

## By-Laws

# womenvai

## WOMEN AND MEN IN ENVIRONMENT AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### **Article 1**

#### *Association Name*

An Association is founded between the adherents to the present by-laws, governed by the French legal Statute of 1 July 1901 and Decree of 16 August 1901, having as name **womenvai** - *women and men in environment and artificial intelligence*

### **Article 2**

#### *Purpose*

This Association aims to:

- ✓ Represent the interests of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics globally
- ✓ Strengthen their role in our society in a sustainable and inclusive way,
- ✓ Build on diversity and create innovative synergies, particularly in areas with high technological added value, to benefit sustainable development and environmental issues,
- ✓ Enable international cooperation between national organizations of women engineers and scientists,
- ✓ Promote a balanced and modern life for all, respectful of professional equality between women and men.

### **Article 3**

#### *Head Office*

The **head office** is registered at the following address: 55 Passage du Bureau, 75011 Paris, France. It may be transferred by simple decision of the Board of Directors; with mandatory ratification by the General Assembly.

### **Article 4**

#### *Composition*

The Association is composed of individual members who pay an annual subscription, the amount of which is set by the General Assembly.

### **Article 5**

#### *Admission*

To be part of the Association, one must be approved by the Bureau who rules on the requests of admission presented at each meeting.

### **Article 6**

#### *End of membership*

The membership to the Association is lost either by resignation, death, or striking off pronounced by the Board of Directors for non-payment of the subscription or for serious ground, the interested person having been invited by email with acknowledgment of receipt to present explanations to the Bureau.

## **Article 7**

### *Funds*

The Association's funds include contributions, donations, public and private subsidies, and other resources received within the framework of specific projects in which **womenvai** is involved.

Accounts are kept showing a yearly income statement, a balance sheet and an appendix, in accordance with the provisions of the French legal Regulation of 16 February 1999 on the procedures for drawing up the annual accounts of associations.

## **Article 8**

### *Board of Directors*

The Association is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least four members, elected for three years by the General Assembly. Members are re-eligible. The Board elects among its members, by secret ballot, a Bureau composed of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Deputy Secretary, a Treasurer and, if necessary, a Deputy Treasurer.

The Board is elected every three years. In the event of a vacancy, the Board shall provide a provisional replacement for its members. Definitive replacement will be decided by the next General Assembly. The mandate of members elected that way shall expire at the time when the term of the replaced members would normally expire.

## **Article 9**

### *Board of Directors Meeting*

The Board of Directors meets at least once every six months, when convened by the Chairman, or at the request of a quarter of its members.

Meetings can be held by virtual mode via Internet tools.

Decisions are taken by a majority vote; in the event of a tie, the Chairman has the casting vote. Any member of the Board who, without justification, has not attended three consecutive meetings may be considered as resigning.

## **Article 10**

### *Ordinary General Meeting*

The Ordinary General Meeting includes all members of the Association. The Meeting is held every year at least once a year, if possible in person. At least fifteen days before the set date, the Secretary convenes the members of the association.

The agenda shall be stated on the convocations:

- The Chairman, assisted by members of the Board, presides over the meeting and reports on the current state of the Association.

- The Treasurer reports on its management and submits the balance sheet for the approval of the Meeting.
- Upon completion of the agenda's items, out-going members of the Board are replaced by secret ballot.

Only issues set in the agenda shall be discussed during the General Assembly.

### **Article 11**

#### *Extraordinary General Meeting*

If needed or upon the request of greater than one half of the members, the Chairman can call an Extraordinary General Meeting, in the form prescribed by Article 10.

### **Article 12**

#### *Rule of procedure*

A rule of procedure may be defined by the Board of Directors, which then has it approved by the General Meeting. This optional regulation specifies certain points of the by-laws, particularly those relating to the Association's internal administration.

### **Article 13**

#### *Dissolution*

In the event of dissolution approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at the General Meeting, one or more liquidators are appointed by them and the assets, if any, are disposed of in accordance with Article 9 of the French legal Statute of 1 July 1901 and the Decree of 16 August 1901.

These amended by-laws have been approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of 7 August 2019.

**The original version is the French one.**