

THE SOKOINE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY ACT, 1991

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



No. 21 OF 1-991

I ASSENT,

President

9th April 1992

An Act to establish the Sokoine National Agricultural Library within the Sokoine University of Agriculture and to provide other matters connected with or incidental to the establishment of that library and the operation of a national agricultural library system

ENACTED by the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

PART 1

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1.-(1) This Act may be cited as the Sokoine National Agricultural Library Act, 1991.

Short title and Construction

(2) This Act shall be read together with the Sokoine University of Agriculture Act, 1984, in this Act referred to as "the original Act".

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2. This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Commencement

3.-(1) Subject to subsection (2), in this Act, unless the context requires otherwise-
"academic staff" means members of the staff of the library who are employees of the University described in section 25 of the original Act;

"administrative staff" means members of the staff of the library who are employees of the University described in section 28 of the original Act;

"the Board" means the Library Board established by section 8;

"book" includes every part or division of any book, document, periodical, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, music score, gramophone record, picture point, engraving, etching, deed, photograph, map, chart, plan, film, filmstrip, microfilm, slide or manuscript, and any other article or thing of a like nature, provided for the use of the public in the library or in any other library of any kind, whether or not it is the property of the University;

"the Council" means the Council of the University established by section 13 of the original Act;

"the Director" means the Director of the library appointed under section 9;

"Institute" means an Institute of the University, established by or under the original Act;

(2) Except where the context requires otherwise words and expressions in this Act to which no specific meaning is assigned by this Act shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the original Act.

PART II

THE LIBRARY

Establishment, location and status of the

4--(1) There is hereby established an agricultural library which shall be known as the Sokoine National Agricultural Library.

(2) The Library shall be within the University and shall be an Institute of the University.

(3) The Library shall be both the library of the University as well as a national agricultural library for the United Republic.

The National Agricultural Library System

5--(1) The Minister shall make appropriate provision for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a national agricultural library system for the United Republic.

(2) The Library shall be an agricultural library within the national agricultural library system, and shall be developed as the centre of the national agricultural library network.

Functions of the Library

6--(1) The primary object of the library shall be the development and maintenance at the University of a system of reference, lending and other library services in agricultural sciences and related disciplines for the benefit of the University community, the needs of agricultural scientists and of the people of Tanzania generally.

(2) in particular and without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), subject to any special or general directions of the Minister or the Council, the Library shall have power to:

- (a) serve the library and information needs of agricultural researchers, teachers, students, extension workers, farmers and peasants as well as any other group in need of such information;
- (b) supervise, coordinate, advise and offer consultancy and liaison services to all cooperating agricultural libraries in the United Republic for the purpose of improving the services they provide;
- (c) provide services such as reference, bibliography and library loans in the field of agriculture and related subjects;
- (d) undertake centralised technical services such as the selecting, ordering and cataloguing of books and allied materials for the national agricultural library system;
- (e) act as national bibliographic and documentation centre involving being a repository of published and unpublished materials on agriculture and related fields, legal deposit right, indexing, abstracting and compilation of national agricultural bibliography;
- (f) establish and maintain Union catalogue for easy location of the material available in the system;
- (g) establish, maintain and promote cooperation with similar libraries and information centres at national and international levels for the purposes of maintaining a ready means of acquiring relevant literature;
- (h) collect and maintain records of agricultural research and development projects in progress or completed, so as for the Library to serve as a national clearing house for all agricultural materials;
- (i) finance, organize, and conduct or facilitate the conduct of in-service and professional training of its staff in order for the library to render efficient and effective services;
- (j) provide a national scientific literature services for current awareness and delivery of documents;
- (k) do anything or enter into any transaction which in the opinion of the Board is calculated to facilitate the proper and efficient carrying on of the activities of the Library and the proper exercise of its functions under this Act.

PART III

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Vesting of management 7.-(1) Subject to this Act and to the original Act, the government, control and administration of the business of the Library is hereby vested in the Board, which shall be answerable to the Council through the Senate for the discharge of its functions.

(2) The Library shall, for the purposes of conducting its business within the University, be deemed to be an Institute of the University.

The library Board 8.-(1) There is hereby established a Board for the Library which shall be known as the Library Board.

(2) The Board shall consist of:-

- (a) the Director who shall be Chairman of the Board; and
- (b) not more than fifteen nor less than ten other members appointed by the respective Ministries, institutions or Institutes as follows:
 - (i) One member representing the Ministry responsible for Agriculture, Livestock Development and Cooperatives;
 - (ii) One member representing the Ministry responsible for Natural Resources;
 - (iii) One member representing the Tanzania Library services;
 - (iv) One member of Parliament;
 - (v) One member representing the University of Dar es Salaam Library;
 - (vi) One member representing each of the faculties of Sokoine University of Agriculture;
 - (vii) One member representing the Institute Continuing Education at Sokoine University of Agriculture; ,
 - (viii) One member representing the Development studies Institute at Sokoine University of Agriculture;
 - (ix) One member representing the Development. Studies Institute at Sokoine University of Agriculture;
 - (x) One member representing the Basic Science Unit at Sokoine University of Agriculture;
 - (xi) Bookshop Manager of Sokoine University of Agriculture;
 - (xii) Two members representing the Library.

(xiii) One member representing the Computer Unit at Sokoine University of Agriculture.

(c) Such other member not more than three as the Board may wish to Co-opt from time to time.

9.-(1) There shall be a Director of the Library who shall be appointed by the Council in pursuance of section 26 of the original Act.

(2) The Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Library.

(3) There shall be such other offices on the academic and the administrative staff of the Library as the Council may from time to time determine, and appointments to those offices shall be made in accordance with this and the original Act.

The Director and other staff of the Library

10.-(1) The funds and resources of the Library shall consist of: —

(a) such sums as may be provided for the purposes of the Library by the University;

(b) such sums as the Board may from time to time, raise from clients of the Library,

(c) such sums as may be realised from donations, gifts, grants and bequests made to the Library or to the University for the purposes of the Library.

(2) The provisions of Part VIII of the original Act shall apply in relation to the management and administration of the funds and resources of the Library and otherwise for those purposes.

Financial resources of the Library

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

11. For the purposes of section 3 of the Libraries (Deposit of Books) Act, 1962, the Library shall be a place to which there shall be delivered for deposit a copy of every book printed in the United Republic.

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12.-(1) The Board may make by-laws for all or any of the following purposes:-

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(a) providing for the powers, duties and functions of the librarian;

(b) fixing the hours during which the Library shall be open to the public;

(c) regulating admission to the Library or to any of the facilities provided in it;

(d) regulating the lending and borrowing of any of the books in the Library;

- (e) requiring a guarantee or security to be given by any person borrowing books from the Library;
- (f) prescribing fees, charges and penalties to be paid by any person in respect of books borrowed from the Library;
- (g) regulating the conduct of persons in the Library;
- (h) protecting the Library and the fittings, furniture, books and any other things in it from damage;
- (i) the assessment of the amount to be paid in respect of the repair or replacement of any book which has been lost, damaged or destroyed or by way of compensation for the loss or damage sustained by the University by reason of the fact that any book has been lost, damaged or destroyed and the recovery of any such amount;
- (j) enabling any person to be refused the use of the Library or any of the facilities provided in the Library and the removal from it of any person;
- (k) the terms on which articles may be deposited in the Library for safe-keeping while any person is in the Library.

(2) By-laws made under paragraph (i) of subsection (1) may provide that, in a case where one of the books forming a set of books in the Library has been lost, damaged or destroyed, the amount to be paid in respect of the book may be assessed by reference to the cost of replacing all the books in the set and may authorize the recovery, in addition to the amount to be paid in respect of the replacement of any book, of a surcharge not exceeding twenty percent of such amount.

(3) By-laws made under this section may provide that contravention of any, of the provisions of those by-laws shall constitute an offence and may prescribe penalties for them not exceeding in each case a fine of one hundred thousand shillings.

(4) All by-laws made by the Board under this section shall be subject to prior approval of the Senate, and shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(5) By-laws made under this section may be applied to all or to any Of the libraries within the national agricultural library system.

13. The Minister may, upon advice by the Council make appropriate regulations for the Purposes of establishing, maintaining, operating or in any way promoting the development of the national agricultural library System.

Passed in the National Assembly on the 1st day of November, 1991.

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Clerk of the National Assembly