

Proposed projects for the Association of Amur in the Region of Ouauizerth (03/04)

1. An independent Association HQ (rented locally)
2. A landline & fax-line
3. Office equipment (desk, PC with accessories, printer, chairs, filing cabinets, video etc.)
4. Access to internet (line rental)
5. Association website
6. Mobile network base
 - a. Creating income through tourist trips, (walking, hiking, caving, themed walks, sport fishing, staying with a family, study expeditions etc)
 - b. Restoring barns and ancient buildings
 - c. Collection of antiquities
 - d. Development and fitting out of tourist sites: e.g. the Springs of Ait Chribone; the Lake of Bin Eloiidane
 - e. Promotion of scientific research, (geological, sociological, anthropological)
 - f. Collation and documentation of oral and written heritage
 - g. Establishment of an artisan centre, (weaving, sculpture etc.)
 - h. Putting in support, both physical and emotional, to enable people with disabilities to be part of their communities
 - i. Encouraging people to protect and look after their environment (e.g. putting waste baskets in the streets)
 - j. Establish a working relationship with travel agencies to promote tourism in the regions of the High Atlas mountains
 - k. To promote co-operation and exchange of good practice with other national and international organisations with similar and compatible goals

Association Amur for the Preservation of Heritage and the Promotion of Tourism (Ouaouizerth 03/04)

TITLE 1 – (designation, goals and means)

Article 1

Between the undersigned, considered as founders and those who conform to the present status, it has founded a regional association by the 'Dahir Cherifien no 1-58-376 of Joumada Al Ouwla' 1378 (15th November 1958) the said (Association Amur for the preservation of heritage and the promotion of tourism) at Ouaouizerth, Province of Azilal. This Association is governed by the current statutes and, if needs be, by the internal regulations that complete this: those which are agreed among the founder members undersigned.

Article 2

The Head Office is provisionally situated at the youth club at Ouaouizerth. It can be transferred elsewhere by a decision by the Management Committee. The ratification of the General Assembly will also be necessary.

Article 3

The Association has as its targets:

- A. the safeguarding of local heritage, (oral, written, material and symbolic)
- B. the location of tourist sites in order to make use of old barns, traditional houses, camping, lakes, springs, green areas, gorges etc.
- C. the development of culture and creative arts through workshops, (sculpture, theatre, music)
- D. the support of real integration of women and people with disabilities in economic and social life, (literacy, weaving, crafts)
- E. the participation in the educational and cultural development of children
- F. the creation of workshops and the encouragement of scientific research that focuses on local heritage
- G. collaboration with travel agencies to achieve tourism promotion, (discovering new areas, pedestrian walkways, 4x4 adventures, themed rambles, fishing, climbing, family holidays, Mountain bike treks)
- H. Co-operation with local communities and their associations and organisations in order to preserve the environment at both a national and international level.

Article 4

The life of the Association is unlimited.

Article 5

The Association forbids all religious and political activity.

TITLE 2

Article 6

The Association will comprise a Management Committee, honorary members and active members.

Article 7

All members will comply with and uphold and respect the statutes and rules of the Association.

Article 8

All members involved in the activities of the organisation must hold a membership card.

Article 9

The Management Committee:

1. The Association is administered by a Management Committee comprising seven members elected for two years
2. The Management Committee comprises:

The President - he represents the Association in all its activities

The Vice President – he deputises for the President and assumes all his responsibilities in his absence

The Secretary – he writes up the various documents for the Association and is responsible for archiving

The Assistant Secretary – he deputises for the Secretary and assumes all his responsibilities in his absence

The Treasurer – he undertakes the financial accounting for all aspects of the organisation

The Deputy Treasurer – he deputises for the Treasurer and assumes all his responsibilities in his absence

The Counsellor – He participates in the development and direction of the works of the Management Committee

3. The Association has the right to organise all activities in the interest of the region that it wishes after agreement with the local group concerned.

4. The Association has the right to support proposed projects after a study by the Management Committee and the local group concerned.

5. The Management Committee has the right to create local focus groups that can help its works:

- a) a focus group for culture and heritage
- b) a focus group for the promotion of tourism and the marketing of tourist products and the establishment of local business economy
- c) a focus group for the various workshops for the integration of women, children and disabled people
- d) a focus group for the protection of the environment
- e) the administrative group

Article 10

All members will lose their membership of the Association in the following circumstances: death, resignation advised in writing, 3 episodes of absence without acceptable justification; violation of statutes and rules "all applicants must agree to comply with all their obligations in relation to the Association"

Article 11

All members of the Management Committee who do not respect the statutes and rules can have their membership cancelled by a majority vote of Management Committee members and can be replaced in an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Article 12

The Administrative group and a majority of Management Committee members have the right of final judgment relating to practices of any person who does not respect the statutes and rules of the Association.

TITLE 3

Article 13

The receipts of the Association - the income of the Association comprises

- a) The contributions of honorary members; active members; and subsidies from communities, non-governmental and tourist agencies.
- b) Income from various activities, (expeditions, sales etc.)
- c) Revenue from the workshops and the marketing of its' products

Article 14

The expenses of the Association

- a) All income must be paid into a Post Office or bank account
- b) All income must be expended to the benefit of the region and its vicinity
- c) The income can be spent on the setting up of small businesses and enterprises and on research that is related to the aims and objectives of the organisation
- d) The President and the Treasurer are the only counter-signatories of all financial and banking activity

Article 15

The Management Committee and the representatives of the focus groups will give a formal report of the social and financial aspects of the Association at a General Assembly of members after two years in office. In the event of a disagreement, a Set Committee will be elected to look into the relevant reports within a 15-day time limit. The new Management Committee is elected by secret ballot at the General Assembly.

Article 16

The General Assembly can modify the statutes and rules of the Association, as necessary.

Article 17

The Association can dissolve on the proposal of 2/3 of its members at General Assembly. The management Committee can take charge of the transfer of tangible and non-tangible assets of the Association for the benefit of other national Associations with similar aims and objectives,