



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

**CONSTITUTION**

AGOTA constitution, 2014

## **ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS**

In these Constitutions, unless the context otherwise requires:-

“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**.

