

## ***STATUTES FOR ASWEDE, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION***

### § 1

The organization "ASWEDE", Association of Swedish Development Economists, is a non-profit organization with the objective of promoting Swedish scientific research in development economics through regular seminars, conferences, lectures and discussions and to promote cooperation between development economists that are active in Sweden. The organization ASWEDE will have Stockholm as its domicile.

### § 2

Among its members, the organization appoints one chair and one vice chair and at most 6 people in addition to the chair among its members to constitute the board of the organization. A board member whose term has come to an end can be reelected. The board members appoint a secretary and a treasurer among themselves or from outside.

### § 3

The chair, or when the chair is absent, the vice chair, will chair the meetings of the organization. If both absent, a chair will be appointed especially for the meeting. The secretary is responsible for organizing the seminars together with the board, implementing the decisions made by the organization, keeping the minutes, carrying out the correspondence and safekeeping of the documents. The treasurer deals with the accounts and the membership fees.

### § 4

A natural person, who is active in scientific research in the field of development economics and who can benefit from and contribute to the seminar activities due to the fact that he/she has started or completed a PhD in Economics, can be elected member. Decisions about elections are made unanimously by the board. Suggestions for members to be elected can be submitted to the secretary no later than on the day of a meeting with the organization or a board meeting.

### § 5

The ordinary annual meeting is to be held no later than December. The chair, the vice chair, other board members and the auditors for the following calendar year are elected at the annual meeting. The size of the membership fee is also determined. The notice to attend the meeting shall be sent in writing by regular mail or e-mail no later than two weeks before the meeting.

### § 6

Elections and other votes are open, unless someone asks for a secret vote. With the exception that is mentioned in § 13, the decisions are made with simple plurality. If there are equal votes on both sides, the chair has the deciding vote.

### § 7

The board publishes its proceedings in a form that has been decided by the board.

§ 8

Each member of the organization pays an annual membership fee to the treasurer of the organization, before the end of March, which entitles the member to receive the proceedings of the organization for the current year. The size of the membership fee for the coming calendar year is determined at the annual meeting of the organization. The purpose of the membership fees is to promote the activities of the organization, for example by covering expenses in connection with the seminar activities.

§ 9

A member who violates these statutes or harms the organization or its objectives through his/her actions can, if suggested by the board and after the decision at a meeting with the organization, be separated from his/her membership. The person concerned shall be informed by the board of the proposed exclusion at least a week before the meeting when the question of exclusion is to be dealt with.

§ 10

The organization must have an auditor who can be appointed both within and outside the group of members. The auditor's report on the accounts for the past calendar year is to be presented at a meeting in the first half of the following calendar year, and then the organization will decide on whether to adopt the report and the accounts. The auditors who are to scrutinize the accounts of the current calendar year will be appointed at this meeting.

§ 11

The organization is signed for in a combination of two, the chair or the vice chair together with the secretary. The board is to appoint a board member to sign for the organization instead of the secretary when he/she is prevented from doing this.

§ 12

A decision about dissolving the organization must be taken at the annual meeting of the organization and then at a meeting with the organization that is to be held no earlier than one month after the board meeting. The issue is to be mentioned in the notice to attend the meeting. The decision about dissolving the organization can only be taken with a plurality of two thirds of all given votes. If the organization is dissolved, the assets will be handed over to a non-profit objective that is determined by the board.

§ 13

Suggestions for changes to these statutes should be submitted to the secretary to be presented at the first meeting in the fall and be presented for a final decision at the annual meeting. For such suggestions to be adopted, a plurality of two thirds of all submitted votes is required.