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**Constitution of the System Dynamics Africa Regional Chapter
of the International System Dynamics Society Inc.**

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Preamble

Constitution of the System Dynamics Africa Regional Chapter **herein referred to as the “Chapter”** of the International System Dynamics Society Inc **herein after referred as the “Society”**;

Whereas the Society has guided the growth of System Dynamics research and scholarship there is need to address Africa specific systemic problems;

Appreciating the importance of system dynamics as a problem solving approach;

Whereas Africa Regional-based society members (**Appendix B**) have expressed the need to associate, share their experiences and participate together in research and scholarship;

And whereas the society members working and living in Africa want to develop such exchanges and have elected proposed Chapter policy council (**Appendix A**);

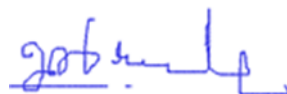
And recognising further the aspiration expressed by members between 28th December 2013 and 8th January 2014;

Now therefore members in good standing working and living in Africa or working outside Africa but interested in the growth of System Dynamics in the region have resolved to form the Systems Dynamics Africa Regional Chapter of the Society;

Here dated2nd February..... the Year 2014

Aminah S. Zawedde

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Chapter Organising Secretary Elect



Prof. Ddembe W. Williams
Chapter President Elect

1. Name

- 1.1. The Chapter shall be known by the name:
The System Dynamics Africa Regional Chapter of the System Dynamics Society Inc.

2. Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of the Chapter shall be, especially in Africa, to:
 - a. promote understanding and awareness of system dynamics as a problem solving approach to many of the Africa-based problems;
 - b. identify, develop, extend and disseminate knowledge contributing to the understanding of feedback systems in Africa;
 - c. promote the development of the field of System Dynamics and the free interchange of learning, research and scholarship in all related fields in Africa;
 - d. encourage and develop educational programmes in the feedback behaviour of systems in Africa.
- 2.2. To accomplish these objectives the Chapter proposes to conduct chapter meetings, workshops and conferences, and to publish books and other materials.

3. Membership

- 3.1. There shall be three categories of membership in the Chapter:
 - a. Any member in good standing of the Society living or working in the Africa Continent shall be entitled to be a member of the Chapter and shall be entitled to vote and hold office in the Chapter;
 - b. Any person living in Africa but is not a member of the Society is entitled to be a member of the Chapter and shall have voting but no office holding rights;
 - c. Any person in good standing of the Society, living outside or working outside Africa, but has interest in Africa system dynamics research and scholarship, may be member of the Chapter and shall have voting but shall not have office rights.

4. The Policy Council

- 4.1. The Chapter shall be governed by a Policy Council.
- 4.2. The Policy Council shall consist of a President, Five Regional Vice-Presidents (representing North, West, East, South and Central) Organising Secretary, Treasurer, and Five elected Regional Council members who also shall act as Publicity Secretary for their respective regions.
- 4.3. The Policy Council shall from time to time determine the duties and responsibilities of the office bearers as deemed necessary at the Annual General meeting.

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- 4.4. The President of the Chapter shall hold office for not more than two years and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election as President but may remain on the Policy Council for a further year as Past President, until the anniversary of election thereafter relinquishing membership of the Policy Council.
 - 4.5. The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to co-opt to fill any vacancy pending the Annual Meeting of the Chapter.
 - 4.6. The quorum for meetings of the Policy Council shall consist of 50% of the Council Constitution.
 - 4.7. The Policy Council shall from time to time appoint Ambassadors to specific regions and institutions in and outside Africa as deemed fit by the Policy Council.

5. Meetings

- 5.1. The Chapter shall hold a meeting at least once annually; or as the Council sees fit. Business and election of officers will be dealt with at the said meeting.

6. Elections

- 6.1. All members of the Chapter in good standing and living in or outside Africa shall be entitled to vote. The elections shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter.
- 6.2. The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to nominate a candidate to any vacancy.
- 6.3. Not less than one month before the Annual General Meeting, the Organising Secretary shall notify all members in good standing living in Africa of any impending vacancies. All members living in Africa and in good standing shall have the power to make their own nomination and shall notify the Organising Secretary not less than 7 working days before the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.3. The Organising Secretary shall also be the returning officer of the said election results.
- 6.5. In the event of there being two or more candidates for an office, that person having the larger, or largest, number of votes of all members who have voting rights, shall be elected.

7. Finances

- 7.1. The Chapter will operate on a non-profit making basis, with a financial year being from 1st January to 31st December.
- 7.2. The Treasurer shall maintain full books and papers and report to the Policy Council a detailed financial statement of income and expenses

on request. A report to the membership shall be made annually on the results for the year ended December prior. The Accounts, books and papers shall be reviewed annually by an auditor.

- 7.3. Any surplus should be retained for future activities that further the aims and objectives of the Chapter. A reserve may be kept as an insurance against pre-paying for annual general meeting and unexpected disruptions or publications.
- 7.4. The Chapter will maintain a bank account on which at least two authorised signatories are required to make payment, such signatories to be unrelated persons.
- 7.5. The Chapter has no employees but may pay for external services on an as needs basis subject to the approval of the Policy Council. If such services are provided by a member of the Policy Council, or any other persons, remuneration and expenses should be agreed in advance by the Policy Council.
- 7.6. In the event of the Chapter being dissolved any cash balances will be donated to the Society.

8. Publications

- 8.1. The Chapter may choose to publish a journal, newsletter and books. Such publications shall:
 - a. not represent themselves as publications of the Society; and
 - b. be related to the particular interests of the Chapter.

9. Meetings

- 9.1. The minutes of the meetings of the Chapter's Policy Council shall be available to all members of the Chapter on application to the Organising Secretary.

10. Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

- 10.1. The Chapter may choose to hold conferences, workshops and seminars. These knowledge dissemination activities shall not present themselves to be activities of the Society and will not interfere with the annual conference of the Society.

11. Dues

- 11.1. The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to charge dues in an amount and currency of its choice.
- 11.2. To facilitate the smooth running of the Chapter an annual levy of USD 30 will be charged to every member. While student members shall be charged an annual levy of USD 15.

12. Chapter - Society Interaction

- 12.1. The Chapter will annually submit a report of activities, finances and membership to the Society Council. The report will include the names of all officers of the Chapter. Attached to the report will be copies of all publications of the Chapter, as well as a complete membership listing.

13. Changes to this Constitution

- 13.1. This Constitution may be changed via a qualified majority of two-thirds of members with voting rights in an online vote initiated by any three members of the Chapter in good standing living and working in Africa.
- 13.2. Any and all changes to this Constitution shall be submitted for ratification to the Policy Council of the Society, accompanied by a declaration of support of at least ten members of the Chapter in good standing living in Africa

14. Address of the Chapter

- 14.1. The Chapter's contact for correspondence shall be the Organising Secretary whose address will be published and updated on the Chapter website and the Society website (www.systemdynamics.org).

Appendix A: Initial Policy Council Officers of the System Dynamics Africa Regional Chapter

Position	Elected Officers
1. President	Prof. Ddembe W. Williams (KCA University: Kenya)
2. VP North	Dr. Ahmad Taher Azar (Benha University: Egypt)
3. VP West	Prince Boateng (Koforidua Polytechnic: Ghana)
4. VP East	Dr. Komminist Weldemariam (IBM Research-Africa: Kenya)
5. VP Central	
6. VP South	Vacant To be elected
7.	Vacant
8. Organizing Secretary	Aminah Zawedde (Makerere University: Uganda)
9. Treasurer	Idris Musawa (Petroleum Training Institute: Nigeria)
10. Member North	Dr. Khaled Wahba (University of Cairo: Egypt)
11. Member West	Falebita Oluwabunmi (Obafemi Awolowo University: Nigeria)
12. Member East	Saul Kidde (Makerere University: Uganda)
13. Member Central	Vacant
14. Member South	Vacant To be elected

Appendix B: System Dynamics Africa Regional Chapter Founding Members

No.	Name	Country	Institution	Registration Status with ISDS
1.	Dr. Agnes Rwashana Semwanga	Uganda	Makerere University	Yes
2.	Dr. Ahmad Taher Azar	Egypt	Benha University	Yes
3.	Ms. Aminah Zawedde	Uganda	Makerere University	Yes
4.	Mr. Charles Nartey	Ghana	Regional Maritime University	Yes
5.	Dr. David Lounsbury	USA	Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Yes
6.	Prof. Ddembe Williams	Kenya	KCA University	Yes
7.	Dr. Ezekiel Adelere Adeniran	Nigeria	University of Lagos	Yes
8.	Mr. Idris Musawa	Nigeria	Petroleum Training Institute	Yes
9.	Mr. Jacob Mayiani	USA	James Madison University	Yes
10.	Assoc. Prof. Khaled Wahba	Egypt	University of Cairo	Yes
11.	Mr. Micheal Oladokun	Nigeria	University of Uyo	Yes
12.	Mr. Mohamed Saleh	Egypt	Cairo Univeristy	Yes
13.	Mrs. Oluwabunmi Falebita	Nigeria	Obafemi Awolowo University	Yes
14.	Mr. Prince Boateng	Ghana	Koforidua Polytechnic	Yes
15.	Mr. Saul Kidde	Uganda	Makerere University	Yes
16.	Mr. Segun Aluko	UK	University of Leeds	Yes
17.	Prof. Stephen Ogunlana	UK	Heriot-Watt University	Yes
18.	Mr. Tunji Adeniran	Nigeria	University of Lagos	Yes