SOVEREIGN CITIZENSHIP OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF
STATES, NATIONS, TERRITORIES & REALMS
OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA SIXTH REGION (ECO-6)

Terms & Conditions of Citizenship

You must read these Terms and Conditions carefully before applying for a CitizenCard.

1. DEFINITIONS

In these Terms and Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise:

“Applicant” means a person applying for a CitizenCard to be issued in their name and for their use.

“Application” means the application made by the Applicant for a CitizenCard.

“Card” means a CitizenCard proof of identity and age Card.

“The ECO-6 Secretariat” means ECO-6 Secretariat, which issues the CitizenCard identity.

“Data” means data pertaining to an Applicant or data pertaining to a Referee.

“Fraud” includes any fraud, dishonesty and deceit and in particular includes but is not limited to:

• knowingly supplying incorrect information to Us;

• knowingly enabling a Referee to supply incorrect information to Us;

• purporting to act as the Applicant or Referee;

“Lawful Holder” means the person to whom the Card is issued, in other words the successful Applicant.

“Misconduct” includes:

• failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions;

• attempting to obtain a CitizenCard by fraud;
misusing a CitizenCard;

misconduct in dealing with our Staff;

“Supporting Document” means a document confirming the Applicant’s name and date of birth such as a passport, photo driving licence, Government-issued ID Card, Birth Certificate, Government Medical Card

“Terms and Conditions” means these terms and conditions as amended from time to time;

“We/Us/Our” means ECO-6 Secretariat, the issuer of the CitizenCard identity and proof of age Card scheme.

“You/Your” means the Applicant/Applicant's.

“Referee” means the person who has verified Your Application and who has countersigned Your Application, Your photograph and, if required, a copy of Your original Supporting Document or who has confirmed such information electronically.

2. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

These Terms and Conditions set out the contractual relationship between Us and You.

3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE 6TH REGION ID CARD?

The 6th Region ID has three different functions:

- **A Symbolical Function**: When you are a citizen of the ECO-6, 6th Region of Africa, the ID is of great symbolic significance of your belonging to a worldwide African community connecting you to its past, to its present and to its future and unifying African peoples as a whole.

- **A Political Function**: When you are a citizen of ECO-6, 6th Region of Africa, the ID gives you the right to vote for the deputies of the Parliament of the State of the African Diaspora.

- **A Social and Economic Function**: When you are a citizen of the ECO-6, 6th Region of Africa, the ID gives you not only priority access to social and economic benefits, such as the International Agency for Internships, the Telemedecine program, the Travel Agency of the Diaspora, the Diaspora Bank, etc., but also access to networks via our Chamber of Commerce to do business/connect not only to Africa but also in Latin/South America the Caribbean etc.
4. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A CITIZENCARD

4.1. The ID of the ECO-6 is accessible to:

A) Any Afro-descendant person of any age who resides outside of Africa, even if they cannot prove their African origin (because of the process of migration or slave deportation) or Any Afro-descendant who has one parent or one grandparent who has an African citizenship/origin. Birth certificates and photo will be required.

B) Any person who has African origins, born in Africa or has African Citizenship from any of the 55 nations of Africa currently residing in the Diaspora or has one parent or one grandparent who has an African citizenship/origin (for example, Senegal, Ghana, Egypt, or Tanzania, etc). Birth certificates and photos will be required.

C) Any person of mixed parentage, one of those parents being of African origin. Birth certificates and photos will be required; and

D) Any other person by Projects (Citizenship by Project/Investment/Philanthropy) (separate Terms & Conditions apply, on request).

Each situation will be carefully reviewed and assessed by our Administration for qualifying eligibility.

4.2. A person below the age of sixteen (16) must obtain the consent of a parent or legal guardian with whom they are ordinarily resident.

5. HOW TO APPLY

5.1. To apply for a CitizenCard, you must apply online (make an e-application) at https://www.stateofafricandiaspora.com/ or use a printed Application form which can be downloaded.

5.2. In reference to Clause 4.1 above, the following will be required:

• **In the case of A)**: Complete the online form and where displayed on the form (1) affirm your African origins; (2) a copy of your birth certificate (if available); (3) recent photo of yourself; (4) copy passport or ID card or driving licence; (5) the birth certificates of one of your parent/s and/or grandparent/s (if available) and tick on the form what was the circumstance in which you or your ancestors left Africa (through migration, deportation, or otherwise).

• **In the case of B)**: Complete the online form and send with your (1) a copy of your birth certificate (if available); (2) a recent photo of yourself; (3)
copy passport or ID card or driving licence; (4) the birth certificate of one of your parent/s or grandparent/s (if available) or the proof of the link between them and tick on the form what was the circumstance in which you left Africa (through migration, deportation, or otherwise).

- **In the case of C):** Complete the online form and where displayed on the form (1) affirm your African origins; (2) a copy of your birth certificate (if available); copy passport or ID card or driving licence; (3) recent photo of yourself; (4) the birth certificates of one of your parent/s and/or grandparent/s (if available).

- **In the case of D):** Complete the online form and check the box “Citizenship by Investment” and send with; (1)) a copy of your passport with your ID card or driving licence; (3) recent photo of yourself and email the form and documents to info@stateoftheafricandiaspora.com explaining why you are interested in becoming a Citizen of the ECO-6 the 6th Region of African and your investment proposals. (Please note: there is a separate fixed fee applicable for the Card for ‘Citizenship by Investment’).

All forms and documentation to be sent via e-mail to info@stateofafricandiaspora.com

5.3. Applications for a CitizenCard must be completed in full and must be countersigned, via an electronic ‘Statement of Truth’ (for e-applications), by a Referee under the age of 16.

5.4. We undertake checks of the information supplied online and via Application form in compliance with certain standards unless all requirements have been met.

5.5. If it is not possible to complete an Application process successfully, a CitizenCard will not be issued. In this circumstance a refund of the cost of the Application will be returned.

5.6. If Your Application is successful we will issue you with a CitizenCard. By accepting the Card you agree to be bound by the the Terms and Conditions of its use as amended from time to time. This is in addition to your acceptance of Terms and Conditions on Application.

5.7. Any changes to your name, postal address, telephone numbers or email address must be notified by email to info@stateofafricandiaspora.com.
6. **PAYMENT**

6.1. Payment covers the cost of processing and verifying the application for a CitizenCard. As soon as an application is submitted, costs are incurred in processing the information supplied. If an applicant wishes to cancel their application at any time they may do so, however, 50% of the cost of the card will not be refunded.

6.2. The application process does not begin until full payment and all required documentation is received.

6.3. The Application process may take up to 14 days. The process begins when we receive the applicant's completed application including a referee declaration (if under the age of 16).

6.4. The cost of the CitizenCard including administration is US$75 or UK £75 or EUR 75. The cost of postage is additional and in accordance to your location.

6.5. The validity of the CitizenCard is two (2) years. The cost of renewal is US$ 60 or UK £60 or EUR 60. The cost of postage is additional and in accordance to your location.

6.6. If your Card is lost or stolen the cost to replace is US$ 60 or UK £60 or EUR 60. The cost of postage is additional and in accordance to your location.

6.7. The applicant, or if the applicant is below the age of sixteen (16) their parent or legal guardian, is responsible for making payment in full at the time of applying.

6.8. If full payment is not received the application will not be processed. Payment can be made by Paypal or debit Card or by bank transfer. Cash cannot be accepted.

7. **DELIVERY**

7.1 All CitizenCards are printed in batches of 100. Therefore, delivery of the Card may be unduly delayed in order to reach the batch number required for a print run. Under these circumstances, an allowance of 2-3 weeks for production will be required.

7.2 All delivery costs are borne by the Applicant or the Referee, if under the age of 16. Cards will be sent by DHL, FEDEX, UPS or some other secure authorised carrier to ensure safe delivery of your CitizenCard.

7.3 ECO-6 Secretariat assumes no responsibility for non-delivery of the Card once proof of collection is received by us. All queries for non-delivery must be directed at the carrier of which whose details will be provided.
8. **PARENTAL CONSENT**

8.1. If the Applicant is below the age of sixteen (16) a parent or legal guardian with whom the Applicant is ordinarily resident must consent to the application providing their full name and signature.

9. **PHOTOGRAPHS**

9.1. The Applicant must upload a passport-quality colour photograph.

9.2. The photographs must be an image of the Applicant's head and shoulders. The background must be white and the Applicant's face must be completely visible. Sunglasses and headwear cannot be worn other than for religious reasons.

9.3. The Applicant's face must display a neutral expression devoid of a smile or grimace.

9.4. Applications received that are not in colour and of passport-quality will be rejected.

10. **USE OF CARD**

10.1. The CitizenCard may only be used by the lawful holder of the Card who is the Applicant. The Card may not be lent, sold or given to any other person under any circumstances.

10.2. The Card may only be used, by the lawful holder, for the purpose of proving identity that he/she is a Citizen of ECO-6, 6th Region of Africa in order to access goods and/or services of projects and initiatives advertised by:

- ECO-6
- The State of the African Diaspora
- The SOAD Chamber of Commerce

10.3. No guarantee can be given that a particular premise or institution, or individual working at that premise or institution, will acknowledge and/or accept the Card as valid ID or proof of age.

10.4. ECO-6 Secretariat is in no way liable for non-acceptance of a Card under any circumstances. A lawful holder of a Card must therefore satisfy themselves that a premise or institution at which they intend to use their Card will acknowledge and accept the Card as valid ID and proof of age.

10.5. Under no circumstances will ECO-6 Secretariat entertain requests for refunded payments in instances where a Card is refused as ID in their country of residence. Payments to ECO-6 Secretariat are made to cover the cost of the Application Processing, Validation and Production of the Card.
10.6. CitizenCards expire after 2 years from the date of issue. Cardholders can also renew their existing CitizenCard if their name has changed legally since their previous CitizenCard was issued. Please note that if cardholder's name was changed legally, a copy of change of name deed or marriage certificate or Gender Recognition Certificate must be included with the Renewal application. The cost of Renewal is US$ 35 or UK £35 or EUR 35. The cost of postage is additional and in accordance to your location.

11. VARIATION OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We reserve the right at all times to make changes to these Terms and Conditions from time to time. Applicants, Referees, Parents/Legal Guardians or Lawful Holders who do not accept the amendments may return the Card to us, if issued, and/or request that data applicable to them is removed from our records in compliance with the policies stipulated under GDPR.

12. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

12.1. We will not be liable for any Loss resulting from the failure of an Application to result in a Card being issued.

12.2. We will not be liable for any Loss if, by reason of local or regulatory prohibitions or restrictions whereby we are unable to process an Application or issue a Card.

12.3. Our liability for negligence, breach of contract, or any other matter is limited to reimbursing the cost of the CitizenCard.

13. CUSTOMER SERVICE

13.1. We aim to reply to a posted mail within 10 working days and to emails within seven working days.

13.2. If you have queries about these Terms and Conditions, or any other matter related to CitizenCard, please email info@stateofafricandiaspora.com

14. LAW

14.1. Any provision of these Terms and Conditions declared void or unenforceable by any competent authority or court shall, to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, be deemed severable and shall not affect the other provisions remaining which shall continue unaffected.

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