

Appendix 2

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Bylaws of the “Local Science Network for Environment and Sustainability”

Chapter 1 General rules

(Name)

Article 1

This network shall be termed as the Local Science Network for Environment and Sustainability.

Chapter 2 Objective and activities

(Objective)

Article 2

This network shall aim to contribute to the community-based solution of environmental issues through the knowledge production and collaboration by scientists, specialists, and community stakeholders by providing a forum for a variety of researchers engaged in research activities directly connected to the solution of environmental issues at community fields and community stakeholders so that they may activate the activities at their communities by mutual learning and development during information sharing, mutual assessment, and collaboration through interchanges.

(Activities)

Article 3

This network will pursue the following activities in order to achieve the objective as provided for in the preceding article.

- 1 Hold exchange meetings, symposia, etc.
- 2 Publish newsletters, web journals, etc.
- 3 Formulate and operate the “Guideline for Collaboration”
- 4 Construct and operate the system for Stakeholder Participatory Evaluation of Local Science
- 5 Any activities as appropriate by the steering committee in addition to those provided for in the preceding four items approved

Chapter 3 Members

(Members)

Article 4

The members of the network shall consist of Individual Members and Corporate Members.

2 Any individuals or organizations, who agree to the objective of this network, may become a member of this network by being recommended by a steering committee member and then approved by the steering committee.

3 A member may participate in activities of this network and attend the general assembly and exchange meetings.

(Withdrawal)

Article 5

A member may withdraw from this network by notifying the steering committee to that effect.

Chapter 4 Operation

(Organization)

Article 6

The representative, the steering committee, and the executive office shall be established within this network.

(Representative)

Article 7

The representative shall promote the sharing of the vision of this network and interactions between members and make necessary coordination for the vitalization of activities appropriate for the vision of the network.

(Steering committee)

Article 8

This network shall be operated in consultation with the steering committee.

2 The steering committee shall consist of up to 20 members.

(Election)

Article 9

The steering committee members shall be elected by a majority of approvals at the General Assembly. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of seats of the steering committee members as provided for in paragraph 2 of the preceding article, the

steering committee members shall be determined by votes.

2 The representative shall be mutually voted by the steering committee and approved at the General Assembly.

(Term)

Article 10

The representative and the steering committee members shall hold their office for three years and may be re-appointed.

(Executive office)

Article 11

The executive office shall assist the representative and the steering committee to facilitate the operation and the activities of this network.

(Accounting)

Article 12

The members shall bear the cost associated with the activities of this network at their own expense in principle. However, any grants, aids, contributions, or other revenues, available for the activities, if any, shall be appropriated to the activities concerned.

(General assembly)

Article 13

This network shall hold a general assembly once a year.

2 The general assembly shall be convened by the representative and chaired by a person who will be elected by mutual votes of the steering committee members.

3 The general assembly is effective with attendance of more than two-thirds of the committee members.

4 The general assembly shall report and deliberate on the following matters:

- 1) Matters concerning the vision and action policy of this network;
- 2) Matters concerning the monitoring, assessment, and improvement of the activity status of this network;
- 3) Election of steering committee members;
- 4) Revision of bylaws;
- 5) Reporting of budgets and accounting settlement; and
- 6) Others

(Delegation)

Article 14

A committee member, who cannot attend the general assembly for an inevitable reason, can offer his opinion in writing on a pre-announced agenda for resolution. He may otherwise delegate a proxy to offer an opinion and vote on his behalf.

Chapter 5 Amendment of bylaws

(Amendment of bylaws)

Article 15

These bylaws may be amended by approval of the steering committee.

2 The steering committee shall report the reason and the situation for amendment at the general assembly.

Chapter 6 Miscellaneous rules

Article 16

The detailed rules for enforcement of these bylaws shall be established by approval of the steering committee.

Supplementary provisions

1 These bylaws shall put into force on April 1, 2010.

2 The start-up members of this network shall consist of the members of the “Construction of a Pragmatic Scientist Community Contributing to Stakeholder-Driven Management of Local Environment” project.

3 The executive office of this network shall be placed under the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, National Institutes for the Humanities Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Inter-university Research Institute Corporation for the time being.

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