

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME (EAUMP)

PREAMBLE

The Eastern African Universities Mathematics Programme (EAUMP) is an international partnership whose goal is to promote Mathematics in Eastern African Universities. It aims at enhancing capacity building as well as initiating and strengthening collaborative research activities within the region. It is envisaged that EAUMP will promote professional relationships among participating institutions.

The vision of the network is to become a laboratory of ideas or a think-tank to assist member institutions by formulating strategies and providing directions regarding research collaboration and capacity building in Eastern Africa.

ARTICLE 1 NAME AND STATUS

1.1 The network shall be called EASTERN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME (hereinafter referred to as the EAUMP)

1.2 EAUMP shall be a non-political and non-profit making mathematics PROGRAMME devoted to the promotion of research, teaching and capacity building in Eastern Africa.

ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION

The words or phrases in this constitution, if not consistent with the subject or context herein contained, shall bear the following meanings:

- “EAUMP” is the acronym of Eastern African Universities Mathematics Programme.
- “Network” means EAUMP.
- “CC” means Coordinating Committee.
- “AC” means Advisory Committee.
- ”CO” means Coordinating Office of the Network.
- “UC” means University Coordinator.

- “UCO” means University Coordinating Office.
- “OC” means overall Coordinator.
- “PG” means Postgraduate.
- “Research Group” means an organized team of people that are engaged in research activities in the sub-regional collaboration.
- “Region” means the region comprising the following states: Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

ARTICLE 3 OBJECTIVES

3.1. General Objectives

The overall objective for which EAUMP is established is to enhance research, teaching and capacity building in the Eastern African region.

3.2 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- (a) To assist the countries in the region to build and sustain a critical mass of credible mathematicians through postgraduate training and research.
- (b) To promote joint research amongst Mathematicians in participating Institutions and other scientists.
- (c) To promote review of Mathematics Programmes and introduce missing relevant areas of Mathematics in the curriculum.
- (d) To promote Postgraduate training.
- (e) To attract talent and to encourage students to study mathematics.
- (f) To promote gender balance within the field of Mathematics within the region.
- (g) To provide avenues for international cooperation and links in various areas of mathematics.
- (h) To encourage and implement effective utilization of resources available to the programme at the participating institutions.
- (i) To promote and facilitate dissemination and exchange of information.

- (j) To solicit resources for carrying out activities that are of strategic importance for the development of Eastern African region.
- (k) To promote activities of mathematics, other than those mentioned above, that have a regional character.

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Initial Membership

Initially the members of EAUMP shall be:

- (a) The Mathematics Department of the Makerere University, Uganda.
- (b) The Mathematics Department of the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.
- (c) The Mathematics Department of University of Nairobi, Kenya

4.2 Expansion of Membership

The aim is that once the programme has gained momentum, other Universities in the region be taken on board.

ARTICLE 5 ORGANIZATION OF THE EAUMP

The network shall have the following organs:

5.0 The Coordinating Centre.

The EAUMP shall have a Coordinating Centre based at one of the member institutions. The Centre shall be on a rotational basis. The duration of the rotation shall be 3 years.

5.1 The Coordinating Committee

5.1.1. There shall be a Coordinating Committee (CC), whose members shall comprise University Coordinators and the overall coordinator. Representative of the funding agency may be invited as an ex-officio member. The Departments at the participating institutions shall nominate university coordinators.

5.1.2. The functions of the Coordinating Committee shall be:

- (a) Oversee the involvement of the departments in activities of the programme.

- (b) Undertaking any other functions designed to achieve the objectives of the programme
- 5.1.3 There shall be an overall coordinator. The overall Coordinator shall be the Head/Chair of the Department hosting the Coordinating centre or a person appointed by such a head or chair.
- 5.1.4 The functions of the Overall Coordinator shall be:
- (a) Chair the CC.
 - (b) Oversee the implementation of the activities of EAUMP.
 - (c) Be a liaison between the CC, the Advisory Committee and the Funding Agencies.
 - (d) Secretary to the Advisory committee.
 - (e) Responsible for the General Administration of the coordinating Centre.
 - (f) Communicate the deliberations of the CC to the Advisory Committee members.

5.2 Advisory Committee

- 5.2.1 There shall be an Advisory Committee (AC) whose membership shall comprise:
- (a) Heads of each of the member institutions.
 - (b) One eminent mathematician from each member institution nominated by the member Institution and who is not a head of Department or member of the coordinating committee;
 - (c) One eminent mathematician from an external participating Institution (nominated by ISP).
 - (d) A representative of the ISP.
 - (e) Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee.
- 5.2.2 The advisory committee shall elect its chair.
- The function of the Advisory Committee shall be to provide guidance and advice on policy and activities of the Programme.

5.3 Filling Vacant Positions

Where an office position falls vacant, for any reason, the relevant authority shall proceed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the procedures set out under articles 5.1 and 5.2.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS

6.1 Coordinating Board Meetings

- (a) There shall be an annual regular meeting of the Coordinating Committee. However special meeting(s) may be convened, should the need arise.
- (b) A regular meeting shall be preceded by a written notification, at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting, whereas there shall be a two weeks' notice for special meetings.
- (c) The quorum for the annual meeting shall be considered as realized provided that two thirds of the members are present.

If the quorum is not realized as per 6.1 c, the decisions shall be made per capsulum.

6.2 Advisory board Meeting

The advisory committee shall meet at least once a calendar year. The quorum shall be 2/3 of the members.

ARTICLE 7 AMMENDMENTS

- 7.1 The Advisory Committee in consultation with the CC may amend the constitution or part thereof as it deems necessary and appropriate, through consensus.
- 7.2 Any member may submit a proposal for amendment(s) of this constitution to the Overall Coordinator, at least 60 days prior to a forthcoming Advisory Board Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- 8.1 If a member commits a criminal offence or injuries to the Network, then the laws of the respective country shall apply.