



Media Coalition Against Galamsey

Constitution of the Media Coalition Against Galamsey

Article 1: Name

The name of the Coalition shall be Media Coalition Against Galamsey hereinafter referred to as the Coalition or MCAG.

Article 2: Objectives

The Coalition shall for its chief object:

1. Carry out public education on the ills of illegal mining activities;
2. Carry out advocacy with stakeholders to ensure the eradication of galamsey;
3. Promote sustainable mining.

Article 3: Membership

1. Membership of the Coalition shall be open to all media institutions and associations, be they print, electronic or digital media. Membership shall imply acceptance of the rules and regulations as shall be provided to guide the activities of the Coalition.
2. The membership of the Coalition, unless otherwise stated, is made up of all media organisations in Ghana, namely, the Ghana Independent Broadcasters Association (GIBA), Graphic Communications Group Limited (GCGL), New Times Corporation (NTC), Private Newspaper Publishers Association of Ghana (PRINPAG), Ghana Journalists Association (GJA), Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC), Ghana News Agency (GNA) and the Ghana Community Radio Network (GCRN).
3. Organisations which do not otherwise qualify to be members but who contribute substantially to the achievement of any of the objectives of MCAG, shall be admitted as honorary or affiliate members or partners.

Article 4: Governing Structure

1. There shall be a Steering Committee made up of representatives from the general membership to manage the affairs of the Coalition. The Steering Committee shall be headed by a Convenor, Co-Convenor and an Administrator who will be officers for the Coalition during its lifetime.
2. The Convenor or in his absence, the Co-Convenor shall preside at all Steering Committee meetings.

Article 5: Meetings

1. All Steering Committee meetings shall be attended by all members of the Steering Committee.
2. The quorum for all meetings shall be fifty percent (50%) of the members forming the Steering Committee.

Article 6: Finances

1. All moneys received on behalf of the Coalition shall be placed in an account to be held in the name of “Media Coalition Against Galamsey”.
2. The Convenor, Co-Convenor and Administrator shall hold the moneys of the Coalition in trust as joint signatories.
3. The funds of the Coalition shall be withdrawn by cheque signed by the Convenor or in his absence the Co-Convenor and countersigned by the Administrator.
4. The funds of the Coalition shall be used in furthering its broad objective.
5. The Administrator shall keep such Imprest Account as shall be determined by the Steering Committee on an intermittent basis.
6. The Administrator shall present quarterly financial reports to the Steering Committee.
7. A reputable audit firm shall audit the accounts of the Coalition and the report published in the mass media every six (6) months.

Article 7: Tenure of the Coalition

1. The tenure of the Coalition shall be until such time that a desirable outcome is achieved.

Article 8: Amendments to the Constitution

1. Any member of the Steering Committee may submit proposals for amendments to the Constitution.
2. Proposals for amendment from any member shall be served on all members.