

**The Sierra Leone Institute of International Law**  
**Herein after referred to as the “Institute”**  
**Statute**

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The Statute of the Sierra Leone Institute of International Law was adopted by International Lawyers and learned individuals interested in issues of international law in Freetown, on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

**Article 1**

1. The Institute shall be called the Sierra Leone Institute of International Law, herein after referred to as the “Institute”.
2. The Institute is an Independent, learned society, which shall be registered as a non-profit organization in Sierra Leone and in such other jurisdictions as may be decided from time to time.
3. the Institute’s purpose is to promote the understanding, progressive development and implementation of International Law in Sierra Leone and in the sub-region, by:
  - A. Advocating for the incorporation of Sierra Leone’s international legal obligations into domestic law;
  - B. Advising the government of Sierra Leone on international law issues;
  - C. Advising and educating the judiciary, legal and law enforcement community and the public in Sierra Leone on international law issues; and;
  - D. Studying the issues that may arise in the interpretation or application of international law in Sierra Leone, publishing educational materials and when necessary issuing reasoned legal opinions on such issues.

**Article 2**

1. The Institute shall be composed of Members and Honorary Members.
2. Members shall consist of those persons who have paid fees according to a schedule to be determined by the Institute. Honorary Members shall consist of those persons upon whom the Institute have conferred that status pursuant to Article 3.

**Article 3**

The Institute shall confer the status of Honorary Member or person who have distinguished themselves in the field of International law.

**Article 4**

At each annual conference elect a President and three Vice-President from among its Members and Honorary Members, who shall serve for a term two years

## **Article 5**

The Institute also elect among its Members and Honorary Members, a Board to be composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the three other persons.

## **Article 6**

1. The Board shall be responsible for the overall policy direction of the Institute, including those matters referred to in article 7, and to that end, shall meet not less than three times a year.
2. in addition, the Board shall take action on such matters of an urgent Administrative nature as may be referred to them from time to time by the Executive Director.

## **Articles 7**

The Institute shall aim to organize an annual conference, and such other events and meetings, as well as research, publications and other activities, as may determined by the Board

## **Articles 8**

1. The Institute shall have an Executive Director, to be elected by the Institute for a term of three years.
2. The Executive Director may be re-elected for a further term of three years, after which no re-election may be allowed except on an amendment of this Statute.

## **Article 9**

The Executive Director shall be responsible for directing the daily work of the Institute, including:

- (a) managing the Institute, including fundraising for the Institute;
- (b) preparing and revising the Institute's Strategic Plan in discussion with the Board; and
- (c) preparing and revising the Institute's annual budget in discussion with the Board and the Treasurer.

## **Article 10**

1. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Board, shall appoint a research officer, a Secretary who shall be competence in the use of information technology, and such other staff as may be required, subject to the financial capacities of the Institute.
2. The staff of the Institute shall perform their functions under the direction of the Executive Director.

## **Article 11**

1. The Institute shall appoint a Treasurer for a term of three years. The Treasurer shall be entrusted with the financial management of the Institute and the keeping of the account.
2. The Treasurer shall be paid a salary from the funds of the Institute.
3. At the annual conference, the Treasurer shall submit a financial report.

## **Article 12**

The Board shall appoint an external Auditor, who shall examine the Treasurer's report and make their own report to the annual conference.

## **Article 13**

The Institute shall conduct its work through such committee comprised of its Members and Honorary Members as may from time to time be established, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) A Publication Committee with the function of advising on publications the Institute out puts;
- (b) A Programme Committee with the function of advising on the programme of work of the Institute.

## **Article 14**

1. Whenever possible, decisions at the annual conference of the institute shall be taken by consensus.
2. Where consensus is not possible, votes at the annual conference of the Institute in connection with resolutions and motions present and voting.

## **Article 15**

The Board shall appoint Eapporteurs from among the Members, who shall be responsible for preparing the proceedings of the Institute's annual conference and other events.

## **Article 16**

1. The expenses of the Institute shall be met by;
  - (a) Membership fees of Members to be determined by the Institute.
  - (b) financial contributions to be solicited from the International Community and from organizations and States sympathetic to the purposes of the Institute.
2. The funds of the Institute shall be utilized to meet its expenses and its other regular activities.

### **Article 17**

1. Requests for amendments of the Statute may be the Board or by ten Members.
2. Requests not made by the Board may be submitted to it with appropriate explanations at least two months before the opening of the annual conference.

### **Article 18**

The Institute shall organize seminars and workshops and, where possible, in cooperation with Fura Bay College, the University of Sierra Leone, international institutions, non-governmental organizations and other bodies purposefully geared towards the codification and progressive development of international law.

### **Article 19**

The Institute shall cooperate closely with inter alia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Attorney-General's Office and the Judiciary of Sierra Leone.

### **Article 20**

The Institute shall also cooperate with the international non-Governmental Organization, No Peace without Justice, who will also from time to time provide professional advice to the Institute on matters of International Law in general.