

PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

WHEREAS there is an urgent need to strengthen the evolution of scientific knowledge in Development Economics in the socio-economic context of Pakistan:

WHEREAS the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), in accordance with the Principles laid out in its new constitution promulgated in December 1981, is expected to play a pivotal role in disseminating information and extending advice to the Government and other related agencies based on its original research in economics;

AND WHEREAS it is realized that mere publication of the results of PIDE's research in its various publications is not enough for making the desired impact on policy-making;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is deemed necessary, as a permanent measure, to establish a forum and provide a platform to enable the professional economist and the policy-maker to exchange ideas on the pressing economic problems facing Pakistan on a continuing basis, and to draw potential benefits from a dialogue between the Institute, government and semi-government agencies as well as private research organizations. In order to achieve this purpose, the Board of Governors of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, taking into account the recommendation of the Council of Senior Fellows of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, having met at Islamabad on 28th August, 1982, hereby decide that a PAKISATN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMISTS be organized within the framework of the 1981 Constitution of the Institute under the Constitution set forth below.

ARTICLE 1
NAMEN OF THE SOCIETY

- 1.1 The name of the Society shall be the Pakistan Society of Development Economists.

ARTICLE 2
REGISTERED OFFICE

- 1.2 The registered office of the Society shall be located at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad. The Society may have local chapters located at suitable places inside Pakistan.

ARTICLE 3
DEFINITIONS

The following words wherever they occur in this constitution would carry the following meanings and import:

- 3.1 The “Society” means the Pakistan Society of Development Economists.
- 3.2 The “Institute” Means the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics.
- 3.3 The “Governing Council” means the Governing Council of the Society.
- 3.4 The “Executive Council” means the Executive Council of the Society.
- 3.5 The “Patron-in-Chief, “President”, “Vice-President”, “Secretary” and “Treasurer” mean such officers of the Society.
- 3.6 “*Ex-officio* member”/“Member”/“Honorary Member/Honorary mean Member/Honorary Member of the Society.

ARTICLE 4

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 The principal object of the Society is to strengthen the process of evolution of scientific knowledge in Development Economics by providing a forum for exchange of ideas between the Institute and development economists outside the Institute.
- 4.2. To achieve this objective the Society shall:
- (a) Facilitate research in Development Economics;
 - (b) Organize seminars, conferences and symposia;
 - (c) Collaborate with other national and international organizations, particularly Pakistan Economic Association and International Economic Association, pursuing similar goals;
 - (d) Confer awards on scholars for outstanding contribution in the general area of Development Economics; and
 - (e) do all such things as are conducive to the attainment of the above-mentioned objectives.

ARTICLE 5

FORMS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 During their tenure of office the following shall be the *Ex-officio* Member of the Society:
- (a) all members of the Board of Governors of the Institute;
 - (b) all members of the Council of Senior Fellows of the Institute;
 - (c) all members of the International Advisory Board of the Institute;
 - (d) all members of the International Board of Editors of *The Pakistan Development Review*-the Quarterly Journal of the Institute; and
 - (e) all professional staff in the research and training wings of the Institute.

- 5.2 *Honorary Life Membership:* The Executive Council may, of its own accord, confer Honorary Life Membership of the Society on persons who have made outstanding contribution to the growth of knowledge in areas specified in Article 5.3 (b) below.
- 5.3 *Membership:* There shall be a select category of Membership of the Society. The minimum criteria of eligibility for election to Membership are:
- (a) Former *Ex-officio*/Membership of the Society;
 - (b) Master's degree in Economics, Business Administration, Public Administration, Agricultural Economics, Demography and/or and evidence of proven scholarship in these areas of specialization.
 - (c) *Institutional Membership:* The Institutional Membership shall be against an annual fee of Rs 2000.00. The member institutions shall nominate two qualified members of its staff to participate in the meetings held by the PSDE.
 - (d) *Life Membership:* The Life Membership to individuals on payment of Rs 5000,00 by Pakistan and US\$ 2000.00 by overseas shall be allowed.
- 5.4 *Election of Member:* All persons satisfying the minimum eligibility criteria as specified in Article 5.3 may apply for Membership on the prescribed form after having their nominations duly proposed and seconded by any two *Ex-officio* Members/Members of the Society, Provide that no such application shall be required of a former *Ex-officio* member of the Society who may enroll as Member on payment of the prescribed of the prescribed fee at the invitation of the Council at a constitutionally valid meeting.
- 5.5 A Member shall to be a member of the Society if:
- (a) he become an *Ex-officio* Member of the Society as per Article 5.1;
- Or
- (b) he resigns of his own accord;
- Or

- (c) his activities are adjudged by a two-third majority of the Executive Council to be prejudicial to the interests of the Society at a constitutionally valid meeting of the Executive Council after giving him an opportunity of explanation;
 - (d) in the opinion of the Executive Council he ceases to be a productive member of the Society
- 5.6 *Termination of Ex-officio Membership:* A member shall cease to be an *Ex-officio* Member of the Society on termination of his association with the Institute in such capacity as entitled him to the *Ex-officio* Membership of the Society.
- 5.7 *Resignation of Member:* Any Member may at any time file his resignation in writing with the secretary of the Society.

ARTICLE 6 MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 *Governing Council:* There shall be a Governing Council of the Society to oversee the operations of the Society and to keep a watch on its progress.
- 6.2 *Members of the Governing Council:* The Governing Council shall consist of eleven members as follows;
- (a) Chairman, Board of *Patron-in-Chief of the*
Governors of the *society and Chairman of the*
Institute *Governing Council.*
 - (b) All ten remaining *Members of the Governing*
Members of the Board of *Council.*
Governors of the
Institute
- 6.3 A member of the Governing Council shall cease to be Member of the Governing Council on termination of his association with the Institute which entitled him to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Institute.

6.4 *Executive Council:* There shall be an Executive Council of the Society and shall consist of nineteen members as follows:

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| (a) | Director
of the Pakistan Institute of
Development Economics. | <i>President of the Society
and Chairman of the
Executive Council.</i> |
| (b) | Five to Seven members of the
Council of Senior Fellows of
Pakistan institute of Development
Economics. | <i>Member</i> |
| (c) | All remaining Members of the
Council of Senior Fellows of the
Institute | <i>Member</i> |
| (d) | Two Members to be elected by
the elected by the Council of
Senior Fellows of the Institute | <i>Member</i> |
| (e) | Secretary of the Society to be
appointed by the President | <i>Member</i> |

6.5 A member of the Executive Council shall cease to be a Member of the Executive Council on termination of his association with the Institute that entitled him to be Membership of the Council of Senior Fellows or the *Ex-officio* Membership/Membership of the Society.

6.6 The term of office of the Members on the Executive Council shall be two years. No member shall serve on the Council for two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE 7 OFFICE-BEARERS

7.1 In addition to the Patron-in-Chief and the President, the Society will have following office-bearers:

Vice President: There shall be five to seven Vice-Presidents, who shall:

- (a) hold office for one year;

- (b) be ineligible for election to the second consecutive term except when there is only one Senior Fellow from any of the local chapters of the Society.
- (c) be a member of the Council of Senior Fellows;
- (d) be elected by a simple majority of the Council of Senior Fellows at a constitutionally valid meeting; and
- (e) cease to be a Vice-President on the termination of his association with the Institute in such capacity as entitled him to the *Ex-officio* Membership of the Society.

7.2 *Secretary:* There shall be a Secretary of the Society, who shall:

- (a) be appointed by the President from amongst the senior research staff of the Institute for a term of two Years;
- (b) be ineligible for the second consecutive term; and
- (c) cease to be the Secretary on the termination of his association with the Institute that entitled him/her to the *Ex-officio* Membership of the Society.

7.3 *Treasurer:* There shall be a Treasurer of the Society, who shall:

- (a) be appointed by and subject to the control of President in all matters listed below under Article 7.3 (b) to 7.3(f);
- (b) receive all money for, pm behalf of and in the name of the Society and to give receipts and other effectual discharges in receipt of such money and deposit the in the bank;
- (c) make payments through impress money or crossed cheque against voucher bill etc, countersigned and attested by the treasurer and duly passed by the president.
- (d) be responsible for the safe custody of bank cheque books and withdrawals from the bank as and when needed;
- (e) be responsible for the safe custody and proper statement of the imprest money; and
- (f) complete accordingly all the account registers and present the same to the President for countersignature.

ARTICLE 8
FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

- 8.1 The Governing Council shall:
- (a) exercise general supervision and control on the activities of the Society;
 - (b) make the Society a professionally effective institution and build its image nationally and internationally;
 - (c) consider and approve the annual report and the annual programme of the Society;
 - (d) approve the recommendations of the Executive Council in respect of conferring awards scholars for outstanding contributions to Development Economics, in the areas defined in Article 5.3 (b) of the constitution; and
 - (e) exercise all such powers and perform all such acts as may be necessary for promoting the interests of the Society.

ARTICLE 9
FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- 9.1 The Executive Council shall be the executive body of the Society. It shall:
- (a) Recommend policies and plans regarding the Society to the Governing Council;
 - (b) cause expenditure and exercise overall financial control;
 - (c) consider annual report for submission to the Governing Council;
 - (d) direct and administer the affairs its the Society;
 - (e) frame, alter or repeal Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Society for its proper functioning;
 - (f) elect, appoint or nominate office – bearer s of the society and its various chapters and committers;
 - (g) elect members;

- (h) consider and decide on any application regarding disciplinary cases in respect of members and;
- (i) recommend outstanding scholars for an appropriate award for their contributions in the field of development economics.

ARTICLE 10

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE OFFICE – BEARERS

- 10.1 The president shall be the operating chief of the society. He shall exercise all such powers as may be delegated to his by the Governing council or the executive council to ensure smooth conduct of the business of the society.
- 10.2 the president shall appoint the secretary and treasurer of the society.
- 10.3 the president shall set the date and the venue of the annual general meeting of the society 10.4 the vice-president shall perform such functions as may be delegated to them by the president.
- 10.5 The account of the society shall be minted by the treasurer.
- 10.6 The secretary shall conduct all routine operations under the direct guidance of the president. He / she will issue notices, prepare and circulate the agenda of the meeting, record the minutes of the meeting, fix the price of publication of the society in according with the policy of the president.

ARTICLE 11

PUBLICATIONS

- 11.1 Proceedings of the annual general meeting and occasional papers edited jointly by the president and the secretary of the society will be published buy the society.

ARTICLE 12
FEEs

12.1 The annual fee for the Members for each calendar year shall be as under:

- (a) for members inside Rs 500.00 Pakistan.
- (b) for member s outside US\$ 50.00 Pakistan.

The fee would include subscription to *the paper and proceeding issue of the PDR*, which is the published version of the presentations in the PSDE's Annual General Meeting. It shall be payable in advance each years.

ARTICLE 13
FINANCES

13.1 The society shall be financed from the following sources:

- (a) Government grants sanctioned annually, ion the recommendation of the board of governors of the institute.
- (b) Sale or royalties of publications of the society.
- (c) Fees paid by the members of the society:
- (d) Gifts and endowments made to the society by different national and international agencies.
- (e) Any other sources duly approved by the Governing council of the society.

ARTICLE 14
AUDIT

14.1 The Account of the society will be subject to the normal audit procedure.

ARTICLE 15 MEETINGS

- 15.1 The Governing Council shall meet at least once a year. Its meetings will be covered by the President of the Society in consultation with the Patron-in-Chief of the Society.
- 15.2 The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held, under the aegis of the Institute, at its registered address and, by rotation at all local chapters of the Society.
- 15.3 The notice for Annual General Meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to *Ex-officio* Members, Honorary Life Members and Members at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 15.4 For holding the meeting of the Executive Council, a minimum notice of fourteen days shall be required. The Secretary of the Society shall issue the notice after its approval by the President.
- 15.5 The Executive Council shall meet at least once in twelve months. The Society may meet more often if the President deems it necessary or will meet if a written demand is made by one-third of the members of the Executive Council to call a meeting.
- 15.6 One-third of the members of the Executive Council shall form the quorum for its meeting.

ARTICLE 16 AMENDMENTS

- 16.1 This Constitution or a part thereof may be amended by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the executive council at a constitutionally valid meeting and with the consent of the Governing Council.

ARTICLE 17
DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

- 17.1 The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by three-fourths of the total number of members constituting the Executive Council only at a full session of the council. This decision will not be effective unless it is ratified in a full session of the Governing Council by at least three-fourths of its members.

**THE PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMISTS**

The Pakistan Society of Development Economists is an autonomous, non-profit professional body, based in Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. The Society provides a forum and platform to the academics and the Policy-makers for exchanging ideas on the pressing economic and social problems facing Pakistan. The society organizes conferences and seminars on topical themes on development economics to promote a better understanding of the mystique of economic development; and arranges lectures on Development Economics by economists and demographers of international repute. The Society confers awards on scholars who make seminal contributions. The membership of the Society will be restricted to those working in the general area of development economics and related disciplines. The Society is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.