



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PUBLIC, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Type

This is a Standing Committee – Advisory to the Governing Council

Mandate

The Committee is appointed by and responsible to the Governing Council. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that the image of TLS is well protected and Tanzania's image is enhanced to the outside world, notably the legal fraternity.

Responsibilities

- To advocate for harmonization of regional laws and policies in Tanzania in line with International and Regional legal instruments of which Tanzania is an integral part
- To meaningfully contribute technical expertise towards regional and international cooperation and integration.
- Tracking regional and international cooperation and integration processes and comment on the progress after consulting the Governing Council through the President and the Executive Director
- To liaise with the Ministry responsible for foreign affairs and East Africa Community and other institutions dealing with regional and international matters for advocacy on regional integration.
- To monitor and advice on Cross Border Legal Practice and international cooperation in the practice of law.
- To advise on the best way to harmonize legal training, certification and Practice within EAC, SADC, PALU and in the Commonwealth Lawyers Association

- To act as a watchdog for the implementation of Treaties, Protocols, Legislation and commitments Tanzania subscribes to regional and international bodies relating to the practice of law.
- To monitor and advice on the domestication of Treaties and Conventions which are passed by regional and international bodies relating to the practice of law.
- To enhance the widening and deepening of regional and international cooperation and integration through strategic litigations and filing amicus briefs.
- To develop strategies for enhancing lawyers' participation in regional and international cooperation integration process.
- To advise on strategies which enhance African and regional jurisprudence.
- To follow up and liaise with regional bodies on matters relating to law.
- Develop M & E plan to ensure the implementation of the Committee's terms of references.

Composition

- The Committee has seven (7) members.
- Appointments shall be made and vacancies filled by Council

Committee Chair

- Committee Chair is appointed by the Governing Council.
- Committee Chair should have at least one year of service on a TLS Committee.

Tenure

- Tenure of the Committee members shall be the same as the tenure of the Governing Council provided that the Governing Council shall have the mandate to change the member(s) of the Committee as deem fit.

Procedures and Work Product

- Quorum for the committee shall consist of at least five (5) members

- The Committee shall operate in accordance with Council Policies
- The Committee shall annually review the Terms of Reference and may recommend changes to Council
- The Committee shall maintain minutes of its meetings

Reporting

- The Committee is advisory to the Governing Council and reports to the Council
- The Chair of the Committee may communicate urgent matters of concern directly to the President or the Executive Director
- The Committee may make recommendations for policy changes to Council and undertake specific tasks assigned by Council to the Committee
- The Committee may also provide advice to staff when requested
- To prepare and approve the Committee's Quarterly and Annual reports before being submitted to the Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting respectively.

Staff support:

Zone Coordinator – Northern zone/Arusha Chapter In charge.

