

Constitution

Abraham Forum in MENA-Countries (AFM)

The Abraham Forum in MENA-countries is an association of people who worship the God of Abraham and are committed to promoting peace among religions. The Abraham Forum in MENA-countries is initially an institution of the Abrahamic Forum in Germany e. V. based in Darmstadt.

The Abraham Forum in MENA countries has adopted the following constitution:

§ 1 Name

The name of the working group is Abraham Forum in MENA-countries.

§ 2 Purpose

- The purpose of the working group is to foster inter-religious dialogue and respect. In MENA-countries (Middle East and North Africa) projects that foster international relations are encouraged.
- The purpose of the constitution is realized in particular by holding lectures, seminars and panel discussions with Abrahamic teams, especially in schools, universities, religious institutions, and in adult education and in dialogue with the civil society, as well as by publishing information material on religion, education, upbringing and schooling, health care, gender issues, media, environmental protection, promotion of integration, religious festivals.
- The working group is dedicated to combat anti-Semitism, islamophobia and racism.
- The educational events, especially the opportunity for in-depth discussions between experts and the public, and the publication of informational material are intended to spread new insights into the commonalities and differences of the Abrahamic religions, which will serve the goal of better coexistence.
- An exchange on these topics is to take place in MENA-countries. An international exchange is encouraged.

§ 3 Membership

Membership is open to natural or legal persons from MENA-countries who are willing and able to promote the objectives of the Association. The Executive Board decides on the membership. Initial members are the founding members.

The membership ends

1. by death,
2. by resignation, which can be done by a written declaration to the Executive Board
3. by formal exclusion, which can only be effected by resolution of the general meeting.

Guests from other countries may be invited to participate and be accepted as members.

§ 4 Membership Fees

The working group charges no membership fees. The Association receives the funds for the realization of its tasks through donations, donations in kind and contributions from third parties to the Abrahamic Forum in Germany e. V.

§ 5 General Meeting

- The general meeting is the highest organ and usually meets once a year. It is to be invited by one of the chairmen with a three-week notice period, with the draft agenda being communicated by e-mail or in writing at the same time. General meetings can be held digitally.
- The general meeting elects the Executive Board, receives reports from the board and the management. The general meeting decides on the activities and on changes to the constitution.
- The general meeting has a valid quorum if it has been called in accordance with the constitution. Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, a motion shall be deemed rejected. Resolutions to change the constitution require a two-thirds majority of the members present and a written announcement in the invitation.
- The decisions of the general meeting are to be recorded and signed by a minute-taker elected by the general meeting.

§ 6 Executive Board

- The General Meeting elects a president, a secretary general and a treasurer as officers of the Executive Board.
- They represent the working group externally (e.g. to the press). In addition, up to four members are elected who form together with the officers the executive board.
- The composition of the executive board shall take into account balanced representation of Jews, Christians, Muslims and Bahai and diversity in regard to gender and geographical background.
- The Executive Board is elected by the general meeting for a period of two years. Re-election is permitted. The Executive Board remains in office even after expiration of the term of office until a new Executive Board is elected.
- The Executive Board will have a quorum if at least two officers are present. The meetings can be held digitally. Decisions can also be made in writing. The decisions of the Executive Board are to be minuted.
- The Executive Board strives to establish a funding structure.
- The Executive Board appoints a managing director. He/she is authorized to apply for carry out, account for and sign projects. Activity compensation can be paid for the administration and additional tasks.
- Offices on the Executive Board and other functions are generally held on an unpaid basis.

§ 7 Interim solution

The foundation of the Abraham Forum in MENA-countries as an institution of the Abrahamic Forum in Germany e. V. will be an interim solution for the starting period.

The Abraham Forum in MENA- countries aims to become independent as soon as possible. It can therefore at any time become independent.

§ 8 Dissolution

The dissolution of the Abraham Forum in MENA-countries can be decided by a General Meeting called up for this purpose with a two-thirds majority of the members present or by a majority vote of the General Meeting of the Abrahamic Forum in Germany e. V.

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