



Euro Africa Committee – Rules of Procedure

Preamble:

The Euro-Africa Committee was created in 1976, based on an idea of Past International President George Friedrichs from MD 103 France and Past International President Giuseppe “Pino” Grimaldi from MD 108 Italy. Now, after more than 40 years, facing increasing need in many regions of Africa, the work is more necessary than ever and has to be intensified. At the same time, the members realize that there exists no written system of rules. After discussion during the meeting of 2017 Sept. 28th at Europa Forum in Montreux they release the following draft and submit it to the presidency of the Europa Forum and the All Africa Conference in the hope to be accepted along these rules by both.

1. NAME: Euro Africa Committee

2. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives approved at the constitution of the Euro-Africa Committee have been:

2.1.To foster mutual contact, exchange of information and understanding between Europeans and Africans, especially between the Lions of both continents. This includes mutual activities with the aim to learn from each other and also get a better understanding of culture and spirit of both continents.

2.2.To foster a big common effort of European and African Lions to improve the situation of the poor population in Africa.

This includes:

- Encourage the development of a responsible society in Africa;
- Education, including vocational training;
- Health care including eradication of avoidable blindness;
- Help for poor families to improve their economic situation by their own work, especially help for youth and women;



- Support for sustainable projects which respect the necessities of the environment;
- To promote the new service platform of LCI.

2.3. The role committee for these objectives:

- to exchange and evaluation of information – to give all information which is available to all interested Lions;
- advising Lions who initiate projects in Africa including LCIF and National Lions Foundations;
- discussion of results of projects after short and long range and look for possible improvement of methods.

2.4. A principle objective of this committee is to foster that new Lions projects in Africa shall not be started without request and active participation of African partners, especially African Lions. That is because we Lions know: **Africa can only be developed by Africans.**

3. MEMBERS:

3.1.a) Every MD or single D can send two members to the committee;

b) In addition two volunteer members per MD or D can be admitted.

3.2. Volunteers present themselves to the committee and are to be approved by voting.

3.3. Membership ends by:

a) withdrawal by the sending MD or D;

b) written withdrawal of the member 15 days before an EAC meeting at the latest;

c) absence: a member who without due reasons does not participate to 3 successive meetings. Messages are to be sent to the chairperson.

3.4. In case of vacancies according to 3.1.a) the chairperson may ask the sending D or MD to send a new member; in case of vacancies according to 3.1.b) the committee is free to accept a new proposal or appliance.



MEETINGS:

4.1.Regular closed and open meetings shall be held during each Europa Forum and during each All Africa conference.

4.2.Online meetings shall be held if necessary.

BOARD:

5.1.The board consists of a chairperson, a co-chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a secretary;

5.2.The board is to be elected by the committee;

5.3.The term of the board members is three years. One re-election is possible;

5.4.If the chairperson is a European Lion, the co-chairperson has to be an African Lion and vice versa.

EXPENSES:

6.1.Expenses shall be borne personally by the members of the committee, but may be sponsored by the member's Multiple District or District.

WEBSITE:

7.1.As the committee has no budget, the chairperson supported by the secretary takes care of the website.

Unanimously approved by the EAC at Europa Forum Montreux on September 28, 2017.