

CHARTER OF

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AGROFORESTRY (IUAF)

Alternative names: The International Confederation of Agroforestry Researchers and Practitioners (ICAFREP); International Network of Agroforesters (INA); International Confederation of Agroforestry (ICA); International Association of Agroforesters (IAA)

ARTICLE I: NAME

There is hereby established an association which shall be known as The **International Union of Agroforestry, in short IUAF.**

ARTICLE II: GOAL

IUAF is an international union/federation that facilitates cooperation and knowledge sharing in agroforestry. It brings together policy makers, business and commerce, academics and development practitioners and individuals with the common interest to transform livelihoods and landscapes through agroforestry for a sustainable future.

ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

IUAF shall achieve its goal by:

- a) Establishing and managing an international secretariat which will coordinate its activities in support of its members;
- b) Convening forums at different scales (global and regional) that promote agroforestry research and practice;
- c) Actively engaging in international policy forums and debates that relate to agroforestry and land use;
- d) Promoting the publication and sharing of agroforestry research results and its successful adoption and implementation;
- e) Providing a platform for its members to collaborate for mutual benefits; and
- f) Working with other organizations with similar interest and goals.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open to any organization, associations or individuals whose goals and interests are compatible with the goals of IUAF;
- b) Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretariat. The Executive Committee shall screen applications and submit them to the IUAF Board for approval;

- c) Membership fees shall be determined by the Board and may be reviewed at least once every 5 years. The fee shall be different for organizations and individuals, the latter being smaller;
- d) The Secretariat shall issue certificates of membership and keep an up-to-date database of members, their addresses and affiliations;
- e) Failure to pay membership fees for three consecutive years (despite reminders) shall automatically result in deletion from the register of members. To reinstate membership all arrears must be paid.
- f) Every member shall have one vote at IUAF meetings – electronic meetings included;
- g) Members have the right to terminate their membership at any time; and
- h) The Board of IUAF may terminate the membership of any of its members if there is evidence that the actions of the member controvert the goal and objectives of IUAF. In such cases at least 60% of the vote will be required for membership termination.

ARTICLE V: BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

IUAF members can benefit in the following ways:

a) Networking and exchange of knowledge

Irrespective of the disciplines pursued by institutions and individuals, members can participate in all national, regional and global forums sponsored by IUAF. The forums range widely from physical (face to face) meetings to electronic debates, social media exchanges and policy development forums. IUAF Website is a platform for exchange of Agroforestry innovations and foresight ideas. Thus members will be at the cutting edge of science and innovation.

b) International exposure and updates

Members can expand their exposure to the international community through IUAF's wide network of institutions and also presence in high level global debates and forums. This would include such forums as COPs relating to UN conventions, and associated meetings at UN and in regional forums.

c) Event sponsorship

Members can secure IUAF branding for any relevant events they wish to organize, thereby ensuring quality assurance in terms of event agenda and management. Likewise, IUAF branding can be used by members on publications emerging from IUAF branded events. IUAF can on request also support knowledge sharing through newsletters and other media as appropriate.

d) Databases and Newsletters

Members will receive free copies of IUAF's biannual newsletter where institutional members may also be featured. Further all members can share their news items via IUAF.

e) Awards

IUAF will establish various awards for good agroforestry science, innovations or practices. Members of IUAF may be nominated for the awards.

f) Leadership

IUAF members can apply for leadership positions in IUAF.

Note: Institutional members will have the advantage of reduced membership fees per person.

ARTICLE VI: FUNDING

The financial support for the IUAF shall be derived from membership fees, voluntary contributions provided by corporate or individual members, and grants from governments, international public and private organizations & agencies based on requests/proposals from the Executive Director and as approved by the Board of IUAF.

ARTICLE VII: MANAGEMENT

IUAF shall have the following management structure:

- a) General Meeting of Members
 - i. Meets at least once (physically or electronically) every 3 years
 - ii. Approves the constitutions and all amendments to the Charter
 - iii. Approves registration of IUAF as an international body
 - iv. Elects the first Board (thereafter the Board becomes self renewing)
 - v. The Chair and Vice Chair of the General meeting shall be elected from among members of IUAF, and shall serve two general meetings.
 - vi. The quorum at general meetings shall be at least 20% of current membership or 30 active members, whichever is lower.

- b) The Board
 - i. Shall comprise 9 persons elected to fairly represent regions, professional areas, gender, youth, and considered on their individual professional competences and interest to advance the goal and objectives of IUAF
 - ii. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be independently elected by secret ballot from amongst the members, and they shall serve for periods of 2 years, renewable once. What about a Treasurer?
 - iii. Shall meet at least once every year (meetings may be electronic, but a physical meeting be held at least every 2 years)
 - iv. Appoints the Executive Director of IUAF

- v. Approved applications for membership and can terminate membership
- vi. Approves strategies and annual workplans
- vii. Approves annual reports and audits
- viii. Approves budget for the IUAF Secretariat
- ix. Approves all resource mobilization and sponsorships
- x. Approves salaries, remunerations and working conditions of all staff
- xi. Provides oversight on the performance of the ED and the secretariat
- xii. Undertakes any other action in the interest of IUAF
- xiii. The term of office of members shall be 3 years; renewable once.
- xiv. The Board shall be self-renewing, but every vacancy shall be internationally advertised and members may propose candidates.
- xv. The Board may appoint an Executive Committee from among its members
- xvi. Quorum at Board meetings shall be six persons including the Chair/Vice Chair.

Executive Committee (implements mandates of the Board as authorized)

- i. Shall comprise four members of the Board selected to represent technical and financial/audit needs, plus the Chair
- ii. Shall have at least two meetings per year of which at least one physical
- iii. Shall be empowered to carry out the functions of the Board and report back to full Board for ratification.
- iv. Quorum shall be three members including the Chair

c) The Secretariat

- i. Shall comprise the Executive Director (ED), who is the Chief Executive Officer of the IUAF confederation; an accountant and other support staff as necessary and as needs and resources permit
- ii. ED shall register IUAF as an international body with requisite privileges and immunities
- iii. ED shall sign all agreements with partners and financiers
- iv. ED shall appoint and supervise all staff
- v. ED shall serve as Secretary to the Board
- vi. The ED shall report to the Board as frequently as it may determine
- vii. The Secretariat shall mobilize resources as approved by the Board
- viii. The Secretariat shall serve as the nerve centre for all communication with the organization
- ix. The Secretariat shall implement all the activities fulfilling the objectives of IUAF

ARTICLEVIII: RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Towards the realization of its objectives IUAF shall establish cooperative relationships with such governments, national and international, public and private organizations and agencies,

research and academic institutions engaged in activities relevant to Agroforestry and related sectors as the Board may deem necessary.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

Any of the articles of this Charter can be amended by two thirds of members present at a properly convened General Meeting of members, and provided that the amendment is sent out to members at least three months in advance of the actual meeting and the feedback from members is taken into consideration.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

IUAF can be dissolved under the following conditions:

- a) If two thirds of all active members declare and sign a document stating that it is no longer needed; or
- b) If it is declared insolvent

In case of dissolution all legal procedures shall be adhered to.

ARTICLE XI: ADOPTION OF THE CHARTER

This Charter was adopted by the members present at the first General Meeting of IUAF held in Delhi India on 13th February 2014. IUAF is hereby established with the signature of the following founder members:

Signed:

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(Chair of First General Meeting of Members)

ARICLE XII: FOUNDING MEMBERS OF IUAF

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Agenda for Delhi Thursday 13th February 2014

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
14:00	Meeting convenes	Sikka
14:05	Nomination of chair for the meeting	All participants
14:15	Presentation of the IUAF idea and draft charter	AB Temu
14:30	Plenary discussions and suggestions, agreement on membership fees	Moderated by Chair
15:20	Nomination of 3 participants to help finalize Charter	All
15:30	Coffee/tea break	Organizers
	Participants register and sign up for membership (May also pay fees if already agreed)	All participants plus volunteers
16:00	Announcement of list of Founding members (list open to 30 June 2014)	AB Temu
16:10	Election of interim Steering Committee (to be done by regions)*	Chair of meeting
16:40	Bids for hosting IUAF and appointment of Secretariat (discussion)	First Board Chair
	Agreement on electronic election date for Board	
17:00	End of session	First Board Chair

*For fair representation it is necessary to agree on regions and ask regions to elect a balanced team.