



## **Global EcoLomics**

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# **STATUTES OF GLOBAL ECOLOMICS**

## **ART. 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Global EcoLomics (GE) is an international environmental Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) specializing in issues of policy and law. It has been established in accordance with Art. 52 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code. GE has a legal personality distinct from its members.

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Languages: English and French

## **ART. 2 OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES**

The objective of GE is to promote a more balanced relationship between international economic and environmental institutions, rules, and policies that will advance global environmental and sustainable development goals. The term ecolomics, defined as the study of the interface between ecology and economics, connotes the interrelation and interdependence of these concepts and fields of international law and policy. GE aims to increase and enhance the consideration of ecolomics as a fundamental element in a more balanced relationship between ecological and economic priorities and concerns at the international level, particularly in the context of international trade rules and institutions.

GE seeks to achieve these goals by conducting relevant legal, policy, and scientific analysis and research; providing training and capacity building; facilitating dialogue and interaction between diverse groups of stakeholders and interested parties; promoting public awareness and participation; and organizing various meetings, workshops, and events. The publication of the online scientific journal *EcoLomic Policy and Law - Journal of Trade & Environment Studies* is an example of an ongoing activity of GE.

### **ART. 3 FINANCING**

The financial support for all GE activities will be solely the responsibility of Urs P. Thomas (Swiss and Canadian citizen). Donations and voluntary contributions may also be given to GE in support of its activities.

### **ART. 4 CLAUSE OF NON-RETURNABILITY**

Upon dissolution of the association, the available assets will be entirely transferred to a public interest institution whose goal is analogous to GE's, and which is entitled to tax exemption. Under no circumstances can the assets return to the members or be used to their benefit entirely or partially, and in any way whatsoever.

### **ART. 5 OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

The core of GE's staff consist of a Board of three persons:

- an Administrator and Publisher,
- a Scientific Director,
- a Program Director.

Decisions will be made if at all possible on a consensual basis, otherwise based on majority rule, by the Board members. This applies also to modifications of the Statutes. The Board may be enlarged but it shall consist of an uneven number of members. Board members may withdraw from the Board upon written notification to the Administrator. The GE staff may include other individuals, such as *ad hoc* or more or less permanent research associates, interns, or resident scholars or experts.

Board meetings will take place as needed, at least twice a year, they can be substituted through Information and Communication Technologies.

Signed, Geneva, Switzerland, June 12, 2007

Makane Moïse Mbengue, Scientific Director .....

Maria Julia Oliva, Program Director .....

Urs P. Thomas, Administrator and Publisher .....