



NFU

NORSK FORENING FOR UTVIKLINGSFORSKNING

The Norwegian Association for Development Research
- Norsk Forening for Utviklingsforskning

Articles of Association

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1. Objectives

Main objectives of NFU are:

- to promote multidisciplinary research and studies of relevance for the general development of society in developing countries
- to consolidate and strengthen relations between development researchers in Norway and internationally
- to support and promote dissemination and use of research results.

2. Membership

Membership is granted to development researchers, students, development practitioners and others with a general interest in development issues agreeing with the NFU main objectives.

- *Annual membership fees.* The General Assembly determines the annual membership fees payable by all members in groups as follows: full membership, family membership, and student membership. Student membership is only offered within Norway.
- Each NFU membership includes one subscription to *Forum for Development Studies*.
- *Discontinuance of membership.* Members owing Annual membership fees will not receive *Forum for Development Studies* and may after one year be deleted as member.

3. The General Assembly

The General Assembly is supreme authority of the association.

- Members are summoned to the General Assembly in co-arrangement with the NFU Annual Conference with least four weeks' notice. All members are entitled to attend and to vote. Any proposals to the General Assembly must be available to the Board two weeks before the meeting.
- The General Assembly shall approve annual report, annual audited accounts, annual membership fees, work plan and budget for the coming period as presented by the Board. Further, the General Assembly shall decide on coming NFU annual conferences, on any other proposals timely received and undertake elections based on presentation by the Nomination Committee.

- Elections shall include the following: Chair, Board members and Nomination committee members are elected for two years and so that closest possible to half of the seats are up for election every year. Deputy members and Auditor are elected for one year. The Norwegian Delegate to the EADI Executive Committee is elected for three years.
- All elections and resolutions are passed with general majority, except changes of the Articles of Association which require a 2/3 majority. If a parity of votes should occur, the issue is settled by drawing lots.

4. Extraordinary General Assembly

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be summoned with at least four weeks notice if requested by a majority of Board members or one fourth of all NFU members. An Extraordinary General Assembly can only decide on issues mentioned in the summon.

5. The Board

The NFU Board is in charge of all NFU matters between the General Assemblies.

- The NFU Board has is constituted by a Chair, 8 members and 4 deputy members. It ought to include members from different disciplines and regions. At least 3 of the board members and 2 of the deputy members should come from research environments outside Oslo/Østlandet.
- If a parity of votes occurs, the Chair has a double vote. Deputy members have the right to attend all meetings, but can only vote if replacing a board member.

6. Affiliation

NFU is member of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes. The Norwegian Delegate to the EADI Executive Committee reports to the General Assembly

7. Dissolution

The Association can only be dissolved by the General Assembly, and with a 2/3 majority of votes. If dissolution should occur, the General Assembly must decide how to use any remaining NFU funds.

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