

# OpenStreetMap Gambia Community Bylaws

## Article 1: Name

The name of this organisation shall be the OpenStreetMap Gambia Community. It shall be operating at the Jokkolabs Banjul, with offices at Saity Matty Road, Bakau, The Gambia.

## Article 2: Mission and Objectives

The mission of the OpenStreetMap Gambia Community is to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and create accurate and up-to-date maps for the benefit of the community.

Objectives include:

- Promoting open mapping practices.
- Building a community of mappers and geospatial enthusiasts.
- Enhancing local map data accuracy and completeness.
- Collaborating with other mapping communities and organizations.

## Article 3: Membership

### 3.1 Eligibility

Membership is open to any individual interested in contributing to OpenStreetMap and supporting the objectives of the community. With student members from The University of the Gambia and American International University in the Gambia and youth. Our Officials are **Jariatou Jallow and Madeline Ieleji**

### 3.2 Joining

Prospective individuals seeking membership are invited to indicate their interest through our designated Telegram group and Twitter and are further required to complete the membership application form available on our official website. [www.osmgambia.com](http://www.osmgambia.com)(not yet purchase). The annual membership fees are set at \$5(D300) for students and \$10(D600) for non-students.

### 3.3 Rights and Responsibilities

Members have the right to participate in community discussions, contribute to mapping projects, and vote on community matters. Members are expected to abide by the community's code of conduct and the core values of the OSM Foundation

### 3.4 Provision for Meetings

For effective administration of the organisation there shall be the following meetings:

- An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the organisation during the month agreed by the Board.
- A meeting of the Executive (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) twice each month.
- A quarterly meeting of the full Board.

- Emergency General Meetings as needed by request of the members.

Meetings can be both physical (face to face) and virtual (over the internet).

Communication channels for organisation meetings can also be via electronic mail, tele-conferencing or telephone calls.

#### **Article 4: Code of Conduct**

All members shall adhere to a code of conduct that promotes respectful communication, collaboration, and inclusivity. Violation of the code of conduct may result in appropriate actions, including warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the community.

#### **Article 5: Decision-Making Process**

Decisions within the community shall be made through a consensus-building process. In cases where consensus is not reached, a democratic voting system may be employed, with a simple majority determining the outcome.

#### **Article 6: Mapping Standards**

Community members shall adhere to mapping standards and guidelines to ensure the consistency and accuracy of data contributed to OpenStreetMap. Standards may include tagging conventions, data sources, and mapping best practices.

#### **Article 7: Data Licensing**

All data contributed to OpenStreetMap must adhere to compatible open data licenses. The community shall emphasize the importance of open data principles to maintain the collaborative nature of OpenStreetMap.

#### **Article 8: Conflict Resolution**

A designated conflict resolution process shall be established to address disputes within the community. This may involve mediation, community discussions, or other mechanisms to resolve conflicts in a fair and transparent manner.

#### **Article 9: Communication Channels**

Official communication channels, such as mailing lists, forums, and social media, shall be established for community members to connect, collaborate, and share information.

#### **Article 10: Training and Support**

The community shall provide training resources and support to help members improve their mapping skills. Workshops, webinars, and documentation may be utilized to facilitate learning and development.

#### **Article 11: Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the community members present at a General Meeting. Proposed bylaw amendments must be communicated to members one week in advance, allowing time for community discussion and feedback.

**Article 12: Elections**

A Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by a simple majority of members present at a General Meeting and they will form the Executive of the Board. If required, up to four additional Board members may be elected.