



## **Notes to accompany Charter Amendments**

**Article 1A-** This proposed charter provision detailing CODESRIA name changes aims at enabling CODESRIA to validate the names used previously by the organisation and which still appear in official and valid documents of CODESRIA.

**Articles 7-13-** The changes proposed in existing articles as well as the proposed new articles detail the criteria for membership as well as the benefits and responsibilities of membership. These provisions contribute to the effort to rationalise and formalise the basis of membership as distinct from access to CODESRIA's services.

**Articles 17A and 17B-** These proposed articles detail and formalise one of the benefits of 3membership -- participation in the governance of CODESRIA. They are meant to differentiate between participation in the scientific conference organised in parallel with the general assembly and participation in the general assembly itself.

**Article 18A-** This new article makes explicit the criteria of eligibility to membership of the Executive Committee, the highest decision making body of CODESRIA in between general assemblies.

**Article 19-** This article replaces regional caucuses with an Electoral Panel that oversees CODESRIA elections. The rationale is to formalise and improve election processes and free the general assembly from the diversions created by elections in order to focus on matters pertaining to the organisation's development.

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