

**THE CONSTITUTION OF SOCIAL STUDIES STAKEHOLDERS  
ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA,(SOSAN).**

**MARCH, 2010 AMENDED.**

We, the Members of the Social Studies Stakeholders Association of Nigeria (SOSAN) having firmly and solemnly resolved to Live in Unity and Harmony as one indivisible and indissoluble Members of one Body and Organization under God, dedicated to the promotion of National Unity, Peace and Effective Citizenship and Service of Nigeria as a Sovereign Nation do hereby make and give to ourselves the following Constitution.

**PRE-AMBLE.**

The Social Studies Association of Nigeria (SOSAN) is a Professional Body organized by and for Persons who believe in the principles of Social Education. It is an Organization of Learners, Teachers, and qualified Practitioners in the field and or accepted related disciplines. It is more than a Trade Union by being concerned and involved with such Issues, Problems and Objectives as set out here under as her Constitution.

**ARTICLE ONE**

Supremacy of the Constitution:-

- a. This Constitution is Supreme and its provisions shall be binding on all Authorities, and Members within SOSAN.

- b. The SOSAN shall not be governed, nor shall any Person or group of Persons take control of the Executives or any Committee(s) thereof, except in accordance with the provision of this Constitution.
- c. If any resolution of the Executive or any Committee thereof, is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail, and that other resolution shall to the extent of the inconsistency be Null and Void.

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **SECTION I:- Name:-**

This Organization shall be known and called “Social Studies Association of Nigeria herein after, called “the Organization”. The Organization shall not be addressed by any other Name except the Name provided for in this Constitution and abbreviated as “SOSAN”.

### **SECTION 2:- Motto:-**

The Motto of this Organization shall be “Effective Citizenship and Service”.

### **SECTION 3: Language.**

The English Language shall be the Official Language, and shall be used at all Meetings.

### **SECTION 4 : Logo.**

The Organization shall have the following as its “Logo” (a) Map of Nigeria (b) The Picture of the Flag of Nigeria “Green White Green” inside it, which signifies that, the Organization is for the whole Citizens of Nigeria who are Members, full Name of the Organization written on it in a circle form (c) The white portion with the abbreviation SOSAN written on it, signifying Purity and Transparency of the

Members. The Circle signifies that, all the members are surrounded with the truth and must tell the world the truth so as to have a positive change of attitude in the lives of Nigerian Citizens.

**ARTICLE THREE:- Aims.**

The Organization is formed with the following Aims.

- i To promote National Unity between all Citizens of Nigeria and the entire World.
- ii To promote the teaching, learning and understanding of Social Studies in Nigerian Schools.
- iii To contribute as and when necessary to the development of Social Studies and Civic Education in other parts of the African Continent.
- iv To help in fostering the knowledge of Social Studies Education generally and thereby embraces awareness of the Moral, Social and Cultural Values to be acquired through Social Studies and Civic Education.
- v To associate Professionally with sisters Organizations in other parts of the World for the promotion Social Studies and Civic Education by sharing in their experiences and by contributing as when necessary to the development of Social Studies and Civic Education in other parts of the World where needed.
- vi To continually generate enthusiasm in the Study of our Social and Cultural Institutions for the enhancement of Knowledge and the ability of the Nigeria Society as a whole.
- vii To organize Conferences, Seminars, Refresher Courses and Workshops for improvement of the Knowledge, the Methods and competences of Social Studies and Civic Education.
- viii To foster interest among Members and participate as a body in Research and Development and Materials in Social Studies and Civic Education.

- ix To Publish Academic Journals, Books, and Magazines periodically that will promote Knowledge, Attitude, Skills and general Competence of Social Studies and Civic Education Learners and Teachers.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR**

##### **SECTION I:- Membership.**

Membership of SOSAN shall be open to:-

- i All Teachers of Social Studies in all Institutions and levels of Education in the Country.
- ii All Bodies, Institutions and Organizations involved in teaching and learning; and are so recognized and approved by the Nigerian Government.
- iii All interested Person/Persons in allied Disciplines.
- iv All Students of Social Studies in Institutions of Learning in the Country.

##### **SECTION 2:-**

##### **Method of Application for Membership.**

- (i) Application for Membership shall be in writing and/or on completion of appropriate forms of application and returning same to the National or State Branch Secretariat of SOSAN.
- (ii) All application shall be accompanied by a Membership Registration Fee of one Thousand Five hundred Naira (~~₦~~1500)
- (iii) All Registered Members of SOSAN shall pay Annual dues of one Thousand Naira (~~₦~~1000) per Member.
- (iv) An Institution or Body wishing to be a Member shall pay a Registration Fee of Five Thousand Naira (~~₦~~5000).

- (v) Registered Institutions and Bodies shall renew their Membership every two years with the sum of two Thousand Naira (~~₦~~2000).
- i Students of Institutions of learning shall pay a Registration Fee of five hundred Naira (~~₦~~500).
- ii They shall however pay their Annual dues of Three hundred Naira (#300) every year.
- iii The term “Student” here does not include Post Graduate Students in Institutions of higher learning.
- iv All Membership Fees and dues are to be reviewed by the Annual General Meeting every three years.

## **SECTION FIVE**

### **SECTION I: Organization of Executive Officers.**

SOSAN shall be organized at four levels, viz:

- i National body
- ii Zonal branches
- iii State branches
- iv Institutional branches.

Each of these levels shall have the responsibility of implementing the Aims of the Association at its own level and scope. However, in any clash of interest and activities, the National Body will take precedence.

### **SECTION 2:-**

**Executive Officers.**

The Executive Officers of SOSAN shall include:-

- i President
- ii 2 Vice Presidents
- iii Secretary
- iv Assistant Secretary
- v Treasurer
- vi Financial Secretary
- vii Publicity Secretary
- viii 2 Auditors
- ix 2 Patrons
- x Editors.

**ARTICLE SIX:-**

**Functions of Executive Officers.**

**SECTION I:- President.**

- i The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Organization.
- ii He shall preside over all National and Executive Meetings and Conferences.
- iii He shall be a signatory to all Official Documents of the Organization.
- iv He shall direct the convening of all emergency, Executive and General Annual Conference of the Organization.
- v He shall perform other functions incidental to his Office.

**SECTION 2:- The Vice Presidents.**

- i The first Vice President shall perform the functions of the President at his absence.
- ii He shall assume the Office of the President on the event of a vacancy arising from Impeachment, Resignation, Incapacitation or other Natural Causes.
- iii He or she shall perform other functions as shall be delegated from time to time by the President.

**SECTION 3:- The Secretary.**

- i The Secretary shall be responsible for all Secretarial duties of the SOSAN Organization.
- ii He or she shall be signatory to all Official Documents of the Organization.
- iii He or she shall prepare and submit the annual report of the Organization at the National annual Conference.

**SECTION 4:- Assistant Secretary.**

- i He or She shall perform all the functions of the Secretary in his absence.
- ii He or She shall assume the Office of the Secretary in the event of a Vacancy arising from other Natural Causes, Resignation, or Incapacitation.
- iii He or She shall perform other functions incidental to his or her Office as shall be.

**SECTION 5:- Treasurer**

- i The Treasurer is to keep all the Monies of the Organization.
- ii He or she shall maintain an Impress Account to be determined by the House from time to time.

- iii The Treasurer shall remit all Impress in his or her possession to Financial Secretary whenever he or she is way out of the Country or any Special Official Assignment.
- iv He or she shall perform other functions incidental to his or her Office as shall be assigned by the President.
- v All Money of the Board shall be banked within 48 hours of receipts.

**SECTION 6:- Functions of Publicity Secretary.**

- i The Publicity Secretary shall be responsible for all Publications, Circulars or Publicity of any kind for the SOSAN.
- ii He or she shall be the SOSAN Spokesperson.
- iii He or she shall perform other functions incidental to the office as shall be assigned by the President.

**SECTION 7:- Functions of the Two Auditors.**

The two Auditors are to Audit the Account of the Organization once a year and the Auditors' report shall be presented for approval to the Annual Conference of SOSAN.

**SECTION 8:- Functions of the Two Patrons.**

- i The two Patrons are to advice the SOSAN Executive Officers and the entire Organization Members on ways of promoting its Growth and Development.
- ii They are to Mediate, Arbitrate and Reconcile misunderstanding between Members of the Organization when the need arise.

**SECTION 9:- Functions of the Editors.**

The Editors are to edit the Journals, Magazines and any other Articles to be published by the Organization.

**SECTION 10:- Tenure of the Executive Officers in Office.**

- i The tenure of the Executive Officers in office shall be two years.



- ii The tenure of office of the two Patrons shall be three years.
- iii At the end of every tenure, the Executive Council stands dissolved.

**ARTICLE EIGHT:-**

**SECTION I: Election**

- i All Members of the Executive Officers shall be elected by the General Meeting of the Organization.
- ii Only Registered and Financial up to date Members of SOSAN are entitled to Vote and to be Voted for at any Election.
- iii Ex – Officers of the Organization can stand for re-election into any Post if appropriately nominated and supported.
- iv The results of all elections and votes of the General House shall be by a simple majority.

The results of the Elections shall be announced after the Election of each Office to enable the losers to be re-nominated and contest.

- v The Election of Chairman and Presidents of Zonal, State and Institution Branches shall be conducted at their Branch levels.

**SECTION 2:- Mode of Election**

- i All Election shall be by open Ballot.
- ii General Election shall be conducted by a Returning Officer who shall be Elected by the General House. He shall appoint few Members to assist him.
- iii All Elections shall be by nomination from Members.
- iv Three candidates shall be nominated for Election in every Office that requires two Persons. The candidate with the highest vote emerges the winner and the next follows.
- v Where there is a tie, fresh Election shall be conducted among the Contestants involved.

**ARTICLE NINE: - Removal of Officers.**

**SECTION I: - Removal of Executive Officers.**

- i An Officer may be Removed from Office where a notice of any allegation in writing signed by not less than two third  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Members at the General Meeting.
- ii Where a Committee is set to investigate the allegation and the report against the Office proved that the allegation is true and is adopted by two third  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the Members at the General Meetings, the Office shall stand Removed.
- iii Any Executive Officer shall be Removed from Office where a Medical Examination proved that he or she is Incapable of discharging the functions of his or her Office.
- iv If the Executive Officer becomes Vacant, the President shall fill it with other Members of the Executive in the best way possible, until General Elections are hold.

**SECTION 2:- Removal of Patron**

- i A Patron shall be Removed from Office by a written petition for Removal of a Patron and is supported by at least 10 Registered Members. Such a Petition shall be presented and considered by the Executive Committee, this decision of the Executive Committee shall be presented to the General House for confirmation or otherwise.
- ii A Patron shall be Removed from Office, if seen to be prejudicial to the interest and objectives of SOSAN.

**ARTICLE TEN:-**

**SECTION I: - Funding of SOSAN**

The Social Studies Association of Nigeria (SOSAN) shall be funded through the following means:-

- i Membership Registration Fees.
- ii Annual Renewal of Membership Fees.
- iii Twenty percent (20%) of Conference Registration proceedings from Sales of Books, Journals, and other Publications.
- iv Donations from Members and other People from other Organizations.
- v Fifteen percent 15% of Zonal, States and Institution Branches subvention.
- vi Any other legitimate Funds.

#### **SECTION 2:- Disbursement of Funds.**

SOSAN shall disburse its Funds as follows:

- i All expenditures exceeding Fifty thousand (~~₦~~50,000) shall have prior approval of the Executive Committee.
- ii All other Minor expenditures shall be made on an approval Voucher raised by the Financial Secretary authorized and signed by the Presidents before being presented to the Treasurer for settlement.
- iii All Monies of the Organization shall be saved in any well established and recognized Bank in the Country.
- iv All Cheques for the withdrawal of Money from SOSAN Account shall be by the Treasurer and either the President or the Secretary of SOSAN.
- v All Zonal, State, and Institution Branches of SOSAN shall pay 25% of their Annual income as subvention to the National Account of SOSAN.
- vi The Account of the Organization shall be audited once in two year and the Auditors' report shall be presented for approval to the Annual Conference of SOSAN.

#### **ARTICLE ELEVEN: - Meetings of the Organization.**

- (i) There shall be an Annual General Meeting of SOSAN, but Election shall take place every two years.
- (ii) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least twice and at most thrice a year.
- (iii) Emergency Meetings of either the General House and/or the Executive Committee may be conveyed by the President if and when necessary. It may also be conveyed by a request of at least Thirty Registered Members, whose request will be in writing giving reasons for such a request.

**ARTICLE TWELVE: - Amendment of the Constitution.**

Any Section/Sections of these Constitutions may be Amended provided:-

- (i) The request is made in writing by a Registered and up to date Financial Member or Members of the Organization.
- (ii) The request is supported by at least ten Members of SOSAN.
- (iii) The Amendment shall be approved by two-third  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the Members present and voting at a General Meeting of SOSAN.

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN: - Quorum**

- (i) Quorum at SOSAN Executive Meeting shall be one-third  $\frac{1}{3}$  majority of all the members present.
- (ii) Quorum at the National Annual General Meeting of SOSAN shall be one-third  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Members present at the Meeting.

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN: - Pledge.**

We the entire members of the Social Studies Association of Nigeria (SOSAN) having read and understood all the provisions of this Constitution, do Pledge to upholds its provisions and have therefore empowered the National

President and Secretary of the SOSAN to endorse their signature on this day  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

Sign\_\_\_\_\_

President

Professor Samuel F. Ogundare

Sign\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Dr. AbdulRaheem Yusuf