



## The Mauritius German Association, MGA

The Statutes of the Association. Status: 23.12.2022

### 1. The Association

The MGA is a voluntary, informal, non-profit, non-political and non-religious international networking organization in Germany and Europe.

The Association has its private headquarters in the city of Marl, Ringerottstraße 84, 45772 Marl, Germany.

The association will not own any assets or buildings.

### 2. The Objective

The MGA aims to provide an encouraging platform for non-business connections that will assist in the integration of Mauritian(s) living in Germany and Europe and provide a sense of community.

It will promote and develop mutual understanding and foster good relations between Mauritians and Germans and friends of Mauritius.

The voluntarily run association will provide a space for Mauritian(s) and friends of Mauritius to socialize, exchange and share their stories through a range of social and cultural events, regardless of nationality, ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

MGA strives to develop mutual understanding between Mauritian(s) and Friends of Mauritius while promoting the cultural diversity of Mauritius.

### 3. The Structure

The Association is managed by a Board of Directors in the sense of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code), consisting of the President, the Vice-President and two Assessors. The term of office is 4 years.

The Board is responsible for all Association matters that are not expressly assigned to the General Meeting by the Articles of Association. The board has a quorum if it consists of at least three members.

The board remains responsible until a new board is elected. If a board member resigns prematurely, the remaining board members may appoint a substitute board member for the remaining term of office until the next election.



#### **4. Election of the Executive Board**

Every 4 years an election of the board of directors takes place in a general meeting. For this purpose, an election committee consisting of several members shall be formed to organize and conduct the election.

Voting is voluntary. At least 3 months in advance, members will be informed by email about the election and any current member can run for the board. Candidates wishing to stand for election must notify the Election Committee in writing or by email 4 weeks prior to the election.

3 weeks prior to the election, the list of desired candidates will be announced. The electors can only elect the board members. After the election of the Executive Committee members, they will then form the Executive Committee (Board of Directors).

#### **5. Membership**

Application may be made by anyone over the age of 18 and is subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Application may be made online, by email, or by mail.

Membership can only be granted after review and approval by the Executive Committee.

#### **6. Membership Dues: None.**

#### **7. Termination of membership**

Is possible at any time.

Termination of membership may be done by the member himself/herself or by the Board of Directors in the event of a violation of the above stated objectives of the Association or for any other reason deemed intolerable by the Board of Directors.

All terminations must be made in writing by email or mail.

#### **8. Voluntary Work and Support**

Members are invited to volunteer and assist at events as requested by the members.

The Association also does not participate in any way in the financial sponsorship or support of any person, including members, or outside organizations.



## **9. Meetings and Events**

The board invites in writing (by messenger, fax or e-mail) 6 weeks in advance at least once a year to the general meeting. The agenda set by the board must be communicated at least 3 weeks before the general meeting.

The general meeting can pass resolutions with a simple majority of the members present.

Amendments to the Statutes, changes to the purpose of the Association, transformation and dissolution of the Association require a two-thirds majority of the members present and casting their vote.

Members who abstain from voting shall be treated as non-appearing members.

The resolutions of the general meeting shall be recorded in the minutes.

Attendance may be in person or online, depending on the situation (epidemic or other reasons) at the time of the meeting.

The Association aims to hold a welcome event once a year in conjunction with the annual general meeting mentioned above. Again, participation shall be on a voluntary basis and the cost of the event shall be covered by a collective contribution from the participating members.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year, primarily online, including video conferencing.

## **10. Communication with the Members**

Primarily by email.

If email is not available, contact will be made by cell phone.

## **11. Liability**

The Association assumes no liability or responsibility for damages in any form that may be incurred by a member as a result of membership in the Association, use of the Association's website, and/or participation in any event or meeting of the Association.

## **12. Dissolution of the Association**

The dissolution of the Association is possible if a two-thirds majority of the members present at the convened meeting votes in favor of the dissolution.