

MANYU WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

(MOHWA)



SOLIDARITY, EMPOWERMENT & DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Manyu Women's Association (MOHWA), **Cameroon-Parent Chapter**

and

Manyu Women's Association (MOHWA), **Canada**

Preamble

We, the women of Manyu extraction, living in towns across Cameroon and beyond, by dint of the desire to foster unity, solidarity, and development among us and the larger community, do hereby formulate the following rules and regulations of our association, otherwise referred to as the Constitution. At the backdrop of unity, solidarity, and development, we seek to propagate the Manyu culture as well as empower the Manyu woman and the girl-child. We also seek to foster relationships with sister agencies that share our values and interests. We shall in everything we do, remain apolitical. The association may be affiliated to or collaborate with any other organization or union with objectives like ours, provided such affiliation or membership shall not lead to the dissolution of ours.

In 1991, a group of women came together to form an association to propagate the Manyu culture and heritage as well as empower the Manyu woman and the girl-child. These women traveled around Cameroon; from Buea, Kumba, Limbe, Mamfe, Bamenda, Tiko, Yaounde, and Edea as ambassadors to sensitize women about female genital mutilation (cutting) and teach women how to take care of their homes, dress culturally (tie two wrappers), and prepare Manyu traditional dishes. They also invited Manyu daughters from the diaspora who joined, embracing the MOHWA vision to foster amicability, solidarity, and togetherness among Manyu women through the exchange of ideas while fostering relationships with sister agencies that share their values and interests.

Today, some members of MOHWA Cameroon, the Parent Chapter, (raised and nurtured by Manyu Women in Cameroon), are migrating to other parts of the world, and are becoming active

members of MOHWA in their respective countries of residence. In that vein, MOHWA Cameroon, the Parent Chapter, welcomes MOHWA Canada sisters. We are grateful for the varied talents, perspectives and values they bring into our association.

This Memorandum of Understanding is aimed at embracing MOHWA Canada, joining MOHWA Cameroon as one of its Chapters in the diaspora. It emphasizes that they are welcome and encouraged to become active members of MOHWA, based in Canada. We acknowledge that through solidarity we are one. It is the only chapter of MOHWA in Canada that we recognize and embrace. In this vein we shall together share the following understandings:

UNDERSTANDINGS

A. We strive to build a stronger and more visible community of Manyu women around the world by following the MOHWA Cameroon Objectives which state as follows:

1. To promote and foster corporate relationship, in order to avail our groups of unity, solidarity and developmental opportunities.
2. To involve MOHWA groups in the empowerment of the Manyu woman and girl-child.
3. To involve MOHWA groups in the human capacity building of the Manyu rural woman in particular, and that of Cameroon and diaspora in general.
4. To carry out and promote skill acquisition, education, scholarship, support, and encouragement of the local population in business, workshops (educative talks) by working with agencies with similar aims.
5. To raise funds and accomplish developmental responsibilities where and when necessary.
6. To take lawful actions which will help fulfill the original goals of this association.
7. To promote peace and unity among Manyu women and other women.
8. To better the lot of Manyu women socially, economically, and otherwise.
9. To help encourage the cross-fertilization of ideas among Manyu women and other groups with similar

Objectives.

10. To foster amicability, solidarity, and togetherness among Manyu women wherever they may be.
11. To promote happiness and support, by sharing, uplifting and helping members and their families in good and bad times.
12. To show-case the Manyu culture and heritage as well as encourage participation in events that

promote other developmental abilities.

13. To propagate and valorize the Manyu culture, either by initiating or supporting cultural projects

by other persons or group of persons who share similar aims as MOHWA.

14. To boost a sense of pride, self-esteem, and appreciation of who we are as Manyu women.

15. To create a unique forum wherein the Manyu woman can be inspired to reinvent herself.

16. To accept, love, and serve one another.

B. We aim at strengthening our efforts to reach out and empower the Manyu woman and the girl-child, always remembering that, by God's Grace, the future of our association will be enriched through this chapter to enable our continuous growth.

C. We hereby jointly agree that each registered branch within MOHWA Canada will pay

an Annual Registration Fee of Fifty Thousand Francs (50,000frs) CFA and a Development Fee of Two

Thousand Francs (2000frs) CFA per member to the association's account domiciled in Cameroon.

D. We, of MOHWA Cameroon, hereby authorize your chapter, MOHWA Canada (the only one in Canada), to use our name, uniform, logo, anthem, salutation, slogan, and Motto. Note that no portion of our uniform (in blue and green shades) shall be lifted to any other fabric design or uses. We reserve the right to print and supply the MOHWA uniform to all chapters and branches in the world.

We also reserve the right to authorize, terminate and dissociate ourselves from actions and activities that do not reflect our values and culture, such as the wrongful use of our name and all its representations.

Thus, with prayer, hope and faith in God, as well as through Solidarity, Empowerment, and Development, MOHWA is poised to grow and thrive. We humbly, this day, sign this document:

Chapter President

Place:

Date:

Signature:

Name:

President Global

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