TIGRIS SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTER BY-LAW

Title and Headquarters of the Association

Article 1- Title of the Association is: "Dicle Toplumsal Araştırmalar Merkezi Derneği (DİTAM) -Tigris Social Research Center Association (TSRC)". Abbreviation of the title is "DİTAM".
Headquarters of the Association is Diyarbakır.
The association may open branches inland and abroad.

Purpose of the Association as well as the Subjects of Study and Methods to be Applied by the Association in order to Realize the Purpose and Field of Activity

Article 2- The association has been established for the purpose of making social researches based on democratic and universal values and sharing the information and knowledge obtained from these researches with the public.
Subjects of Study and Methods to be Applied by the Association

1- To carry out projects and activities in the fields of urban and rural development, democracy, human rights, access to justice, urbanization and environment, women, youth, culture and art, education, healthcare, foreign affairs, relations with EU, agriculture, livestock production and tourism, to establish Study Commissions to conduct research on these fields,

2- To carry out all kinds of investigation and research in order to make the activities of the association more efficient and improved,

3- To organize training, assessment and inference exercises such as courses, seminars, conferences, workshops and symposiums,

4- To obtain all kinds of information, document and papers in written or visual form which may be necessary to realize the purpose of the association, to establish documentation centers, to issue publications such as newspapers, magazines and books for the purpose of announcing the works of the association in line with the objectives thereof as well as to issue research and information bulletins,

5- To create a healthy working environment as well as to procure all kinds of technical tools and devices, inventories and stationery in order to realize the purposes,

6- To fundraise and accept donations within the country and from abroad on condition to obtain the necessary permissions or licenses,

7- To establish and operate financial, commercial and industrial facilities in order to produce the income which may be necessary to realize the purposes specified herein,

8- To open clubhouses, establish social and cultural facilities for the members to enjoy and spend their spare times and inspect such facilities,

9- To organize dinners, concerts, balls, plays, exhibitions, sports activities, trips and other leisure activities for the purpose of improving and maintaining human relations among the members of the associations or to ensure that the members of the association enjoy such activities,

10- To purchase, sell, rent, rent out and establish real rights on all kinds of movable and immovable properties which may be required for activities of the association,

11- To set up a foundation and federation and to join a federation set up beforehand, in the event that it is deemed necessary to realize the purposes of the association, to establish the facilities which are subject to permits after obtaining the necessary permissions,

12- To engage in international activities, to affiliate with foreign associations or institutions, to carry out collaborative studies or projects with such institutions or to cooperate therewith,

13- In case it is deemed necessary for realizing the purposes of the association, to carry out collaborative projects with public institutions and organizations in the fields of activity of the

association, without prejudice to any provisions of the Law No. 5072 on Relations of Associations and Foundations with Public Institutions,

14- To create a fund for the purpose of satisfying indispensable needs of the members such as foods and clothing as well as supplying the members with other goods, services and short term loans,

15- To open agencies in any place which may be deemed necessary in order to carry out activities of the association,

16- To establish platforms in order to realize a mutual objective with other associations or foundations, syndicates and other similar civil society institutions in the fields which are related to the purpose of the association and are not illegal.

Field of Activity of the Association

The association engages in social, cultural and economic activities both inland and abroad.

Right to Become a Member and Membership Procedures

Article 3- Natural and legal persons with legal capacity who adopt objectives and principles of the association and accept to work in line with such objectives and principles and who possess the requisite qualifications as per the legislations shall have the right to become a member of this association. However, foreign natural persons are required to have residence permit in Turkey in order to become members. This requirement shall not apply to honorary membership.

Application for membership, which shall be made to the presidency of the association in written form, shall be finalized with admission or rejection within thirty days and a written notice shall be made to the applicant regarding the results. The person who is granted membership shall be registered to the registry book.

Original members of the association are the founders of the association and the persons who are admitted as members by the board of directors upon application of said persons.

Persons who give significant moral and material support to the association may be admitted as honorary members upon resolution of the board of directors.

In case there are more than three branch offices, membership records of the persons who are registered to the headquarters shall be transferred to the branches. New applications for membership shall be made to the branches. Admission or rejection procedures shall be carried out by the boards of directors of the branches and then informed to the Headquarters in written form within thirty days.

Resignation from Membership

Article 4- Members shall have the right to resign from membership on condition to convey a written letter of resignation.

Resigning procedure shall be deemed finalized when said letter of resignation is received by the board of directors. Resigning from membership shall not release the member of their outstanding obligations to the association.

Termination of Membership

Article 5- Cases which require termination of membership:

1. Being in breach of the bylaw of the association,
2. Constantly avoiding given tasks,
3. Failing to pay membership fees within six months despite the written warnings
4. Failing to abide by the decisions taken by bodies of the association,
5. Failing to comply with the membership requirements,

In the event that any of the aforementioned cases are confirmed, the persons who are responsible for such cases may be excluded from membership by board decision.
The person or persons who are expelled from the association shall be removed from the register of members and such persons may not put in a claim for the assets of the association.

Bodies of the Association
Article 6- Bodies of the association are listed below:

1. General Assembly,
2. Board of Directors,
3. Supervisory Board,

Means of Establishment of the General Assembly, Time of Meetings, Invitations and Meeting Procedures
Article 7- General Assembly is the top authorized decision-making body of the association and it consists of the registered members of the association. If there are any branches of the association, general assembly shall consist of members of the headquarters and branches in case there are three or less branch offices. If there are more than three branch offices, the general assembly shall consist of delegates who are elected at the general assemblies of the branches which are established by transferring the members of the headquarters to branch offices.

General Assembly;

1. shall be called for an ordinary meeting at the times specified herein,
2. shall be called for an extraordinary meeting whenever it is deemed necessary or requested in written form by one fifth of the members of the association, by the board of directors. If the board of directors fail to call for a general assembly meeting, justice of the peace shall appoint three members to call the general assembly upon request of a member.

Ordinary general assembly meeting shall be held on the date, at the place and time to be determined by the board of directors once in 3 years in December.

Procedures and Methods for Voting and Decision-Making at the General Assembly
Article 8- All matters shall be put to open ballot unless otherwise agreed at the general assembly. The procedure to be specified by the chairman of the general assembly shall be applied in open ballots.
In case secret vote is required, the votes shall be casted on a paper or ballot paper sealed by the chairman of the meeting, then put in an empty box and finally listed openly after the voting session is declared closed to determine the results.
General assembly decisions shall be taken by the absolute majority of the members to attend the meeting. Insofar, decisions regarding amendment of the bylaw and termination of the association may only be taken by affirmative votes of two thirds of the members to attend the meeting.

Duties and Authorities of the General Assembly
Article 9- Following matters shall be discussed at the general assembly to be resolved.

1. Determining the bodies of the association,
2. Amendment of the bylaw,
3. Discussing the reports of board of directors and the supervisory board as well as the discharge of the board of directors,
4. Negotiating the budget prepared by the board of directors and accepting the budget with or without making amendment thereto,

5. Inspecting other bodies of the association and discharging thereof on valid grounds when necessary,
6. Reviewing and finalizing the objections against board decisions for rejection of membership application or termination of membership,
7. Granting authority to the board of directors to purchase immovable properties which may be necessary for the association or to sell immovable properties that belong to the association,
8. Reviewing and approving the regulations, with or without making amendment thereto, which are to be prepared by the board of directors regarding the works of the association,
9. Determining the remunerations as well as all kinds of allowances, travel allowances and compensations to be given to the chairman and members of the board of directors and the supervisory board of the association who are not public officials and determining daily fees and travel allowances to be given to the members who will be appointed for rendering services for the association,
10. Deciding for participating to or leaving a federation,
11. Deciding to open branches of the association and granting authority to the board of directors regarding execution of the transactions and procedures to open such branches,
12. Engaging in international activities as association, affiliating with or resigning from foreign associations and organizations,
13. Establishing a foundation by the association,
14. Terminating the association,
15. Reviewing and resolving other suggestions made by the board of directors,
16. Performing and exercising authority for the works which are not assigned to another body of the association as the top authorized body of the association,
17. Performing other duties which are stipulated to be performed by the general assembly as per the legislations.

Establishment, Duties and Authorities of the Board of Directors
Article 10- Eleven original and eleven substitute members shall be elected for the board of directors by the general assembly.
Board of directors shall make a division of duties upon a resolution taken in the first meeting of the board after election thereof and determine the chairman, three deputy chairmen, secretary, accountant and members of the board.
In case there is a vacancy among the original members of the board due to resignation of members or any other reasons, it is obligatory to call the substitute members for duty by order of the number of votes they received at the general assembly.

Duties and Authorities of the Board of Directors
The board of directors shall perform the following:
1. Representing the association or authorizing one of the members of the board or a third party to represent the association,
2. Making transactions regarding the revenues and expenditures, preparing the budget for the following year and submitting the budget to the general assembly,
3. Preparing regulations regarding the works of the association and submitting to the general assembly for approval,
4. Purchasing immovable properties by exercising the authority granted by the general assembly, selling movable or immovable properties owned by the association, constructing buildings or facilities, making rental agreements, establishing liens, encumbrances or real rights in favor of the association,

5. Managing the transactions regarding opening branch offices with the authority vested by the general assembly,
6. Inspecting branches of the association,
7. Opening agencies where it is deemed necessary,
8. Implementing the decisions taken at the general assembly,
9. Issuing operation account statement or balance sheet and income statement with a report which describes the works of the board of directors at the end of each activity year, submitting said report to the general assembly,
10. Ensuring implementation of the budget,
11. Taking decisions regarding accepting or discharging members to or from the association,
12. Taking and implementing all kinds of decisions at its sole discretion for the purpose of realizing the objectives of the association,
13. Performing the duties and exercising the authorities assigned to the board of directors as per the regulations.

Establishment, Duties and Authorities of the Supervisory Board
Article 11- Three original and three substitute members shall be elected for the supervisory board by the general assembly.

Duties and Authorities of the Supervisory Board
Supervisory board shall regularly supervise whether the association acts in line with the objectives specified in the bylaw as well as the subjects of study which are declared to be worked on for the purpose of achieving said objectives of the association and whether the books, accounts and records are kept in accordance with the bylaw of the association, as per the principles and procedures stipulated in the bylaw and at intervals of not more than one year and the board shall also submit the results of such supervision to the board of directors and the general assembly.

Supervisory board may call the general assembly for meeting if necessary.

Sources of Income for the Association
Article 12- Sources of income for the association are listed below:
1. Membership Fee: 250,00 TL of admission fee and monthly 50,00 TL of membership fee shall be collected from the members. General assembly is authorized to increase or decrease the amount of the fee to be collected.
2. Branch contributions: 25 % of the member contributions collected by branch offices for the purpose of cover general expenses of the association shall be sent to the headquarters once in every six months.
3. Donations and grants from natural or legal persons.
4. Revenue obtained from the tea parties and dinners, trips and entertainment activities, plays, concerts, sports events and conferences.
5. Income generated from the assets of the association
6. Donations and grants to be collected as per the provisions of the regulations on charity collection.
7. Income generated from the business activities which the association engages in for the purpose of obtaining the revenue necessary for realizing the objectives
8. Other incomes

Internal Audit of the Association

Article 13- Internal audits may be performed by the general assembly, board of directors or the supervisory board as well as by independent auditing agencies. The fact that audits are performed by the general assembly, the board of directors or independent auditing agencies shall not remove the obligation of the supervisory board to perform audits.
The Association shall be audited by the supervisory board at least once a year. General assembly or the board of directors may perform an audit or have independent auditing companies audit the association when it is deemed necessary.

Borrowing Procedure of the Association
Article 14- The Association may borrow through the decision of the board of directors in the event that borrowing is necessary to fulfill the purpose of and carry out the activities of the Association. This borrowing may be carried out in cash as well as by purchasing of goods and services on credit. However, borrowing at an amount that cannot be met through the sources of income of the Association and at an extent to cause the Association to fall into a difficulty for reimbursement may not be allowed.

Establishment of Branches of the Association
Article 15- The Association may open branches where it is deemed necessary through a general assembly decision. For this purpose, the founders' committee of at least three persons authorized by the board of directors shall submit the notice of opening a branch and the required documents as stated in the Regulation on Associations to the most superior local administrative authority at the place where the branch office is to be established.

Duties and Authorities of Branches
Article 16- Branches shall be the internal organization of the Association which may not stand as a legal person, is authorized to engage in autonomous activities in line with the purposes and fields of service of the Association and is exclusively responsible for all receivables and payables to arise from all its transactions.

Bodies of Branches and Provisions to Apply Thereto
Article 17- The bodies of a branch are the general assembly, the board of directors and the supervisory board.
The general assembly shall consist of registered members of the branch. The board of directors shall consist of five original and five substitute members to be appointed by the general assembly of the branch and the supervisory board shall consist of three original and three substitute members to be appointed by the general assembly of the branch
The duties and authorities of these bodies and the other provisions in relation to the Association stated herein shall apply to the branches within the framework set forth by legislations.

Time of Meeting for General Assemblies of Branches and Way of Being Represented at the General Assembly of the Headquarters
Article 18- Branches shall be obliged to complete their ordinary general assembly meetings within at least two months before the general assembly meeting of the headquarters.
Ordinary general assembly of branches shall meet once in 3 years in the month of September at the place and time to be determined by the board of directors of the branch office.
Branches shall be obliged to submit a copy of the notice of result of the general assembly to the local administrative authority and the headquarters of the Association within thirty days as of the date of meeting.

If there are three or less branches of the association, the branches shall be represented by participation of all members in the general assembly of the headquarters. If there are more than three branches, the branches shall be represented at the general assembly of the headquarters through one (1) delegate for each twenty (20) members registered to the branch as well as one delegate for more than 10 remaining members who are appointed at the general assembly of the branch offices.
Delegates elected at the last general assembly meeting of the branch offices shall attend the general assembly meeting of headquarters. Members of the boards of directors and the supervisory board of the headquarters shall attend the general assembly meeting of headquarters but may not vote as long as they are not elected as delegates on behalf of the branch office.
The members of the board of directors and supervisory board of branch offices who are elected as members of the board of directors and supervisory board of the headquarters shall resign from their offices in the branch.

Method of Amending the By-Law
Article 19- The by-law may be amended through a decision of the general assembly.
In order to make an amendment to the by-law at the general assembly, majority of two thirds of the members who have the right to attend general assembly meetings and to vote is required. In the event that the initial meeting is postponed due to failure of constituting a quorum, quorum is not required for the second meeting. However, the number of members to attend the meeting may not be less than twice of the total number of members of the board of directors and the supervisory board.
The quorum required for amending the by-law shall be two-thirds of the votes of the members who attend the meeting and have the right to vote. Voting for amendment to the by-law at the general assembly shall be made openly.

Termination of the Association and Method of Liquidation of Assets
Article 20- General Assembly may decide to terminate the Association at any time.
In order to discuss termination of the association at the general assembly, majority of two thirds of the members who have the right to attend general assembly meetings and to vote is required. In the event that the initial meeting is postponed due to failure of constituting a quorum, quorum is not required for the second meeting. However, the number of members to attend the meeting may not be less than twice of the total number of members of the board of directors and the supervisory board.
The quorum required for taking a resolution for termination shall be two-thirds of the votes of the members who attend the meeting and have the right to vote. Voting for termination at the general assembly shall be made openly.

Liquidation Procedures
If a decision of termination is taken at the general assembly, the liquidation of the money, goods and rights of the association shall be conducted by a liquidation board consisting of the members of the last board of directors. These procedure shall start on the date on which the general assembly decision on termination was made or the state of automatic termination was finalized. During the liquidation process, the phrase “Tigris Social Research Center In Liquidation Process” shall be used as the name of the association in all transactions.
The liquidation board is authorized to complete, from beginning to end, the procedures of liquidation of money, goods and rights of the association in line with the legislation. Firstly, the liquidation board shall audit the accounts of the association. During the audits, the books, certificates of receipt, expenditure documents, title deeds and bank records and other documents

of the association shall be determined and the assets and liabilities of the Association shall be recorded. During liquidation procedure, a call shall be made to the creditors of the Association and the goods, if there are any, of the Association shall be liquidated and the amount shall be paid to the creditors. If the Association has any receivables, the receivables shall be collected. Following the collection of receivables and payment of debts, all remaining money, goods and rights shall be transferred to the organization decided by the general assembly. If nowhere to transfer is identified at the general assembly, said assets shall be transferred to the association that is most closely located in the province where the Association is located and has the highest number of members on the date of termination.
All proceedings regarding liquidation shall be indicated in the minutes of liquidation and the liquidation proceedings shall be completed within three months at the latest excluding the additional time granted by the local administrative authority on valid grounds.
Following the completion of the liquidation and transfer proceedings of the money, goods and rights of the Association, it shall be obligatory for the liquidation board to notify, within seven days, the local administrative authority at the place where the headquarters of the Association is located and this letter shall be appended with the minutes of liquidation.
Members of the last board of directors shall be responsible, with capacity of the liquidation board, for keeping the books and documents of the Association. This responsibility may be assigned to a specific member of the board of directors. The duration of keeping these books and documents shall be five years.

Lack of Provisions
Article 21- In relation to matters that are not covered hereby as well as by the Law on Associations, the Turkish Civil Code and the Regulation on Associations which is enforced in reference to these laws and the provisions regarding associations of relevant legislations shall apply.

This by-law consists of 21 (Twenty one) articles.

Members of the Interim Board of Directors;

Name and Surname	**Title**
1. Mehmet KAYA	Chairman of the Interim Board of Directors
2. Mehmet VURAL	Deputy Chairman of the Interim Board of Directors
3. Mesut AZİZOĞLU	Deputy Chairman of the Interim Board of Directors
4. Sedat YURTDAŞ	Deputy Chairman of the Interim Board of Directors
5. Şeyhmus DİKEN	Secretary General of the Interim Board of Directors
6. Veysi Tercil BUDAK	Accountant of the Interim Board of Directors
7. Mehmet Beşir YILMAZ	Member of the Interim Board of Directors
8. Nevin İL	Member of the Interim Board of Directors
9. Meral ÖZDEMİR	Member of the Interim Board of Directors
10. Barış YAVUZ	Member of the Interim Board of Directors
11. Hanifi EREN	Member of the Interim Board of Directors