Bylaws of Doctorsact

Article 1: Name and Legal Status

The name of the organization shall be **Doctorsact**.

It is a **non-profit, non-governmental, non-political international association** under the laws of **Sweden**.

The organization may operate globally through affiliated national member organizations ("Doctorsact Uganda, Ghana").

Article 2: Mission and Purpose

Mission: To promote equitable access to health, education, and sustainable development through the coordination, support, and representation of national Doctorsact organizations.

The organization serves to:

- Coordinate and support the activities of national Doctorsact organizations
- Ensure global standards in governance, ethics, branding, and transparency
- Provide capacity-building, knowledge sharing, and international advocacy
- Mobilize resources and partnerships for joint or transnational initiatives

Article 3: Membership

Eligibility: Full membership is open to legally registered non-profit organizations operating under the name "Doctorsact" in their respective countries and sharing the international mission and values.

Admission: Requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board.

Obligations of Members:

- Abide by Doctorsact charter and branding guidelines
- Submit annual activity and financial reports
- Participate in General Assembly meetings

• Pay membership contributions, if applicable

Termination: Membership may be revoked for inactivity, non-compliance, or conduct that harms the network, subject to due process.

Article 4: General Assembly

The **General Assembly (GA)** is the supreme decision-making body and meets at least once per year.

Each full member has one vote. The GA is responsible for:

- Electing the Board of Directors
- Approving strategic plans and budgets
- Amending bylaws
- Reviewing reports and financial statements
- Admitting or removing members

Decisions are made by **simple majority**, except bylaw amendments or membership changes, which require a **two-thirds majority**.

Article 5: Board of Directors

The Board is elected by the General Assembly and consists of **5 to 9 members**, each serving **two-year terms**, renewable once.

Responsibilities:

- Appoint the Executive Director
- Monitor compliance and policy implementation
- Approve and oversee national membership
- Ensure financial transparency and proper reporting

The Board meets at least twice per year.

Article 6: Executive Management

The **Executive Director (ED)** is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the organization's daily operations.

The ED may:

- Hire staff
- Manage projects
- Represent the organization externally, in line with strategic direction

A **Secretariat (HQ Team)** may be established to support global operations and coordination.

Article 6A: Founder's Role and Executive Leadership

The Founder of Doctorsact International, Abiodun Ojoola, shall serve as the organization's Executive Director upon establishment.

- **6A.1.** The Founder may continue in this role as long as they maintain the confidence of the Board of Directors and fulfill the responsibilities set out in these bylaws.
- **6A.2.** The Board may confirm or revise the Executive Director's role at the General Assembly, in line with the organization's governance standards and evolving needs.
- **6A.3.** Upon resignation, incapacity, or transition of the Founder, the Board shall appoint a successor according to standard recruitment procedures.

Article 7: Finances

Doctorsact International shall maintain accurate financial records and operate within approved budgets.

Funding sources include:

- Membership contributions
- Grants and donations
- Joint campaigns and project partnerships

An annual financial report shall be presented to the General Assembly and reviewed by an **independent auditor**.

Article 8: Relationship with National Members

National members retain operational autonomy but align with Doctorsact International in:

- Mission and values
- Brand and ethical guidelines
- Reporting standards

The umbrella body provides coordination, capacity-building, and international representation.

Article 9: Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments require a **two-thirds majority** at a duly convened General Assembly. Proposals must be circulated to all members at least **30 days in advance**.

Article 10: Dissolution

Dissolution requires a **three-quarters majority** vote by the General Assembly. Any remaining assets must be transferred to a non-profit with a similar international purpose.