



**THE ASSOCIATION OF GYNAECOLOGISTS AND  
OBSTETRICIANS OF TANZANIA  
(AGOTA)**

**CONSTITUTION**

AGOTA constitution, 2014

## **ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS**

In these Constitutions, unless the context otherwise requires:-

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| “Association”              | means the Association of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians of Tanzania.  |
| “President”                | means the Chief Executive of the Association elected by the General Assembly.   |
| “Executive council”        | means the Executive council of members elected by and at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.   |
| “Member”                   | means Ordinary, Associate, Honorary member of the Association.  |
| “Rules”                    | means rules made by the Executive council under the provisions of this Constitution.  |
| “Special Resolution”       | means the resolutions of the General Meeting of the Association, which is supported by two thirds of the members present and voting.                              |
| “Status”                   | means the status of the Association as described under Article 4.   |
| “He”                       | He shall also mean “She” and vice versa.  |
| “Bona fide member”         | means a registered member fully paid up and not in arrears of annual subscriptions.   |
| “General Assembly”         | means and includes the annual general meeting and the extra ordinary meeting.   |
| “Professional association” | means any organization whose members belong to the same profession.   |
| “Zone”                     | This means any of the officially recognized zones including but not limited to Eastern, Northern, Lake, Western, Central, Southern Highlands, and Southern zones. |

## **ARTICLE 2: NAME AND HEADQUARTERS**

The name of the Association shall be “The Association of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians of Tanzania and abbreviated AGOTA. Its headquarters shall be in Dar es Salaam.

## **ARTICLE 3: OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official languages of the Association shall be Kiswahili and English.

#### **ARTICLE 4: STATUS**

The Association shall be a non-governmental, non-profit, non-partisan and non-religious voluntary organization devoted to carry out the aims and objectives specified in Article 5 of this Constitution in the best interests of its Members.

#### **ARTICLE 5: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Association are:-

- 5.1 To promote by all possible means and at all times, the attainment of the highest possible physical and mental well being of women, expectant mothers and their newborn babies.
- 5.2 To promote the exchange of ideas among those involved in the field and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology in Tanzania through all appropriate means
- 5.3 To oversee standards of training and practice at all levels in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology in Tanzania
- 5.4 To promote scientific research in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology.
- 5.5 To promote international cooperation with professional societies and federations with similar objectives and to facilitate professional relationships between the Association and relevant medical and other professional bodies in Tanzania.

#### **ARTICLE 6: FUNCTIONS**

The Association in pursuit of the aims and objectives stated in Article 5 may carry out any or all of the following functions:-

- 6.1 To collaborate with other organizations, professional and non-professional bodies without compromising its status, aims and objectives.
- 6.2 To establish committees and sub-committees, work-groups and task-forces for the better carrying out of the aims and objectives of the Association.
- 6.3 To seek opportunities to voice its views and advance its aims and objectives in national and international forums.
- 6.4 To promote means and facilities for continuing medical education for its members.
- 6.5 To organize national and international forums.
- 6.6 To print, publish and broadcast through the mass media and to publish its own journal, books, magazines and the like on the research findings and other activities of the Association.
- 6.7 To undertake any other activity in consonance with the Association's status aims and objectives.

#### **ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Association shall comprise of Ordinary Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members:-

- 7.1 All doctors registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council to practice the speciality of Obstetrics and Gynaecology are eligible to **ordinary membership**.

