

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST MERCIFUL  
O GOD, BLESS OUR MASTER MUHAMMAD WHO OPENED  
AND WHO IS THE SEAL

## Statute Project

### Art 1: institution- the headquarter

The Council of directors of the Tijaniya order was instituted the . . . . . within the framework of a decree (dahir ach-char' if). . . . . which entitles it to take care of the Sheikh TIJANI 's family members, and also matters concerning ZaouiasTijaniyya, and to take part of the activities related to the order.

The Council decided that the old house of the Sheikh SIDI AHMED TIJANI in Fes, known as "DAR LAMRAYA" should be its headquarter

### Art 2: aims and purposes of the Council

The Council would like to achieve the following aims:

-to organize meetings, seminars, soufi conferences about the Tijaniyya order with main interests: Sunni bases and aims, the history of its men, and their work and books, the awareness of its members, and to establish links between them..

-to take care of the religious libraries in various zaouias, and to safeguard manuscripts, particularly in the mother Zaouia

-to publish books and researches related to the order, and to the Islamic law, through printing or the internet.

-to strengthen relations with the official and religious organisations in Morocco, and also with organisations of the Tijaniyya order all over the world.

-to organize and to frame the Tijani zaouias all around the kingdom, financially and spiritually, taking into account the abilities of Moqadems, and nadhirs(managers) and the circumstances of its followers in each town, and village, in addition to the situations of Zaouias in terms of equipments , water, electricity and maintenance

- To organize, collect, and spend the financial aids and other resources, given to the zaouias or the nadhirs

-the right to decide upon the general affairs of the Tijaniyya order inside Morocco, in terms of the religion awareness, and the nomination of officials from each zawia, taking into account views of followers particularly in the process of electing Moqadems and Nadhirs(managers) who are entitled to perform their duties which require special ability, and is considered a vital example which goes along with the suni tendency of theTijaniyya order which is build on the guidance of God and his Prophet.

### Art 3: bodies of the Council

The Council is formed by three bodies, which will be renewed every five years.

-Body of the founder members: they are five distinguished individuals elected by the large Tijani family living in Morocco from our Sidna Ech-Cheikh's descendants, as to our Cheikh daughters they will be represented through procuration of Cheikh's male descendants who will add their voices to theirs.

The five members will be chosen on the basis of the majority, including the voices of female descendants.

The elected body will choose on yearly basis the chairman and his deputy from its members

During the first meeting, the Council will nominate the chairman and his deputy for the ongoing year, as well as a treasurer, a general reporter and their deputies for the next five years, the treasurer and his deputy are not chosen from the descendants of Cheikh, but among followers, or middle-class sympathizers, or at least those who are financially speaking self-sufficient

The Council opens a bank account which deals with all financial transactions

Any member of the Council who dies or is disabled will be replaced through the same process of election cited above, as to the treasurer and the general reporter and their deputies are replaced if needed, with the approval of the majority of the Council.

The Council may require the replacement of a Moqadem or nadhir in any area, if needed.

Both the general reporter and the chairman sign all the minutes of meetings of all bodies, memoranda, and letters

The general reporter makes sure that administrative documents of the Council, and minutes of the meetings of the bodies are well organized, he has to write down statements and letters his deputy will have to help him

The Council holds an ordinary internal meeting every month, as a result of a notice of a meeting from the chairman, and the presence of the majority of founder members" with the participation of the general reporter and the treasurer and their deputies, in order to be in control over the financial expenditure,

The Council equally holds an internal ordinary meeting every three months with the aim to following the general activities of the Council, and the activities scheduled in the general meeting, and to discuss organizational amendments, and problems which occur, and to prepare all documents related to the general or exceptional meetings. The Council will hold exceptional meeting if needed

The Council will establish an overall account of the Zaouiyas which exist all over the kingdom, (towns and villages), giving information about the addresses, the founder, date, and the actual Moqadem, and nadhir, , including phones, and the electronic mails if possible, the Council, will record the link of transmission of each Moqadem, with the help of members represented at the high commission of Moqadem.

The Council equally counts all the Habous properties belonging to the zaouiyas all over the regions relying on the help of those mentioned above.

**The high commission of distinguished scholars of the order:** this commission is formed of four members from countries where a big number of followers exist, and a member from Morocco, the aim is to learn and to make use of their views, these members are nominated by the founder members of the Council.

**The high commission of Moqadems and nadhirs (managers):** this commission will include Moqadams and nadhirs who represent every region, they are designated either by consensus among Moqadams of the area or through voting, under the direct supervision of the eldest Moqadem, there will be no accumulation of functions of Moqadem and nadhir, in order to safeguard the respect of Moqadem , and make the latter above any attempt or willingness to ask for financial favours from followers, or sympathisers. In case of any disagreement or the existence of two Moqadems in one area, the representative should be chosen from the majority of followers, using the method which suits them ; in general it is required that the process of nomination is based on texts written in the book "boughyat al moustafid", or on the other reference books of the order, as well as the integrity of the nadhir with at least self-sufficiency.

When it comes to the number of elected Moqadems and nadhirs, in each area, one will be chosen out of five: for instance, if they are three, they elect one among them, if they are seven they elect two, if they are thirteen, they elect three, and so on and so forth. The same should be done as far as nadhirs are

concerned.

After the election of the representatives of the area, of Moqadems and nadhirs , a report is written down, specifying the method of choice, with the place and date, the complete identification, with picture, for both elected and electors, the report in question is signed by all participants, and transmitted to the Council, for information purposes, and also for arbitration, if needed.

Moqadems of each area have the latitude to present proposals or amendments of such procedure.

#### Art 4: Yearly Meetings

##### **Ordinary General Meeting:**

This meeting will take place on yearly basis around 17 rabii al-awal, in order to coincide with the mawlid an-nabawii,( birthday of the prophet) after a notice of a meeting of the chairman of the Council, the quorum is accomplished by the presence of the majority of founder members, and the commission of Moqadem and nadhirs, the chairman could invite internationally renowned tijanis.

The agenda of the general meeting will basically include the following:

- evaluation of activities concerning the management of previous year about the zaouiyas
- evaluation of religious activities, of previous year
- Information about countries represented in the general meeting
- Organizational questions
- organization of religious and soufi activities and seminars for the coming year

##### **The Exceptional General Meeting:**

The Council of Directors of Tijaniyya Order will call for an exceptional general meeting, whenever it is necessary, for example to make changes in the statute of the Council, or a number of its articles.

#### Art 5: financial management

Both the Chairman and the treasurer sign all financial documents

The Treasurer makes sure with the assistance of his deputy that accounts are updated

The permanent account number of the Council: . . . . .

##### **The Council resources:**

- aids and donations coming from authorities and civil official institutions put directly in the bank account
- offers and donations coming from home or abroad, giving by followers or sympathisers, to be put in the bank account
- offers and donations put together in the zaouiya boxes (rbia't), or received by Moqadem and nadhir through out the kingdom, after deduction of expenses concerning the electricity and water, presenting receipts is a must
- Incomings of the zaouiyas properties collected by nadhirs

Nadhirs put on monthly basis their incomings in the bank account, making sure that a Moqadem witnesses the transaction, concerning the boxes (rbia't) in all zaouiyas, they are to be opened once a month with the presence of nadhir (manager) and moqadem, and this procedure should be done particularly at the zouiya mother, which should be opened once a month with the presence of the Chairman, the Treasurer, and members of the Council (if not the majority)

Generally speaking, all financial incomings should be put in the bank account on the spot; information is given during the internal meetings of the Council about all incomings received

**REMARK:**

Concerning the collection of incomings of the Council, the wish which is highly expressed is that descendants of Sidna Ech-Cheikh will avoid any personal action, or through an intermediary, aiming at asking followers and sympathisers for financial help, and support. What we will not accept for Moqadems (as cited above), we will not want it for the descendants of Sidna Ech-cheikh, and we insist on duties of followers towards the descendants of Sidna Ech-Cheikh, reminding of the services that should be given to them and for their own interests, and the filling up of their needs for a decent life, within limits, and without excess of affection, these services constitute one of the basics to strengthen the affection, and its continuation, and is one of the best way of consent to Allah.

**The use of incomings of the Council:**

The council decides during its internal meetings every aspect in terms of the use of resources cited above, it is a must that any financial expenditure should be done through a bank account transaction.

- Families of Sidna Ech-Cheikh who live in Morocco, by applying the principle of giving one share to females and two shares to males, to every member of Sidna Ech-Cheikh family
- the big maintenance of zaouiyas inside Morocco and abroad
- building of new zouiyas inside Morocco and abroad
- religious and soufi activities agreed upon at the general meeting

**Conclusion:**

After the approval of the present statute, it should be displayed in all zaouiyas, and diffused through internet, in order to be put into practice.

« ...Allah will behold your actions, and (so will) His messenger and the believers... », (sourate at-tawba verse 105); O God, bless our master Muhammad, who opened what had been closed and Who is the seal of what gone before, and Praise in God, Seigneur of the universe.

Approved by the leaders of Sidna ech-Cheikh family on the.....