

Appendix E

Statutes of the Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa (CIFAA)¹

1. Membership

The Committee shall be composed of African Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization selected by the Director-General of the Organization on the basis of their active interest in inland fisheries and aquaculture development in Africa and of their potential contribution to the effective discharge of the functions of the Committee.

2. Terms of reference

The terms of reference of the Committee shall be *to*:

- ~~a) to promote, coordinate and assist national and regional fishery and limnological surveys and programmes of research and development leading to the rational utilization of inland fishery resources~~
- ~~b) to assist Member Governments in establishing the scientific basis for regulatory and other measures for the conservation and improvement of inland fishery resources, to formulate such measures through subsidiary bodies as required, and to make appropriate recommendations for the adoption and implementation of these measures~~
- ~~c) to promote and coordinate efforts on a national and regional basis to prevent damage to the aquatic environment, including the prevention and control of water pollution~~
- ~~d) to assist in the development of fish culture and stock improvement, including the control of fish diseases and the importation of exotic species~~
- ~~e) to promote and assist in the utilization of the most effective fishing craft, gear and techniques~~
- ~~f) to promote and assist activities concerned with the processing, preservation and marketing of fish and fish products~~
- ~~g) to encourage education and training through the establishment or improvement of national and regional institutions and by the promotion and the organization of symposia, seminars, study tours and training centres~~
- ~~h) to assist in the collection, interchange, dissemination and analysis of statistical, biological and environmental data and other inland fishery information~~
- ~~i) to assist Member Governments in formulating national and regional programmes to be implemented through sources of international aid to help achieve the objectives referred to in the preceding paragraphs.~~
- a) co-ordinate and serve as a platform for intra-regional discussion, planning and exchange of experiences to promote wide application of best practices leading to sustainable development of aquaculture and sustainable management of fisheries;
- b) promote collaboration amongst all stakeholders with special attention given to regional and sub-regional structures;
- c) promote and support enhanced communication and information exchange among Members and their stakeholders, including to actively collaborate with specific regional networks;
- d) promote sustainable management and the application of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) as well as relevant best practices;
- e) promote equitable access to the land and water resources whilst supporting responsible and sustainable use;

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- f) assist Members to develop and implement aquaculture programs that are consistent with national food security strategies and poverty reduction, to support Members to adopt an ecosystem approach to aquaculture development and to support the increased role of private sector and other non-state institutions in national and regional aquaculture development initiatives;
- g) assist Members to develop and implement inland fisheries programs that are consistent with national food security strategies and poverty reduction as well as support Members to adopt an ecosystem approach to inland fisheries development;
- h) promote the collection, management, analysis and use of credible statistics in the management of the region's resources;
- i) promote the adoption of appropriate policies, strategies and plans for the management of fisheries and aquaculture at national, sub-regional and regional levels;
- j) serve as a focal point for coordination, harmonization and facilitation of education and research on inland fisheries and aquaculture undertaken in the region;
- k) endorse proactive monitoring and evaluation programmes, and provide guidance for the implementation of those programmes at national, sub-regional and regional levels;
- l) promote effective representation and participation of fishing communities and other stakeholders in fisheries management;
- m) assist Members in formulating regional and national programmes in aquaculture and fisheries and assist in the mobilization of resources as well as encourage Members to mobilize and utilise their own national resources so as to increase the sense of ownership of CIFAA;
- n) promote and sponsor environmental and biodiversity conservation including the adoption of appropriate technologies, advise on trans-boundary movement of aquatic organisms including the use of improved species, the establishment of conservation areas as appropriate, accurate and timely monitoring as well as proactive engagement to protect endangered resources;
- o) promote strategies and actions to mitigate the impact of climate change on aquatic resources; and
- p) advance quality control and consumer protection by supporting Members and formulate and implement quality standards.

3. Subsidiary bodies

- a) The Committee may establish ~~an Executive Committee~~ Steering Committee and such other subsidiary bodies as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions.
- b) The establishment of any subsidiary body shall be subject to the determination by the Director-General that the necessary funds are available in the relevant chapter of the budget of the Organization. Before taking any decision involving expenditure in connection with the establishment of subsidiary bodies, the Committee must have before it a report from the Director-General on the administrative and financial implications thereof.

4. Reporting

Copies of reports of the Committee shall be circulated to Members of the Committee and to other Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available. The activities of the Committee shall be reported to the Committee on Fisheries as appropriate. The Committee shall submit to the Director-General reports on its activities and recommendations at such appropriate intervals as to enable the Director-General to take them into consideration when preparing the Programme of Work and Budget and other submissions to ~~the Conference, Council or the Standing Committees of the Council, the Governing Bodies.~~ The Director-General shall bring to the attention of the Conference through the Council any recommendations adopted by the Committee which have policy implications or which affect the programme or finances of the Organization. Copies of each report of the Committee will

~~be circulated to Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available.~~
Recommendations of the Committee having policy and regulatory or programme and budgetary implications shall be reported to the Conference or Council, as the case may be, through the Committee on Fisheries.

5. Expenses

- a) The expenses of the Secretariat of the Committee shall be determined and paid by the Organization within the limits of the relevant appropriations in the approved budget of the Organization.
- b) With a view to promoting the development of inland fisheries *and aquaculture*, the Organization may also establish trust funds comprising voluntary contributions from the Members of the Committee or from private or public sources, and the Committee may advise on the use of such funds which shall be administered by the Director-General in accordance with the financial regulations of the Organization.

6. Observers

- a) Any Member Nation or Associate Member of the Organization that is not a Member of the Committee but has an interest in the development of the inland fisheries *and aquaculture* resources of Africa, may upon its request, be invited by the Director-General to attend meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies in an observer capacity if the Director-General deems such attendance to be in the interests of the effective discharge of the functions of the Committee.
- b) States which, while not Member Nations of the Organization, are members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, may, upon their request and subject to the provisions adopted by the Conference of the Organization relating to the granting of observer status to nations, be invited to attend sessions of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies, and *ad hoc* meetings in an observer capacity. The status of the States invited to such sessions or meetings shall be governed by the relevant provisions adopted by the Conference of the Organization.

7. Participation of international organizations

Participation of international organizations in the work of the Committee and relations between the Committee and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization, as well as the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the Conference and Council of the Organization.

8. Rules of Procedure

The Committee may adopt and amend its own rules of procedure which shall be in conformity with the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization and with the Statement of Principles Governing Commissions and Committees adopted by the Conference. The rules of procedure and amendments thereto shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General.