



**STATUTES OF CAHB ADOPTED
DURING THE EXTRAORDINARY
CONGRESS HELD BY
VIDEOCONFERENCE
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ARTICLE 1

It has been created on 15th January 1973 in **Nigeria**, between the African National Handball Federations affiliated to the International Handball Federation (IHF), an african sport organization called “AFRICAN HANDBALL CONFEDERATION” in short “CAHB.

The African Handball Confederation (CAHB) is a non-political and non-profit organization which was legally and morally established. It is composed of the national federations of the African continent and is recognized by the International Handball Federation as the only continental sport organization which manages handball in all its forms in its geographical area of intervention.

Its existence is unlimited.

HEAD OFFICE

ARTICLE 2

The Head office of CAHB is located in Abidjan (Republic of CÔTE D’IVOIRE).

The proposals for the transfer of the head office shall be a decision of the Congress taken by the majority of the 2/3 of the member Federations which are entitled to vote.

The African Handball Confederation is submitted to the Laws of the country in which the Head office is located.

The place of jurisdiction is Abidjan.

OBJECTIVES AND MISSIONS

ARTICLE 3

3.1 The objectives and missions of CAHB are :

- a) Lay the foundations and find all required means likely to develop African Handball within its own structures and through its competitions, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Handball Federation (IHF) ;
- b) Promote the practice of handball and broadcast it in Africa taking into account its universal, educative, sporting, social and cultural effect.
- c) Organize its own continental competitions and assure their organization continuously and periodically and maintain them in harmony with the universal objectives and the strategies defined by IHF.
- d) Promote women’s handball and boost a better representativeness of women at all the levels of the governance of handball, in compliance with the recommendations of IHF and International Olympic Committee.



- e) Organize some training and retraining courses for the technical bodies, of all levels and more generally for all the other actors who are involved in the management, the development and the promotion of Handball ;
- f) Respect and support the ethics in the world of handball ; Prohibit and sanction all forms of discrimination in the world of handball ;
- g) Fight against the doping, in all its forms in order to protect the health of the players ;
- h) Encourage and help African countries which are not affiliated to the International Handball Federation yet to establish a national Federation and adhere to the organization ;
- i) Facilitate contacts and meetings between member national federations ;
- j) Prevent all political, religious, racial or sex discrimination against any country or individual or any group of people ;
- k) Contact all international organizations which can give financial, material or technical support ;
- l) Publish periodic pamphlets, documents and books in the area of Handball and put them at the disposal of the national federations;
- m) Maintain exemplary and transparent relations with IHF, IOC, international sports organizations and other continental handball confederations ;
- n) Adhere to the fundamental principles of the Olympic Movement and commit particularly to promoting peace, solidarity, fraternity and unity of handball players ;
- o)
- p) Continuously and unreservedly respect the principles of good governance and integrity, as well as the Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of IHF.

3.2. CAHB holds an exclusive monopoly on the economic and sporting rights inherent in the marketing of its competitions, events and products (competitions, Congresses, symposiums and educational materials), notably with regard to publicity and marketing rights, TV rights, as well as all other derivative rights.

3.3. CAHB adopts Statutes, Regulations specific to its competitions, and other regulatory and sporting texts in order to manage relations between its stakeholders.

3.4. CAHB can acquire real estate to rent, buy or sell for its needs.

ARTICLE 4

The logo of the African Handball Confederation (Known as CAHB) is the official symbol of the African Handball Confederation.



The anthem of CAHB must be played before the beginning of each of its official events.

The logo and the anthem are protected by the copyright and property law.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

ARTICLE 5

The official languages of CAHB are FRENCH and ENGLISH.

All mailing and publications must be done in both languages. In case of dispute relating to the interpretation of these statutes, the text in the French language shall prevail.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 6

Are members of CAHB, the african national federations regularly affiliated to IHF.

Members of the governing bodies of national federations must compulsorily be elected. The statutes of member federations must be in accordance with those of CAHB and IHF.

ADMISSION

ARTICLE 7

7.1. Can be admitted as member of the African Handball Confederation only one national association per country.

The Ordinary Congress receives and examines any application for admission meets the following requirements:

- a) A written application shall be sent to the Headoffice of CAHB, attached with the Regulations and the Statutes of the aspiring member.

The Statutes and Regulations must be consistent with those of IHF and CAHB. All proposals for modification of these statutory texts which may be initiated subsequently must be communicated to the Headoffice of IHF and CAHB, for evaluation and approval before being submitted to the Congress of the concerned national federation. Modifications and motions related to statutory changes, as soon as they are approved, must be transmitted to CAHB and IHF within a period not exceeding (20) days, from the date of the Congress during which the said modifications were adopted.

- b) The form of CAHB (comprising the number of leagues, teams, players, halls, the names and addresses of the members of the Executive Bureau etc) duly filled and signed ;



- c) The commitment relating to the respect of the regulations signed by the President of the Federation and counter signed by the authorities in charge of Sports.
- d) The notification to the Headoffice of CAHB of the list of the members of the executive body.

An association is considered to be a provisional member when it receives from the Headoffice of CAHB the notification of its provisional acceptance by a receipt of the affiliation bearing its number and date.

The definitive acceptance shall be pronounced by the Congress of the African Handball Confederation.

When voting on the definitive admission of a federation, the delegates of this federation must not be present in the room.

Once a federation is definitely admitted as member of CAHB, it can have a seat in Congress and receive the right to vote during the Congress.

7.2 CAHB member associations enjoy the following rights:

- a) Participle in the Congress;
- b) Formulate proposals concerning items to be included on the Congress agenda;
- c) To take part and vote in all CAHB elections ;
- d) Propose candidates for the CAHB's governing bodies, as well as for its bodies or elective positions;
- e) Participate in competitions and events organized by CAHB;
- f) Participate in training and development programs organized by the CAHB ;
- g) Enjoy all rights arising from the present Articles of Association and other legal texts of the CAHB.

7.3. CAHB member associations are subject to the following obligations :

- a) Respect and work to ensure that their own members and auxiliaries respect the principles of ethics and fair play prescribed by CAHB and IHF, the principles of integrity and good governance as well as the Statutes, regulatory texts, decisions, circulars and directives of CAHB and IHF.
- b) Participate in competitions and congresses organized by CAHB ;
- c). Pay their membership fees regularly ;
- d) Respect the Laws of the Game enacted by IHF;



e) Respect the Code of Ethics of CAHB and IHF, the principles drawn from the Olympic Charter, and the provisions of the CAHB Medical Regulations and the Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency

f) Respect the provisions of the Legal Order of CAHB and the authority of decisions rendered by CAHB legal bodies

g) To conduct their affairs independently and to ensure that there is no influence or interference of any kind whatsoever on the part of any third party or any political or governmental authority whatsoever within the framework of their business or activities

7.4. Any manifest violation or any proven negligence in the observance of these obligations engages the disciplinary responsibility of the offender and results in the application of the sanctions provided by these Statutes and the legal texts of CAHB.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 8

8.1.: A federation loses its membership :

- a) After an infringement of the Statutes;
- b) By decision of the Congress taken at the simple majority ;
- c) If the federation is excluded by a decision of IHF or is no more recognized by the National Olympic Committee of its country's ;
- d) When by motivated letter to the Headoffice, it expresses its will to withdraw from CAHB, through resignation.

That request must be confirmed after three (03) months.

The resigning Federation can be reintegrated within CAHB only by virtue of a decision of the Congress by a majority of three quaters (3/4) of the valid votes cast and after having honored all its previous financial obligations towards CAHB and the area to which it falls.

8.2. Any member federation may be subject to a sanction of definitive exclusion decided by the General Assembly, on request of the Council of CAHB, if it is guilty of a serious violation or repeated breaches of the provisions of the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of CAHB, or the Code of Ethics of CAHB and / or IHF;

8.3. However, the Council of CAHB may, as part of a preliminary or preventive disciplinary measure, suspend or temporarily exclude with immediate effect, any member association which seriously contravenes its statutory or regulatory



obligations. The CAHB Council has a discretion to reform or even cancel this provisional sanction during the entire period preceding the date of the Congress following the taking of such a measure. In the absence of a reform or cancellation of the sanction of provisional suspension by the Council, it remains in force until it is submitted to the next Congress.

8.4. Any final exclusion or suspension is the responsibility of the Congress, which must rule by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the valid votes cast.

8.5. Les fédérations nationales suspendues sont déchues du droit de vote à l'Assemblée Générale et ne peuvent participer aux compétitions organisées par la CAHB.

THE MANAGING BODIES

ARTICLE 9

The managing bodies of CAHB are:

- a) The Congress: Supreme authority
- b) The Council : leading body
- c) The Executive Committee: Executive body
- d) The Audit: body which checks the accounts
- e) The Commission of Arbitration, the Tribunal Arbitral, the Ethics Commission : legal bodies
- f) The Zones;
- g) The Specialized Commissions.
- h) The Headoffice

CONGRESS

ARTICLE 10

The Congress constitutes the highest and the supreme authority of CAHB.

CAHB holds two (2) kinds of Congress:

- 1) An Ordinary Congress
- 2) An Extraordinary Congress.

ORDINARY CONGRESS

ARTICLE 11

CAHB holds two types of Ordinary Congress :

1. An Ordinary Working Congress
2. An Ordinary Congress of Election



Each Ordinary Congress fixes the place and the date of the next Congresses.

ARTICLE 12

The Ordinary Congress validly deliberates when half of the national federations that have fulfilled their financial obligations towards CAHB and IHF are represented.

In the absence of the minimum required quorum, the Congress meet 24 hours later, notwithstanding the number of national federations actually present. In this case, the work of the Congress is deemed to be regular and perfectly valid.

Any federation can be represented by a representative duly mandated who must compulsorily have the nationality of the represented country.

The name of the delegate must be communicated to the CAHB Headoffice no later than 24 hours before the opening ceremony of the Congress.

If a representative does not meet these conditions, he can take part in the Congress but only as an observer without voting rights.

ARTICLE 13

The Headoffice of the African Handball Confederation communicates the date of the Congress to the member Federations Six (6) months before, by the appropriate means of communication.

The date and place will be confirmed one (1) month before the Congress.

The Headoffice will convene the members one (01) month before the Congress with sending of the documents of work.

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It is understood that if the Council decides to postpone the holding of the Congress for a reason of force majeure, the new date decided for the reconvening of the Congress will have to take into account the statutory prescriptions of the International Handball Federation and in particular the obligation to always hold the CAHB Ordinary Congress before the date of the holding of the Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the International Handball Federation.



ARTICLE 14

The Agenda of the Congress with Elections is composed by the following Points :

01-Opening of the Congress

02-Presence-Roll Call of the delegates

03-Election of two delegates to check the Minutes

04-Confirmation that the meeting has been properly convened

05-Election of two scrutineers

06-Approval of the Minutes of the preceding Congress

07-Admission of new members

08-Report of activities of the Executive Committee

09-Financial report

10-Report of Auditors and Certification

11-Analysis of the proposals relating to candidatures

12 - Elections

a) The President

b) The 1st Vice – President

c) Two (2) other Vice-Presidents whose duties will be specified.

d) The Treasurer

e) Two (2) elected members for the Executive Committee, including a women

- It is understood that all other elected positions on the Executive Committee remain open to women candidatures.

f) The three (03) elected members for the Council, including a women's candidature

g) The Auditors

h) The President of Tribunal Arbitral

i) The President of the Arbitration Commission

j) The President of the Ethics Commission

13 – Confirmation of the Presidents of Zones

14 – Analysis and adoption of the proposals for amendment of the Statutes and Regulations

15 – Approval of CAHB's programme of activities

16 – Miscellaneous

17 – Place and date of the next Congress



18 – Distinctions

19 – official closing of the Congress

ARTICLE 15

The proposals for amendment of the statutes and other legal texts cannot be subject to a voting at the Congress unless they are mentioned on the Agenda of the Congress and if they are sent to the Headoffice of CAHB four (04) months before the Congress.

The Executive Committee, after analysis, sends the said proposals of modification under the form of documents of work to all the members one (01) month before the Congress, with its views.

However, the Congress, at the two thirds (2/3) majority of its members, can study all the proposals considered relevant and sent out of delay, under the form of resolution presented by the President of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 16

If necessary, a question not listed in the agenda can nevertheless be discussed if the two thirds (2/3) of the members who are present agree.

ARTICLE 17

For an Ordinary Working Congress, the points of the Agenda are identical to those of an elective ordinary Congress, except the point relating to the elections.

ARTICLE 18

The decisions of the Congress relating to proposals are taken by a simple majority of the member federations which are present and which have got the voting right.

The voting takes place by a show of hands except if the secret ballot is requested by the simple majority of the delegates.

In case of equality of votes, participants will have to vote again.

If the equality persists after that voting, the proposal shall be considered as rejected.

The Executive Director writes the official Minutes of the Congress. After its approval by the scrutineers, the Minutes must be signed by the Executive Director and by the President and sent to the members of the Council and to the federations within the maximum delay of three (03) months.

The decisions taken by the Congress come into force once they are notified.

The Minutes shall be sent to the International Handball Federation ((IHF).



ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 19

The members of the Executive Committee and the Council are elected in the following conditions :

- a) in case the number of candidatures for a position exceeds two (2), voting shall be done at the absolute majority of the votes of the member federations present at the Congress and which have fulfilled their financial obligations towards CAHB.
- b) If no candidate obtains the absolute majority, a second ballot is taken between the two (02) candidates who have got the greater number of votes during the first ballot. For the second ballot, the simple majority will prevail.

If after two ballots no candidate obtains the majority, a third ballot is taken.

- c) For that last ballot, in case the results are tied, the outgoing member will be reconfirmed at the position in competition if he /she is candidate ; if not, the position is left to the candidate who has served the longest time in a Commission or within the council of CAHB. Should this not be the case, the position is left to the most aged candidate.

- d) In case of two candidates for a position, the election is done by simple majority of votes.

If there is a tie, a second ballot will be taken.

If after the second ballot, no candidate is elected, a third ballot will be taken.

For this last ballot, in case of tie, the outgoing candidate or the most aged is then elected.

- e) A voting bureau composed by three delegates who are neither council members nor candidates for any position shall be chosen to supervise the election in lieu of the outgoing bureau.

- f) The voting shall be by secret ballot.

The voter and the candidate must physically be present during the voting.

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However, for reasons of convenience or force majeure, it may be decided to organize the elections and hold the Congress meetings electronically using videoconferencing or teleconferencing techniques, and more generally using any computer technology that can dematerialize and facilitate the organization and holding of the Congress meetings.



ARTICLE 20 :

VOTING RIGHT

Can vote, only the national member federations that meets the following conditions:

- The national member federation must have participated in at least two competitions (clubs and/or IHF trophy) during the four (4) years mandate preceding the elections;
- Must be up to date regarding the payment of the annual contributions and not have any debts towards CAHB ;
- not be subject to a sanction of suspension or striking off.

Member federations which have not fulfilled these conditions can take part in the Congress but as observers, without any voting right.

Similarly, regions wishing to become members of CAHB, but which have neither a National Olympic Committee nor a national federation, may be admitted as “regional members”.

These members have one seat, but no voting rights at the CAHB Congress. Only permanent members, regularly affiliated to CAHB, have voting rights at the Congress.

ARTICLE 21 :

Eligibility conditions for the Executive Committee

The elective positions of CAHB are open, in the deadline for the submission of the applications fixed by the provisions relating to the Congress of Election, to the natural persons who belong to some permanent member national federations of CAHB or bodies of CAHB, who have got their voting rights.

Candidates from regional members do not meet the eligibility criteria and are not eligible to stand for elective office under the terms of this article.

ARTICLE 22

22.1. Can be eligible to the positions of President within the Executive Committee, only a person in activity or who has been in activity, in one of the following instances of CAHB or IHF, at least two (02) mandates, within the :

- Council
- Specialized Commissions
- Audit
- Commission of Arbitration
- Ethics Commission
- Tribunal Arbitral



22.2. For the other positions within the Executive Committee, the candidate can be from one of the instances of CAHB or IHF or from the Executive Bureau of a National Federation, with at least six (06) years experience.

22.3. It is recommended that the candidate for the position of Treasurer within the Executive Committee be a professional in finances or be holder of a master degree in finances, accountancy and more generally having or a similar training in that domain of expertise.

22.4. The duration of the mandate of the President and the other members of the Executive Committee is four (4) years. Their mandate starts at the end of the Congress during which they were elected. The President and the Members of the outgoing Executive Committee are reeligible and are not subject to any particular rule of limitation of mandates.

ARTICLE 23

A candidate can apply for only one position in the bodies and instances of CAHB. When a candidature is submitted for a position, the candidate cannot change by no means its request or submit a new one even if the delay for the deposit are still open.

At the end of the deadline for submitting applications, all application files that are submitted become final. They will be put to a vote, unless the concerned candidate withdraws in the case that the same withdrawal is expressed in an official and personal manner by the candidate by any means which leaves a written record.

ARTICLE 24

The non-respect of the provisions of articles 22 and 23 leads to the pure and simple annulment of the candidature of the concerned person to all the applied positions.

ARTICLE 25

The candidature files are sent to a working group of three (03) persons established by the Executive Committee and composed by some members of the legal bodies of CAHB and /or other personalities judged competent in order to study their validity. Those persons must not be candidate to any position.

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

ARTICLE 26

The Extraordinary Congress is held in the following cases :

- a) If at least the 2/3 of the members call for a meeting in writing.
- b) On proposal of the President of CAHB for necessities and urgent problems.



ARTICLE 27

The Extraordinary Congress is held to discuss the following points:

- A- Urgent matters which can jeopardize the good operation of the Confederation
- B- Major financial issues judged to be of great importance

Only the points mentioned in the Agenda will be discussed.

ARTICLE 28

The Executive Committee decides the place and the date of the Extraordinary Congress.

The convocations with the agenda are sent by the Headoffice forty (40) days before the Congress.

ARTICLE 29: COMMON PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE HOLDING AND RUNNING OF CONGRESSES

1. The President of the meeting ensures the application of these statutory regulations. He opens and closes the sessions. He grants the floor and conduct the debates.
2. He maintains order and can take sanctions against people who disturb the proceedings. The sanctions are :
 - The call to order
 - The blame
 - Exclusion for one or more sessions with immediate effect.
3. Official interpreters will provide simultaneous translation of the debates into the official languages used during the Congress (French, English).
4. At the start of the session of an Elective Ordinary Congress, the Congress appoints the scrutineers responsible for assisting the Executive Director in the conduct of voting operations such as the counting of votes cast by show of hands, the distribution of ballots, counting the ballots... The Executive Committee may decide to use electronic voting instruments.
5. Each discussion is preceded by a statement from the representative of the forum or Member who placed that point in the agenda.
6. After the presentation, the presiding officer opens the debate and gives the floor in the order requested. No one can speak without having been authorized to do so. A



speaker may not speak a second time on the same subject unless approved by the President of the meeting and after all the delegates who have requested the floor have spoken.

7. All proposals are presented in writing and must necessarily relate to the subject under discussion, failing which they will be rejected. Any amendment to these proposals is drawn up in writing and presented to the President who alone is entitled to put it under discussion, according to his own discretionary power.

8. The votes for the elections of the members of the Executive Committee and of the Council at any Elective Ordinary Congress, are made by secret ballot. All other decisions requiring a vote are taken by show of hands or using electronic instruments.

9. The absolute majority (half plus one) or the other qualified majorities (two thirds, three quarters...) when they are required, are determined by the number of valid votes cast. Abstentions are not counted in this calculation.

10. Proposals must be put to a vote in the order in which they are presented. If there are more than two main proposals, they are put to the vote successively and each delegate can vote for only one of those proposals.

11. Proposals which meet no opposition are considered adopted. The President announces the results of the votes in Congress. No one can speak during the vote or before the results are communicated.

12. All the elections take place by secret ballot, by means of ballots distributed just before the vote by the Secretary General assisted by the tellers. The number of ballots issued is announced by the Executive Director before the voting operation. If the number of ballots collected in the ballot box is equal to or less than the number of ballots issued, the ballot is valid. If the number exceeds the number of ballots issued, the ballot is declared void and restarted.

13. The majority required for any election is established on the number of valid ballots collected in the ballot box. Blank ballots and spoiled ballots are not counted in this calculation. The counted ballots are placed by the Executive Director in envelopes specially prepared for this purpose and immediately sealed. The Executive Director keeps these envelopes and destroys them one year after the closing of the Congress.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATION

ARTICLE 30

The Council is composed as following:

- The members of the Executive Committee
- Three (03) members elected by the Congress, including a woman.



For that position, the best ranked woman candidate among the other women candidates is automatically elected.

- The Presidents of the Zones

At the Council of CAHB, there cannot be more than one representative per member country.

ARTICLE 31

The duration of the mandate of the Council of CAHB is four (4) years and the outgoing members are re-eligible. Their mandate starts at the end of the Congress during which they were elected.

ARTICLE 32

Any new candidature to a position in one body of CAHB must be presented by the National federation of the candidate and supported with a letter from the Ministry in charge of sports of his country.

The candidature file must be sent to the Executive Direction of CAHB four (04) months before the holding of the Congress.

For the renewals of the candidatures, the application of the candidate is sufficient.

Any candidate applying for a position in a CAHB body must exercise exemplary morality, particularly by not being subject to suspension or moral sanction at the national and / or international level. He must have a clean criminal record and must comply with all the provisions of CAHB's Code of Ethics and that of IHF.

ARTICLE 33

The Council of CAHB meets at least once a year

It can be convened by the President of CAHB in an emergency context, to deal with and settle any question of extreme urgency, which would fall within its area of competence.

ARTICLE 34

The President of CAHB proposes the date and place of the Council's meeting in case of necessity and approves the agenda drawn up by the Headoffice.

ARTICLE 35

The Headoffice must send the convening letters and the agenda to the members of the Council one month before the meeting.



ARTICLE 36

The responsibilities of the Council are the following:

- a) Make sure that decisions taken by the Congress are well executed by the Executive Committee.
- b) Decide on major financial issues in the framework of the budget.
- c) Approve the budget drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- d) Present specific proposals to the Congress.
- e) Deal with administrative and technical proposals received from federations and make recommendations to the Congress.
- f) Ratify the budget of different commissions and zones taking into account the total budget
- g) Receive the reports of activities of the Commissions and give a follow up to these proposals which are in the said reports.
- h) Approve the Regulations of the Championships on the basis of proposals made by the commissions
- i) Allocate the organization of events (Championships, Africa Cups...) on delegation by the Congress.

ARTICLE 37

If a member of the Council ceases to be in office further death, resignation, striking off or in case of absolute necessity, he will immediately be replaced.

- a) If it is a member of the Executive Committee, another member of the Executive Committee will replace him till the next Congress cumulatively with his attributions.
- b) If it is a President of zone, the Council proceeds to his replacement by the elected representative of the same zone.

The latter must be confirmed during the next Congress.

- c) If it is one of the three (03) elected members, it will be proceeded to his replacement during the next Congress.
- d) If it is a President of a Specialized Commission, the Executive Committee proceeds to his replacement.

ARTICLE 38

Decisions of the Council shall be taken at the simple majority of the votes. In case of equality of votes, that of the President of the session will have the casting vote.



ARTICLE 39

The Executive Committee is composed by seven (07) members:

- The President
- The First Vice-President
- Two (2) other Vice-Presidents whose duties will be specified.
- The Treasurer
- The two (2) other elected members, including a woman.

ARTICLE 40

The Executive Committee deals with the daily management of CAHB.

As such, it is the body which executes the decisions of the Council and the Congress.

The Executive Committee decides on any other matter which does not fall within the competence of the Congress or other bodies by virtue of these Statutes and the regulations of CAHB. Each member of the Executive Committee has the right to propose the items he wishes to include on the agenda of the Executive Committee or of a standing commission.

The decisions of the Executive Committee are binding, with immediate effect. The debates and decisions taken by the Executive Committee are recorded in Minutes which are sent to all members before the next meeting.

The Executive Committee may delegate the exercise of some of its prerogatives to its members individually, or grouped in a select committee, or to the Executive Director in accordance with management procedures that it will have enacted.

The Executive Committee may relieve members of the standing commissions who are guilty of serious misconduct or inadequacy in the conduct of their missions, and replace them for the remainder of their mandate.

The Executive Committee establishes the specific regulations of the standing commissions and ad hoc committees. It is empowered to establish projects for the amendment of legal and sporting texts in force and to propose the establishment of new texts.

When a decision of a standing commission does not comply with the provisions provided in the Statutes and the Regulations in force, the Executive Committee may either refer the file to the competent commission for reconsideration, or take it up itself for reform or annul it.



ARTICLE 41

The Executive Committee submits all important matters to the Council.

It defines the calendar of the working missions that its members should carry at the Head Office of CAHB.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 42

The President is responsible for the good running of CAHB.

In this respect, he can decide of some matters of extreme urgency between two meetings of the Executive Committee after consultation with other members.

In case of blocking, he can convene an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee.

When the President resides outside the city of the Headoffice, an office may be established by CAHB in his city of residence, at his request. This office enjoys all the advantages and prerogatives accorded to international organizations.

In specific cases, the President may delegate some of his powers to one of the members of the Executive Committee, in compliance with the management procedures he has laid down.

The President of the African Handball Confederation (CAHB) has got the following responsibilities :

- 1- He represents the Confederation near the external bodies and organizations;
- 2- He ratifies the Minutes of the Confederation after their approval by the concerned body;
- 3- He presides over all the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Council and Congress;
- 4- He represents CAHB as plaintiff or defendant in legal and financial matters;
- 5- He signs all contracts and agreements concluded by CAHB after opinion of the Council;
- 6- He has got the power of authorization for the expenditures.

ARTICLE 44

The Treasurer is responsible for the good management of the finances of CAHB.

As such, he has the responsibility to:

- a) Draw up, introduce and follow up the budget approved by the Council



- b) keep the accounts and transactions of CAHB
- c) Follow-up the mobilization and the management of the financial resources of CAHB.
- d) Implementation of all financial operations concerning the projects, programmes and activities of CAHB.

In case of absolute necessity, its interim is assured by a Council member appointed by that body.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE THREE (03) ELECTED MEMBERS

ARTICLE 45

The Council can agree upon the specific tasks to give to the members elected by the Congress.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPOSITION OF THE ZONES

ARTICLE 46

The zone, working body of the confederation, is responsible for the development and promotion of handball in its geographical area.

Apart from the zones, the African handball Confederation does not officially recognize any other sub-group.

The Zones below are established :

ZONE 1 : ALGERIA, LIBYA, MOROCCO AND TUNISIA

ZONE 2: CAPE VERDE, GAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSAU, GUINEA, MALI, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL AND SIERRA LEONE

ZONE 3: BENIN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, BURKINA FASO, LIBERIA, NIGER, NIGERIA AND TOGO

ZONE 4: CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGO, GABON, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, CHAD, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

ZONE 5: BURUNDI, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, UGANDA, RWANDA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA, SOUTH SUDAN

ZONE 6: ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, SWAZILAND.

ZONE 7: COMOROS, MADAGASCAR, MAURITIUS AND SEYCHELLES.
REUNION (Regional member).



Each zone is composed by:

1)- A President elected by the Presidents of the Federations of the concerned zone.

* He represents CAHB near the member Federations of the zone.

* He coordinates the activities of the zone, convenes and presides over meetings of the zone.

Any candidature to the position of President of Zone must be presented by the National Federation of the candidate, within thirty (30) days, before the holding of the meeting of the concerned zone.

The candidate for the position of Zone President must be a President of Federation.

The information concerning the General Assembly in each zone must be sent to the Headoffice of CAHB, at least one (01) month before the holding of the said meeting.

The Executive Committee of CAHB nominates a representative to assure the supervision of the General Assembly.

The President of Zone is the interlocutor of the other CAHB bodies for all matters relating to the development of handball in the Zone.

The Minutes of the election of the President of the Zone must be sent to the Headoffice of CAHB three (03) months before the holding of the Congress.

The President of the Zone is automatically member of the Council of CAHB.

The duration of the mandate of the President of Zone is four (04) years.

2) - **A Sports commission** of five (5) members appointed by the President of the zone and approved by the Council of CAHB.

The Sports Commission is composed by:

- a) One member in charge of the Organization of the Competitions);
- b) One member in charge of refereeing and the playing Rules;
- c) One member in charge of the Coaching and Methods;
- d) One member in charge of the Development;
- e) One member in charge of medical issues.

The President of Zone can appoint an Administrative Secretary; however, the charge relating to the function will be supported by the zone.

The loss of the position of President of a Federation in office, for whatever reason, automatically causes the loss of that of President of Zone.

In this case, elections will be held in the Zone to elect a new President, within a period not exceeding 2 months from the date of vacancy.



DUTIES OF THE ZONES

ARTICLE 47

The zones of CAHB must compulsorily comply with the Statutes and Regulations of CAHB.

ARTICLE 48

A zone which does not have more than two active federations will be put under administration of the Headoffice of CAHB.

AUDIT

ARTICLE 49HB.

The Auditors check and certify the accounts of CAHB.

The result of their work is put in a report which is sent by the Headoffice, during the next Ordinary Working Congress of CAHB.

They meet at least once per year, on convocation of the President of CAHB.

THE SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS

ARTICLE 50

The following five (5) commissions are the permanent organs of CAHB in charge of some specific tasks:

- Commission of the Organization of Competition (COC)
- Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)
- Commission for Coaching and Methods (CCM)
- Medical Commission (MC)
- Commission for the Development (CD).

The Commissions are composed by a President and some members appointed by the Executive Committee.

The Specialized Commissions are each made up of five members, including the Chairman.

The duration of the mandate of the specialized commissions is equal to that of the members of the Executive Committee of CAHB.

The composition of the specialized commissions is decided by the Executive Committee.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS

ARTICLE 51

COMMISSION OF THE ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS (COC) :

- a) Assures the organization and the running of all the competitions of CAHB (Africa Nations Cups, Arica Champinships, qualification tournaments of the Olympic Games and African Games...);
- b) Watches to the application of the regulations of the competitions and update them in case of need;
- c) Draws-up the calendar of the events ;
- d) Assures the training courses of the Event Delegates ;
- e) Collaborates with the Competition Management during the championships ;
- f) Brings its expertise and its support to the sports commissions of Zones and the national federations.

ARTICLE 52

PLAYING RULES AND REFEREES COMMISSION (PRC) :

- a) Watches to the application of the rules of game and their clarification near the national federations;
- b) Collaborates with the Competition Management during the Championships;
- c) Organizes seminars and training courses for the benefit of the referees;
- d) Selects, trains, designates, the continental and international african referees and the technical delegates;
- e) Issues identification card to the continental and international referees;
- f) Nominates and trains referees/instructors
- g) Communicates the list of CAHB referees to IHF;
- h) Brings support to the corresponding commission in the zones and national federations.

ARTICLE 53

COMMISSION FOR COACHING AND METHODS (CCM):

- a) Analyzes continental and international competitions and tournaments and makes proposals relating to funds, organization and infrastructures for future development of handball;
- b) Organizes some symposiums in consultation with PRC;



- c) Prepares teaching materials and organize training and retraining courses for coaches;
- d) Assures the development of school Handball and mini-Handball through schools;
- e) Brings support to the corresponding commission in the zones and national federations;
- f) Makes the composition of the continental teams;
- g) Nominates and train the lecturers.

ARTICLE 54

MEDICAL COMMISSION (MC) :

- a) Implements the anti-doping regulations;
- b) Communicates with the organizers of the championships in order to be sure of the arrangements linked to the feeding during the competitions;
- c) carries out anti doping tests and any other medical tests ;
- d) Contributes to the medical and sport information exchanges during the continental and international medical seminars;
- e) Makes publications and organize teaching programmes notably on how to prevent sport related injuries and hurts;
- f) Proceeds to the medical visit of the referees nominated by CAHB during the competitions;
- g) Brings support to the corresponding commission in the zones and national federations;
- h) Checks the age of the athletes in the youth categories.

ARTICLE 55

COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT (CD):

- a) Produces the propaganda, visual and teaching materials;
- b) Contributes in the works of public relations of CAHB notably by the definition of the orientation of the relations with the media (press conferences and availability during the event of CAHB, as well as the participation in the publications of CAHB;
- c) Proceeds to the compilation, the cataloguing and the spreading of the resources of CAHB in terms of specialized documentation, films, audiovisual supports, video, tapes, photographs and posters ;



- d) Contributes to the development of mini-Handball and Beach Handball;
- e) Organizes training courses for the benefit of sport leaders;
- f) Assists the zones in view to have new members.

ARTICLE 56

The Executive Committee appoints the members of the Specialized Commissions, on the basis of the application submitted by the member federations.

A specialized commission shall not have more than one representative from the same federation.

The Executive Committee can dismiss a member of a Specialized Commission for any action related particularly to any insufficiency or negligence in the fulfilment of his missions, or for any fault committed, which would be incompatible with the values that he must observe because of his membership status within CAHB.

In this case, the Executive Committee nominates another member to replace him.

The Executive Committee of CAHB can nominate ad' hoc working groups to work on some specific problems according to the needs.

ARTICLE 57

If a President of a commission prematurely leaves his office during his term of office, the Executive Committee will appoint a new one.

ARTICLE 58 : LEGAL BODIES OF CAHB

1. The legal bodies of CAHB are :

- a. The Disciplinary Commission
- b. The Jury of Appeal
- c. The Arbitration Commission
- d. The Arbitral Tribunal
- e. The Ethics Commission.

2. The responsibilities and functions of these bodies are stipulated in the Legal Order of CAHB, the Rules of Penalties and Fines of CAHB and in the CAHB Code of Ethics.

3. The permanent legal bodies are : the Arbitration Commission and the Arbitral Tribunal.

4. The Disciplinary Commission and the Jury of Appeal are only constituted during sport competitions.

5. For any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of the Statutes, Regulations and decisions of the bodies of CAHB, all stakeholders including,



notably the players, their clubs, their member federations as well as the officials of CAHB, are all exclusively subject to the sporting jurisdiction of the legal bodies provided by the Statutes of CAHB

6. The member federations, their auxiliaries (clubs, players, officials, etc.) agree to fully comply with all decisions taken by the legal bodies of CAHB, in accordance with these Statutes. They must take all necessary measures to ensure that their own members, players and officials and more generally all their auxiliaries comply with those decisions.

7. Any violation of the aforementioned provisions will be penalized in compliance with the Legal Order and the Regulations for Penalties and Fines of CAHB. The composition and tasks of the legal bodies of CAHB are recorded in the Legal Order of CAHB.

8. In case of silence or imprecision of the statutory or regulatory texts of CAHB to govern or sanction a particular dispute situation, the statutory and regulatory texts of IHF will be applied.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTION

ARTICLE 59

The Executive Director is accountable to the Executive Committee for the activities and operations of the Headoffice.

He/she is responsible for implementing the decisions and resolutions taken by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 60

The Executive Director is appointed by the Executive Committee of CAHB, on proposal of its President.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ARTICLE 61

The Executive Director coordinates the work of all the administrative Directions of CAHB.

As such, he/she is responsible for :

- a) convening and organizing CAHB's meetings ;
- b) ensuring that the minutes of meetings are correctly written ;
- c) ensuring that files are processed promptly ;



- d) watching to the smooth running of the Directions ;
- e) evaluating Directions 's activities ;
- f) ensuring continuous training of the staff ;
- g) initiating invitations to competitions, meetings and symposia, in conjunction with the President
- h) updating the basic texts CAHB ;
- i) supervising and control the work of all the Technical Commissions ;
- j) examining membership applications from new Federations ;
- k) overseeing the proper management of files, registers, contracts and documents relating to CAHB, kept at the Headoffice ;
- l) signing all correspondence, except those for which the President is responsible.

ARTICLE 62

In case the Executive Director is unable to act, the Executive Committee proceeds to his replacement.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CAHB WITHIN IHF

ARTICLE 63

CAHB is represented within the International Handball Federation by the following persons:

- The President of CAHB (Vice-President Africa for IHF)
- The Africa representative within the Council of IHF (nominated by the Executive Committee, among its members).
- The other representatives of CAHB within IHF are appointed by the Executive Committee of CAHB, among the known competences.

RESOURCES OF CAHB

ARTICLE 64

The resources of CAHB are the following:

- a) Subscription or affiliation fees of member Federations;
- b) Subsidies or grants in cash or in kind given by any national or international body or institution willing to contribute to the development of African Handball;
- c) Incomes from the exploitation of the goods of CAHB;
- d) Incomes from the sale of publications;



- e) Deposit of a percentage of the participation fees of the teams in the different championships organized by the Confederation;
- f) - Donations and legacies;
- g) - Advertisement earnings, TV and marketing rights;
- h) - Fines resulting from the sanctions
- i) Percentages collected on matches revenue and revenues from CAHB's rights on its competitions and other events.

ARTICLE 65

65.1. CAHB and the national federations are the original owners, without restriction of content, time, place and law, of all the rights and privileges that may arise from competitions and other events falling within their respective fields of competence. These rights include, in particular, economic rights of all kinds, audiovisual recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotion rights as well as intellectual property rights such as rights to distinctive signs and copyright.

65. 2. The Executive Committee determines the type of exploitation and the extent of the use of these rights and enacts special provisions to this effect. The Executive Committee is sovereign over the exploitation of these rights. He can also use them either directly or with third parties or delegate their total or partial exploitation.

ARTICLE 66

The annual subscription fees for member federations are four hundred (400) Euros as follows:

A category: 500 Euros

Algeria – South Africa – Angola – Cameroon – Congo – Côte d'Ivoire – Egypt – Gabon – Guinea Conakry – Libya – Morocco – Nigeria – Democratic Republic of Congo – Senegal – Tunisia.

B Category : 250 Euros

Bénin – Burkina Faso – Burundi – Cap-Vert – Djibouti – Ethiopie – Ghana – Kenya – Madagascar – Mali – Niger – Rwanda – Togo

C Category : 150 Euros

Botswana – CentralAfrica – Comoros – Gambia – Guinea-Bissau – Equatorial Guinea – Mauritius – Lesotho – Liberia – Malawi – Mauritania – Mozambique – Namibia – Uganda – Sao Tome & Principe – Seychelles – Sierra-Leone – Somalia – Sudan – South Sudan – Tanzania – Chad – Zambia – Zimbabwe.

The A, B and C categories are defined by the level of development and practice of the member federations.



The annual subscription fees for member federations are proposed by the Council and approved by the Congress.

These fees must be paid to CAHB during the first quarter of each year via bank transfer.

Any Federation that has not paid its membership fee within the time allotted to it may be suspended from CAHB and systematically lose its right to vote in Congress, unless it asserts a just reason accepted by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 67

The member federation which has got two (2) years arrears of annual contribution shall receive from the Executive Committee a notification of suspension from all activities of CAHB and IHF.

The concerned federation will recover its rights once it pays in full the arrears.

ARTICLE 68

Any debt of a member federation or financial sanction imposed on a federation, a club, an official or player must be paid by the said federation within six (06) months after notification.

Failure to pay in time, the federation is automatically suspended from all continental and international activities until payment.

CAHB can compensate its receivable amounts owed by its member federations through their assets and bonus which are kept by the Confederation.

ARTICLE 69

All expenditures must be done in compliance with the financial Regulations.

ARTICLE 70

The financial year of CAHB begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

ACCOUNTS' AUDIT

ARTICLE 71

The audit of the accounts of CAHB shall be conducted by Auditors elected by the Congress, according to the regulations in force in the presence of the President and the Treasurer.



The Audit of the accounts of CAHB is conducted once a year. In case of necessity, another checking can be done before the end of the financial year.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 72

Any federation willing to organize an international competition in its country shall notify it to CAHB, at the time of submitting its candidature to IHF.

If it fails to comply with this provision, the concerned federation shall pay a fine of 3000 Euros.

ARTICLE 73

Any member federation which organizes an international competition must present a report of organization to CAHB one month (01) after the end of that event.

ARTICLE 74

During the international competitions between affiliated federations, the last international rules and regulations of IHF will be applied.

ARTICLE 75

SANCTIONS

75.1. In case of violation of the Statutes, the regulations of CAHB, decisions of the Congress, the Council and / or the Executive Committee, or in case of unsportsmanlike or indecent conduct, the national federations, clubs, officials and players and more generally all legal or natural persons directly or indirectly under the authority of CAHB, incur disciplinary sanctions, in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes, the regulations of competitions, disciplinary texts of CAHB and the Code of Ethics of CAHB and may be subject to the following sanctions:

1.1. Individual sanctions decreed against natural persons :

- a) Warning
- b) Fine ;
- c) Return of prizes
- d) Expulsion ;
- e) Suspension of matches ;
- f) Prohibition of changing rooms and / or reserve benches ;
- g) Prohibition of hall ;
- h) Prohibition to engage in any activity relating to handball ;

1.2. Specific sanctions decreed against legal persons :

- a) Prohibition on registering new players for CAHB competitions ;



- b) Obligation to play behind closed doors;
- c) Obligation to play in a neutral hall ;
- d) Prohibition to play in a specific hall ;
- e) Cancellation of match results ;
- f) Exclusion ;
- g) Forfeit ;
- h) Deduction of points ;
- i) Forced relegation to a lower division ;
- j) Fine ;
- k) Return of trophies or medals
- l) Suspension
- m) Dismissal

75.2. These same sanctions apply to officials, referees and directors of CAHB for acts possibly committed during the exercise of their functions in a manner which would constitute a violation of the statutes and regulations of CAHB and / or IHF.

75.3. The authority vested with disciplinary power may order one or more sanctions from among those mentioned in the paragraph of this article. A factual situation may lead the disciplinary authority to retain disciplinary responsibility for a legal person in addition to individual disciplinary sanctions (s) which may be imposed on natural persons who are members of said legal person.

75.4. Any Council member who is absent without notification, three times consecutively to planned CAHB events, will be suspended if this absence is not based on just cause. The Council will have to assess the case submitted to it after having granted the offender the right to present his defense in accordance with the law.

75.5. Any sanction must be taken, taking into account the principle of proportionality of the sanction in relation to the nature of the fault committed. The circumstances and the nature of the fault committed as well as the status of the offender, are elements which should guide the competent authority in taking any appropriate sanction to the specific facts of the case submitted to it.

ARTICLE 76

The sanctions provided in Article 75 are the responsibility of the Competition Management and the Jury of Appeal, when they are committed during a competition or a sports event under the authority of CAHB.

Nevertheless, and for sufficiently serious infringements or which would require further investigation, these two legal bodies may be content to take preventive disciplinary measures against any offender and may decide to refer the case to the CAHB Executive Committee which will be responsible for examining the disciplinary case and deciding it in a final manner.



In this case, the Executive Committee will have to respect the rights of defense of the alleged offender. The latter will be empowered to make his own written or oral observations before any decision is taken against him.

The Executive Committee has the right to suspend with immediate effect, any stakeholder who would seriously damage the reputation of CAHB following a serious infringement or following unsportsmanlike or fraudulent behavior or committed in a repeated manner. This suspension is of a temporary nature until the next Congress.

The Executive Committee will give the concerned person the opportunity to present their case and will give them the benefit of the doubt until they present their defense before the said body.

The Executive Committee has the option of either revoking the decision and lifting the suspension or confirming it.

The CAHB Headoffice is responsible to inform IHF about any decision of sanction taken.

Any decision of sanction decreed by the Executive Committee of CAHB as well as any decision subsequently confirmed by Congress, may be contested by law with the competent arbitration bodies of CAHB in application of the provisions of the Legal Order of CAHB which is in force.

The sanctions of suspension or radiation imposed by the International Federation or by the National Federation in their respective competences, are taken into consideration by CAHB, from the day of receipt of their notification.

HONORARY DISTINCTIONS

ARTICLE 77

77-1 Honorary President

On proposal of the Council, the Congress can appoint, as Honorary President, for eight (8) years ; former Presidents of CAHB, who have served for at least two terms and made an outstanding contribution to Handball.

The Honorary President can be invited to attend the Congress. He/she may take part in the debates, without the right to vote.

There can be only one Honorary President.

77-2 Honorary Member

The Congress can grant any former member of the Council or Executive Committee the title of Honorary Member, in recognition of services rendered to the cause of Handball.

Their appointment will be proposed by the Council.



On proposal of the Council, the Congress can award the title of honorary member to people who have highly contributed to the development of African Handball Confederation.

An honorary badge and a gadget of memory shall be given to them.

The Council can award an honorary badge of merit to people who have offered outstanding service to the African Handball.

The Executive Committee can award an honorary badge of merit to leaders, technical trainers and athletes who have contributed to the development of Handball in Africa.

It can also suggest the creation of management and remittance body of Honorary distinctions, which it will define the main clauses, notably the composition and the functioning as well as the main medals and their terms of proposal and candidature.

The managing body in charge of the honorary distinction falls under the authority of the President of the African Handball Confederation.

DISSOLUTION OF CAHB

ARTICLE 78 :

The dissolution of CAHB can be pronounced only during a Congress by three fourths (3/4) majority of the member federations entitled to vote.

The motion of the dissolution must have been sent with the agenda of the Congress to all the member federations of CAHB three (3) months before the holding of the Congress.

ARTICLE 79

In case of dissolution of CAHB, the Congress shall decide on the management of its assets and the execution of all possible financial obligations.

The assets can be used only for public sport activities.

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 80

80.1. All cases which are not provided in these Statutes or relating to strictly urgent matters or to situations of force majeure, are decided by the Council according to its sovereign discretion.

In order to base its decision, the Council may have recourse to the application of the Statutes and regulatory texts of the International Handball Federation.



80.2. The Council is invested with an exceptional normative power allowing it to take decisions or circulars which are necessary for the good management of sports competitions or for the immediate adaptation of the regulations of CAHB with the rules and decisions enacted by the International Handball Federation. Any decision or any circular taken for this purpose is perfectly opposable to the members of CAHB.

This exceptional competence of the Council cannot in any way encroach on the area of competence of the Congress and any new norm or decision enacted in this sense by the Council, must be submitted to the next Congress so that it is definitively incorporated into the statutory texts or CAHB regulations

80.3. The Council may set up any governance model which is likely to promote the proper functioning of the institutions and structures of CAHB provided that the model in question nevertheless complies with these statutes and the regulations in force. To this end, the Council may proceed to the creation of commissions or working units in specific fields in order to better organize and develop the activities of CAHB and the proper functioning of its institutions.

ARTICLE 81

Adopted by the Constitutive Congress held in January 1973 in Lagos (NIGERIA), these Statutes have been amended during the following Congresses:

- 2 nd Congress	January 1975	TUNIS (TUNISIA)
- 3 rd Congress	1978	ALGIERS (ALGERIA)
- 4 th Congress	September 1982	ABIDJAN (COTE D'IVOIRE)
- 5 th Congress	December 1984	(BAUCHI (NIGERIA)
- 6 th Congress	October 1986	DAKAR (SENEGAL)
- 7 th Congress	May 1989	CAIRO (EGYPT)
- 8 th Congress	September 1990	COTONOU (BENIN)
- 9 th Congress	April 1993	CAIRO (EGYPT)
- 10 th Congress	February 1995	OUAGA (BURKINA FASO)
- 11 th Congress	March 1998	YAOUNDE (CAMEROON)
- 12 th Congress	March 2000	ABUJA (NIGERIA)
- 13 th Congress	April 2002	CASABLANCA (MOROCCO)



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| - 14 th Congress | March 2004 | ABIDJAN (COTE D'IVOIRE) |
| - 15 th Congress | December 2006 | ABIDJAN (COTE D'IVOIRE) |
| - 16 th Congress | September 2008 | LAGOS (NIGERIA) |
| - 17 th Congress | May 2011 | MARRAKECH (MOROCCO) |
| - 18 th Congress | October 2012 | OUAGADOUGOU (BURKINA FASO) |
| - 19 th Congress | January 2015 | DOHA (QATAR) |
| - 20 th Congress | October 2016 | CONAKRY(GUINEA) |
| - 21 st Congress | October 2018 | ABIDJAN (COTE D'IVOIRE). |
| - 23 rd Congress | November 2023 | (By visioconference) |
| - Extraordinary Congress | August 2024 | (By visioconference) |