

Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere: Regulations

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1: Name

The name of this Forum shall be the “Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere.”

Article 2: Purpose

Some of the most important social issues in the 21st century are global warming and other environmental changes occurring on a global scale, and shortages of energy and resources accompanying the increase in global population. In this backdrop, there has been an increasing demand for reliable future projections based on an accurate understanding of current conditions, and for the creation of problem-solving measures supported by science and technologies. The goal of this Forum is to broadly promote “Sustainable Humanosphere Sciences” that will form the platform for the construction of a Sustainable Humanosphere.

Article 3: Operations

The Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere shall undertake the following operations aimed at achieving the goals outlined in the preceding Article:

- (1) Seeking out, developing, and promoting advanced sciences and technologies related to the Humanosphere
- (2) Publishing the results of research related to the Humanosphere, and exchanging related information
- (3) Promoting education related to the Humanosphere
- (4) Any other operations deemed necessary to achieve the goals of this Forum

Chapter 2: Members and Directors

Article 4: Members

The Members of this Forum shall be corporations, organizations, or individuals that agree with the Forum’s goals, and which have received membership approval.

Article 5: New membership

Parties wishing to become members of this Forum must submit an application to the Steering Committee as stipulated in Article 11, and must receive approval for membership.

Article 6: Membership fees

Membership fees shall not be required.

Article 7: Withdrawal from membership

Parties wishing to withdraw from membership in this Forum must submit a written request to the Steering Committee.

Article 8: Expulsion

Parties that injure the reputation of the Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere or that cause disorder may be expelled based on a resolution by the Steering Committee. In such an event, however, the member in question will be given the opportunity to explain the situation.

Article 9: Directors

- (1) The Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere shall have one Chairman and a small number of Vice Chairmen.

- (2) The Chairman shall represent the Forum, and shall preside over the Forum's business affairs.
- (3) The Vice Chairmen shall assist the Chairman, and shall execute the Chairman's responsibilities in the event that the Chairman is incapacitated.
- (4) Directors shall be selected from among the Members at a General Meeting.
- (5) The term of Directors shall be until the regular General Meeting after the General Meeting at which the appointment was made. Directors, however, shall not be prevented from serving for consecutive terms.
- (6) A Director that resigns or completes a term shall be required to execute the responsibilities of Director until a successor has been selected.

Chapter 3: General Meetings, Steering Committee, and Secretariat

Article 10: General Meetings

- (1) The General Meetings shall be comprised of Members.
- (2) As a rule, General Meetings shall be held once each year, and when deemed necessary by the Chairman.
- (3) General Meetings may be held via printed document or E-mail.
- (4) General Meetings shall be deemed official with the attendance of at least one half of the total membership.
- (5) Members that are unable to attend the General Meeting may delegate authority to the Chair of the General Meeting, or to another attending Member. In such an event, the Member in question shall be deemed as being in attendance at the General Meeting.
- (6) The Chair of the General Meeting shall be appointed by the Chairman.
- (7) The proceedings of the General Meeting shall be decided based on a majority vote cast by the Members in attendance. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair shall have the deciding vote.
- (8) Proceedings of the General Meeting shall include the establishment and dissolution of this Forum, activity policies, amendments to Regulations, selection of Directors (and Members of the Steering Committee), and any other important matters related to the operation of the Forum.

Article 11: Steering Committee

- (1) The Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere shall have a Steering Committee.
- (2) The Chairman shall appoint a Steering Committee Chairman and members of the Steering Committee from among the Members, and shall receive approval at a General Meeting.
- (3) Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be held as deemed necessary by the Steering Committee Chairman.
- (4) Steering Committee Meetings may be held via printed document or E-mail.
- (5) The Steering Committee shall approve membership in and withdrawal from the Forum, present to the General Meeting items of importance in relation to the operation of the Forum, and resolve items deemed necessary by the Forum Chairman and items related to details of methods for the execution of Forum business.
- (6) Necessary items related to the operation of the Steering Committee shall be stipulated by the Steering Committee.
- (7) The term of Steering Committee Members shall be until the regular General Meeting after the General Meeting at which the appointment was made. Steering Committee Members, however, shall not be prevented from serving for consecutive terms.
- (8) A Steering Committee Member that resigns or completes a term shall be required to execute the responsibilities of a Steering Committee Member until a successor has been selected.

Article 12: Secretariat

A Secretariat shall be established within the Kyoto University Research Institute for Sustainable

Humanosphere to process the affairs of the Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere.

Article 13: Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere shall begin on April 1 of each year and end on March 31 of the following year.

Chapter 4: Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 14

Any items essential to the operation of the Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere that are not stipulated in these Regulations shall be stipulated separately by the Chairman.

Supplemental Provisions

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- (1) These regulations shall be put into effect from July 12, 2008.
- (2) Parties in attendance at the Inaugural General Meetings and who approve of these Regulations shall be recognized as Members of the Forum for a Sustainable Humanosphere.
- (3) Paragraph (2) above shall apply to those parties that have expressed in writing their desire for Membership from before the date of the Inaugural General Meeting.
- (4) Items to be resolved by the Steering Committee based on the stipulations of Article 11 above may be resolved at the Inaugural General Meeting.