

**MAURITIUS MARATHI CULTURAL CENTRE
TRUST ACT**

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Board” means the Board of Trustees referred to in section 5;

“Centre” means the Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre;

“Director” means the Director appointed under section 7;

“member” means a member of the Board and includes the Chairperson;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of arts and culture is assigned;

“Trust” means the Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust established under section 3.

3. Establishment of Trust

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act a Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust.

(2) The Trust shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Trust

The objects of the Trust shall be—

- (a) to preserve and promote Marathi art and culture;
- (b) to promote the study of Marathi;
- (c) to manage the Centre;
- (d) to collect, publish and disseminate information pertaining to Marathi art and culture;
- (e) to organise lectures, seminars, training, workshops, exhibitions and any other activities which will lead to a better understanding of Marathi art and culture;
- (f) to create facilities for documentation and research on Marathi art and culture;
- (g) to establish useful links with organisations engaged in similar activities locally and internationally;
- (h) to undertake any other activity which is cognate to the achievement of the above objects.

5. Board of Trustees

(1) The Trust shall be managed by a Board of Trustees which shall consist of the following members—

- (a) a Chairperson, appointed by the Minister from among the members of the Board;
- (b) a Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the Minister from among the members of the Board;
- (c) 7 members, appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of such organisations as may be specified in the Schedule;
- (d) 3 representatives appointed by the Minister from among Marathi organisations registered as associations under the Registration of Associations Act or established as statutory bodies;
- (e) a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- (f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
- (g) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of arts and culture.

(2) The Board may co-opt 5 persons to help in the advancement of the objects of the Trust.

(3) Every member of the Board, other than a member referred to in subsection (1) (e), (f) and (g), shall hold office for a maximum period of 3 years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another period of not more than 3 years.

- (4) A person co-opted under subsection (2)—
- (a) shall hold office for such period as the Board may decide;
 - (b) shall not have the right to vote.

6. Meetings of Board

(1) Subject to this Act, the Board shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

(2) The Board shall—

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), meet at such time and place as may be determined by the Chairperson;
- (b) meet at least once every month.

(3) Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) A member, who has a direct or indirect pecuniary or any other interest in relation to any matter before the Board, shall not take part in the deliberations of the Board relating to that matter.

7. Director

(1) The Board shall—

- (a) with the approval of the Minister, appoint a Director;
- (b) after consultation with the Minister, determine the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director.

(2) The Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and for the control and management of the day-to-day business of the Centre.

(3) In the exercise of his functions, the Director shall act in accordance with such directions as he may receive from the Board.

(4) The Director may, with the approval of the Board, delegate any of his powers or functions to a member of the staff appointed under section 8.

8. Appointment of staff

(1) The Board may appoint such staff as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

(2) The Board shall, after consultation with the Minister, determine the terms and conditions of appointment of the staff.

(3) Every member of the staff shall be under the administrative control of the Director.

(4) No person shall be eligible for appointment, or if employed, remain in employment, where he has an interest in any contract with the Trust.

9. Execution of documents

(1) No document shall be executed by or on behalf of the Trust unless it is signed by the Chairperson and another member appointed by the Board or, in the absence of the Chairperson, by 2 members appointed by the Board.

(2) Every document signed in accordance with subsection (1) shall be deemed to be duly executed by or on behalf of the Trust.

10. Powers of Minister

(1) The Minister may give such general directions to the Board, not inconsistent with this Act, as he considers necessary in the public interest and the Board shall comply with those directions.

(2) The Board shall furnish to the Minister such document, including the minutes of proceedings of the Board and the accounts of the Trust, and such other information with respect to the activities of the Trust, as the Minister may require.

11. Financial provision and management

(1) The Board shall establish a General Fund—

- (a) into which all monies received by the Trust shall be paid; and
- (b) out of which all payments required to be made by the Trust shall be made.

(2) There shall be paid into the General Fund—

- (a) any subsidy granted by Government for the purposes of this Act; and
- (b) all other sums of money received by the Trust from any other source.

12. Service of process

Service of process by or on the Director shall be equivalent to service by or on the Trust.

13. Donations and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Trust.

14. Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other enactment, no stamp duty or registration fee or duty shall be payable in respect of any document under which the Trust is the sole beneficiary.

15. Regulations

(1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Minister may, by regulations, amend the Schedule.

16. Consequential amendments

(1) – (3) –

(4) The auditor to be appointed under section 5 of the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act shall be the Director of the Audit.

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SCHEDULE

[Section 5 (1) (c)]

Mauritius Marathi Mandali Federation.
