



STATUTES OF SCENAM ASSOCIATION

I. Goal of the Association

Article 1

Scenarios-Amazonas (SCENAM) is a non-profit association governed by the present statutes and, secondarily, by Articles 60 et seq. of the [Swiss Civil Code](#). It is independent and politically neutral.

Article 2

The Organization's headquarters are located in the city of Zürich.
The association shall be of unlimited duration, but shall be dissolved after its objectives are reached.

Article 3

The Purpose of the Association is to facilitate the implementation of a scenario planning process in the Amazon River Basin within the framework of a larger multilateral project aiming at the Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin (GEFAM – GEF Amazonas)¹.

To this end, the Association functions as a think-tank of relevant partners that work together to:

- Raise awareness cross-sectorally at local, national and global level about the project, its challenges and its necessity;
- Make proposals for the establishment and capacity building of the management structure required for the launch, execution, monitoring and evaluation of the Scenario Project;
- Develop the scenario design according to stakeholder alignment and prepare all necessary working documents;
- Raise the necessary funds;
- Launch the scenario exploration phase related to the interview process.

II. Resources

Article 4

The association's resources may come from:

- donations;
- private and public subsidies;
- membership fees;
- any other resources authorized by the law.

The funds shall be used in conformity with the association's aims.

III. Members

Article 5

Any physical or moral person may request to join if, through their commitment or actions, they have proved their attachment to the aims of the Association. There may be different categories of members with different voting rights that will be defined in the association work plan.

Membership ceases:

- by resigning in writing to the Executive Committee;
- by exclusion ordered by the Execution Committee, for just cause, with a right of appeal to the General Assembly;

Members who have resigned or who are excluded have no rights to any part of the Association's assets. Only the assets of the Association may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

¹ GEF-Amazonas is a project developed by the Global Environment Facility in cooperation with UNEP, the OAS and OTCA aiming at elaborating a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis-Strategic Action Program through specifically-identified issues that form the nexus between climate change adaptation and transboundary water and land resources management, while creating the necessary enabling socio-economic environment for its implementation. A one-pager on GEFAM is attached as annex.



IV. Organs

Article 6

The Association's organs are: The General Assembly; The Executive Committee; and The Chapters.

Article 7

The General Assembly is the Association's supreme authority. It is composed of all the members. It shall hold an Ordinary Meeting once each year. It may also meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary, by decision of the Committee or at the request of one-fifth of the members.

The General Assembly shall be considered valid regardless of the number of members present.

The Executive Committee shall send notice of the meeting to members together with an invitation, including the proposed agenda.

Article 8

The General Assembly has the following attributions:

- Approval of admission and expulsion of members;
- Appointment of the members of the Executive Committee and election of, at a minimum, the President and the Secretary General;
- approval of annual report;
- approval of annual work plan and budget;
- decision on any modification of statutes;
- decision on the dissolution of the association;

The General Assembly is presided over by the president of the Association. Decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present. In case of deadlock, the President shall have the casting vote.

Decisions concerning the amendment of the Statutes and the dissolution of the Association must be approved by a two-third majority of the members present.

Article 9

The Executive Committee is authorized to carry out all acts that further the purposes of the association. It is authorized to manage the Organization's business.

The Executive Committee is composed of at least 2 members elected by the General Assembly. Each member's term of office shall last for 1 year and is renewable at will. The Executive Committee meets as often as required.

The functions of the Executive Committee are:

- to take all measures to attain the goals of the Association;
- to convene General Assemblies;
- to prepare decisions with regard to admission of new members, to resignations of members, and to their possible expulsion;
- to ensure the Statutes are respected, to draft rules of procedure, and to administer the assets of the Association.

Article 10

The financial year shall begin on 1st of January and end on 31st of December of each year. The President and the Secretary General and the Treasurer are responsible for the finances of the association.