



Executive Committee

Resolution 1/2018
Suspending CODESRIA Bye-Laws on Electoral Matters during the 15th General Assembly
Adopted by the Executive Committee on 31st July 2018

The Executive Committee:

Reiterating its firm commitment to serving CODESRIA Community;

Acting in terms of the CODESRIA Charter, especially Article 20, which outlines the functions of the Executive Committee, mandates it to supervise the affairs of CODESRIA and makes it accountable to the General Assembly, and Articles 11A and 19 that empower the Executive Committee to adopt Bye-Laws to detail or enforce the Charter provisions;

Having heard the report from the CODESRIA Executive Secretary on the state of preparations for the 15th General Assembly;

Considering that in compliance with the resolution of the 14th General Assembly, the Executive Committee nominated the members of the Panel to supervise the election of a new Executive Committee and adopted the relevant Bye-laws;

Considering the insignificant number of CODESRIA members who responded to a membership drive, paid up their annual membership fees and are therefore entitled to vote for the members of the Executive Committee or stand for election;

Recalling that the Bye-Laws (Bye-Law 8.8) provide that the out-going Executive Committee shall announce the outcome of the election of the members of the new Executive Committee at least three months prior to the General Assembly;

Noting that the dates of the General Assembly have made the fulfilment of Bye-Law 8.8. near impossible given the significant delay in the start of the work of the Electoral Panel because of challenges with the membership drive;

Considering the necessity of suspending the enforcement of certain provisions of the CODESRIA Bye-Laws, in particular, Bye-Laws 6, 7, 8 and 9 on elections, to ensure that a new executive committee would be in place by the end of the tenure of the existing committee;

Resolves as follows:

1. CODESRIA Bye-Laws, especially Bye-Laws 6, 7, 8 and 9, which concern the election of the Executive Committee are suspended with immediate effect.
2. The next Executive Committee of CODESRIA shall be elected during the 15th General Assembly that will be held in December 2018 according to the rules and procedures that were used at previous General Assemblies.
3. Only CODESRIA members in good standing with regard to a) payment of their annual membership dues and b) attendance of at least one previous General Assembly will be entitled to vote and stand for election.
4. The Executive Secretary will communicate this resolution to the members of CODESRIA and share with them the Bye-Laws to solicit their written comments to be sent to the Executive Committee before the forthcoming General Assembly.
5. The present Resolution enters into force on its adoption by the Executive Committee.