proposal to dissolve ANCEFA will be deemed to have been passed if not less than three quarters of the members entitled to vote at the General Assembly so decide, provided that

sixty days notice of such proposal is given and the proposal is clearly set out in the relevant agenda.

- 18.3 Upon adoption of the proposal to dissolve ANCEFA by the General Assembly, ANCEFA shall continue in existence until the provisions of article 19 are complied with.

ARTICLE 19: Disposal of assets

- 19.1 In the event of ANCEFA being dissolved, all liabilities legally due by ANCEFA shall be fully discharged and any surplus there-upon remaining shall vest in any legal body identified by ANCEFA members and donors. Further the Trustees in their individual capacity shall continue to hold the property to ensure distribution as laid down by this article.

ARTICLE 20: Transition and Entry into Force

- 18.1 Pursuant to the resolution of the 2nd General Assembly of ANCEFA held in April 2009 in Dakar, Senegal, this constitution shall come into force upon ratification by at least two-thirds of member national coalitions.
- 18.2 Upon entry into force of this Constitution pursuant to this article, all interim organs of ANCEFA shall become fully fledged organs of ANCEFA in accordance with this Constitution provided that the Board elected at the 2nd General Assembly shall continue to serve their full term of three years from the time of the elections.

Signed on Entry into Force this _____ day of _____, the year 2011, by;

Mrs Jennifer Chiwela

Mr. Gorgui Sow

ANCEFA Chairperson

ANCEFA Regional Coordinator

Witnessed by;

Ibro Oumarou

ANCEFA Board Vice Chairperson & Chairperson, ANCEFA Constitution Development Technical Committee

Boaz Waruku

Secretary, ANCEFA Constitution Development Technical Committee

Commissioner of Oath/Advocate of the High Court

Annex - List of National Coalitions members of ANCEFA



	Country	Coalition Name	Member	Observer
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1.	Bénin	Coalition Béninoise des Organisations pour l'EPT (CBO-EPT)	Yes	
2.	Burkina Faso	Coalition Nationale EPT du Burkina Faso	Yes	
3.	Burundi	Coalition « BAFASHEBIGE »	Yes	
4.	Cameroun	Cameroun Education For All Network (CEFAN)	yes	
5.	Cap Vert	Rede Nacional da Campanha de Educação Para Todos (RNCEPT)-Cap Vert		Yes
6.	Congo	REPT Congo Braza	Yes	
7.	Ghana	Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition (GNECC)	Yes	
8.	Guinée Bissau	Réseau de la campagne de l'Education pour tous Guinée /Bissau (RECEPT/GB)	Yes	
9.	Liberia	Liberia Technical Committee on EFA (LETCOM)	Yes	
10.	Mali	Coalition des Organisations de la Société Civile pour l'Education Pour Tous (COSCEPT)	Yes	
11.	Niger	Coordination Nationale des Associations, Syndicats et ONGS pour la campagne EPT (ASO-EPT)	Yes	
12.	Nigeria	Civil Society Action Coalition for Education For All (CSACEFA)	Yes	
13.	RD Congo	Coordination Nationale Pour l'EPT (CO.N.E.P.T)	Yes	
14.	Senegal	Coordination des ONG et Syndicats pour la défense d'une Education publique de Qualité (COSYDEP)	Yes	

15.	Sierra Leone	Education For All Sierra Leone (EFASL)	Yes	
16.	The Gambia	EFA Campaign Network, (EFANET), The Gambia	Yes	
17.	Togo	Coalition Nationale EPT	Yes	
19	Angola	Rede de Educacao para todos (EPT) CP 2303 Luanda, Angola	Yes	
20	Botswana	Botswana Coalition on Global Campaign for Education (BCGCE) P.O. Box 211497, Bontleng, Gaborone	Yes	
21	Lesotho	Campaign for Education Forum (CEF)	Yes	
22	Malawi	Civil Society Coalition For Quality Basic Education (CSCQBE) P.O. Box 30736, Lilongwe 3.	Yes	
23	Mozambique	Movimento de Educação para Todos (MEPT); 622 Avenida Mao Tsé Tung 1º Direito Maputo Moçambique	Yes	
24	Rwanda	Syndicat du Personnel de l'Education Au Rwanda(SYPERWA) Alfred Mupenzi		Yes
25	Swaziland	Swaziland Network Campaign for Education for All (SWANCEFA)	Yes	
26	Zambia	Zambia National Education Coalition	Yes	

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27	Zimbabwe	Education Coalition of Zimbabwe (ECOZI)	Yes	
28	Ethiopia	Basic Education Association in Ethiopia	Yes	
29	Tanzania	Tanzania Education Network	Yes	
30	Kenya	Elimu Yetu Coalition Kenya	Yes	
31	Uganda	FENU- Uganda	Yes	
32	Sudan	Sudanese Network For Education For All (SNEFA) – Sudan	Yes	
33	Djibouti	FADE – Djibouti	Yes	
34	Somaliland	Somaliland EFA Coalition		Yes