

# GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice

## Statute

### § 1 Name, registered office, and business year

The association bears the name “GenderCC- women for climate justice”, in short “GenderCC”, and is entered in the register of associations. The association is headquartered in Berlin. The business year of the association is the calendar year.

### § 2 The purpose of the association

The association pursues exclusively and directly aims of public benefit as defined by the German Fiscal Code 1977 (§ 51 ff. AO) entitled „steuerbegünstigte Zwecke“ (recognized purposes) in the current version respectively.

The purpose of the association is:

- to promote equality of women and men and its realisation in international, national, and local environmental policy, particularly with regard to climate change, to the adaptation to climate change and to sustainable development;
- global collaboration and exchange, as well as the promotion of development cooperation in the areas climate policy, sustainable use of energy, the conservation of forests and equality;
- to inform the public about climate policy, as well as the scope of actions to actively conserve the global climate and protect the environment;
- to inform the public about equity aspects of climate change, concerning the relation between industrialised and developing countries, and within countries between men and women.

The association fulfils these goals particularly by:

- collecting and distributing information about the causes and consequences of climate change and climate policies as well as the impact on women and men;
- measures to augment the share of women in key positions in climate and environmental policy;
- measures to promote the participation of women in environmental and climate planning and politics;
- information and education on local, regional, national, and international levels;
- providing expertise and drafting reports as well as the publication of the conclusions;
- collaboration and exchange of experiences with organisations pursuing similar goals;
- executing and supporting practical projects with regard to the conservation of climate and forests in industrialised and developing countries;
- executing educational and capacity building events in developing countries about climate change and climate policy, as well as the involvement of women in these measures;
- planning, coordinating and executing actions with the aim to exercise influence on public opinion, politics, legislation and administration.

The association is nondenominational, ideologically disengaged and disinterested.

### § 3 Disinterestedness

The association operates on a disinterested basis; its first priority is not the pursuit of its own financial aims. The funds of the association are used only to serve such purposes that are in keeping with these statutes of association. Members do not obtain any profits or, in their capacity as members, any other allowances from association funds. No person must be favoured by expenditures which are alien to the purpose of the association or by disproportionate remuneration.

Upon leaving the association or upon its dissolution, members must not gain share of the funds of the association.

#### **§ 4 Membership**

Natural or legal persons, that support the aims of the association, can become regular members of the association. Additionally natural persons can be accepted as sustaining members without suffrage. The executive board in consultation with the bodies of the association decides on applications for membership.

The membership ends with the withdrawal or the expulsion from the association. The withdrawal can only be effected by the end of a calendar year and has to be announced in writing three months prior to the end of the calendar year to a member of the board. In case of severe violation of the duties of the association or severe offence against the interests of the association the executive board can expel a member. The member can call the General Member's Assembly against the decision. Its decision is final. The member is to be invited and heard at the meeting.

#### **§ 5 Funding**

##### **Membership-fees**

The members pay fees according to a resolution by the General Member's Assembly. The membership-fee is regulated by the contribution rules.

##### **Sponsorship**

The association is financed by funds, public benefits and subsidies, as well as other contributions from third parties.

#### **§ 6 Bodies of the association**

The bodies of the association are the Executive Board and the General Member's Assembly. The General Member's Assembly can furthermore appoint regional coordinating bodies and special committees.

##### **1. Executive Board**

The Executive Board comprises at least three members:

- the chairperson
- the deputy chairperson
- the treasurer

If a member is designated as chief executive officer, s/he is entitled to an appropriate allowance. The Executive Board is represented judicially and extrajudicially by two members. Decisions of the Executive Board are taken by simple majority. A decision of the executive board can be passed written. The Executive Board produces written protocols, which are signed by the chairperson.

The Executive Board:

- prepares sessions of the General Member's Assembly;
- invites the members four weeks prior to the session of the General Member's Assembly;
- decides upon the admission of new members;
- prepares the annual programme and presents it to the General Member's Assembly for approval;

##### **2. General Member's Assembly**

A session of the General Member's Assembly is to be summoned at least once a year, furthermore if it is required in the interests of the association or if 20% of the members of the association demand the convocation of a meeting in writing, stating their purpose and reasons

The Executive Board convokes a meeting in writing preserving a period of four weeks announcing the agenda at that moment. The Executive Board is to be notified two weeks prior to the session of the General Member's Assembly of additions or proposals for amendment to the agenda.

The General Member's Assembly as the highest decision-making body of the association is principally responsible for all functions, which, in accordance with this statute, are not the responsibility of the Executive Board. The General Member's Assembly is particularly to be presented with the annual report and the annual financial statement.

It appoints two auditors, who do not belong to the Executive Board and are not employed with the association, to scrutinise the book-keeping including the annual financial statement and to report the findings at the General Member's Assembly.

The General Member's Assembly takes decisions with simple majority of the regular members present. Sustaining members cannot vote. The decisions of the General Member's Assembly are recorded.

The General Member's Assembly:

- accepts the annual report and the audit report from the auditors;
- determines the association's budget;
- resolves the exoneration of the Executive Board;
- elects the Executive Board for a term of two years;
- provides the rules of procedure for the association and the Executive Board.

#### **§ 7 Amendments of the statutes**

Proposals for the amendment of the statutes, the purpose of the association, and for its disbandment are to be communicated to the members entitled to vote at least one month prior to the session of the General Member's Assembly. A resolution in these cases needs a three fourths majority of the votes.

Amendments or additions to the statute, which are stipulated by the office for registration or the revenue office are implemented by the Executive Board and do not necessitate a decision by the General Member's Assembly. They are to be announced to the members at the latest with the next invitation to a session of the General Member's Assembly.

#### **§ 8 Dissolution of the association**

The decision to disband the association can only be taken by the General Member's Assembly with a three fourths majority of the votes. Inasmuch as the General Member's Assembly does not decide otherwise, two members of the Executive Board are appointed as jointly authorised liquidators. The stipulations hereinabove also apply in the event that the association should be disbanded or lose its legal status for any other reason.

#### **§ 9 Appropriation of the association's assets**

If the association is dissolved or its recognised purpose disappears, its assets shall go to the Marie-Schlei-Verein e.V., Hamburg, which will use them for directly and exclusively non-profit purposes

#### **Concluding remark**

The statute hereinabove of April 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 was adopted in the constituting meeting in Berlin, on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2008, and amended in the session of the General Member's Assembly of July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008.