

Association Charter - Approved April 8, 2011

Association name	WindEmpowerment
Mission	<p>WindEmpowerment supports the development of locally built wind turbines for sustainable rural electrification. This is achieved by strengthening the capacity of its members through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Building and sharing financial and human resource connections 2) Performing joint technical research, sharing technical information and collaborating on key vendor relationships 3) Strengthening understanding of business and social models for effective implementation of small wind technology
Guiding principles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Open information sharing 2) Respect licensing rights where they exist 3) Work together collaboratively 4) Accept of different views and different communication and work styles 5) Work for the success of all 6) Inclusive - get others to join, collaborate with association 7) Make a reasonable effort to build consensus on decisions
Membership criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborator classes & qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member: Must be an institution, implies voting rights, must align with full mission - Participant: Can be an individual, no voting rights, website access, can just be an interested party • Tiered fee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member with past year budget < EUR 100k = EUR 50 per year - Member with past year budget > EUR 100k = EUR 100 per year - Participant = EUR 20 per year • Collaborator approval process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New members must be nominated by a current active member and must be in alignment with the association's purpose and values. - Participants can join automatically through a web portal (where they must pay the participant fee); they will have view rights initially and can be granted edit rights by the Membership Coordinator. • Collaborators conduct code: All collaborators must adhere to the association's guiding principles • Collaborators removal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members can be removed by 3/4 vote of active members - Participants can be removed by a majority vote of active members
Founding members	<p>• Tripalium • ÉolSénégal • blueEnergy (International, US, France, Nicaragua) • Ti'éole • Scoraig Wind Electric • Otherpower • Solarmad • AJA Mali • Comet-ME • The Clean Energy Company • I-Love-Windpower Mali • I-Love-Windpower Tanzania • Renewable World • Volunteer WindAid • WindAid • Green Empowerment • AEETEC • HIDRORED</p>
Legal status	<p>Start informal and evaluate in a year if it makes sense to legalize. In the meantime, blueEnergy should open a bank account in association's name and administer it.</p>

Executive Board	<p>Executive Board of seven (7)* composed of the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator - Elected among members of Executive Board listed below, represents the association externally and coordinates Executive Board • Charter (responsible for advancing the Charter, and for taking comments for modification) • Funding (looks for funding) • Membership/Treasury (approves memberships, and tracks payments, so for the moment also does the accounting) • Technical (develops tech workgroups) • Socio-Economic (develops Socio-Economic workgroups) • IT Solutions • Secretary (organizes meeting dates, meeting notes) <p>* People volunteer for the leadership roles, and they are put to a vote by members for each post where there are more than one person volunteering, with an election every two years. Leaders can be removed from their position by a 3/4 majority vote of the membership at any time.</p>
Workgroups	<p>Workgroups consist of two or more members. A workgroup should have a coordinator. Notification should be made to the website administration team to determine if there is duplication. Workgroups are open to active members who wish to participate.</p>
Decision making guidelines	<p>For high level issues, a reasonable attempt at consensus building should always come first, then a vote if necessary.</p>
Language	<p>The association recognizes its multi-lingual, multi-cultural membership. For practical reasons its official working language is English, but all reasonable efforts are made to translate into French and Spanish given resource constraints. The web IT team will investigate auto-translation solutions for the association website. Member contributions allowed in French and Spanish with no translation required.</p>
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report from Executive Committee to Board (full membership) on status of workgroups, administration issues • Annual remote meeting • Bi-Annual in-person meeting with remote participation optional for those who don't want to / can't travel • Regional / thematic / workgroup in-person and remote meetings as needed



Initial meeting in Dakar, Sénégal. February 2011.