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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH

IUSY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Full name of the organization (both in original language and in English)
SWAPO PARTY YOUTH LEAGUE
2. Abbreviated name of the organization
SPYL
3. Country of origin
NAMIBIA
4. Region of origin
SOUTHERN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY
5. Date of establishment
1969.12.01
6. Address of the headquarters
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ORGANIZATIONAL INFO

10. What are the main bodies of the organization?

[Please define the electoral procedure, number of people elected, quotas based on certain criteria – if applicable]

- (a) The Congress,
- (b) The Central Committee, and
- (c) The National Executive Committee.

A. THE CONGRESS

1. There shall be a Congress of SPYL.
2. The Congress shall be the highest decision making body of SPYL.
3. The Congress of SPYL shall be composed of:

- All members of the Central Committee,
- Ten (10) delegates from each Regional Executive Committee,
- Three (3) delegates from each District of SPYL, and
- Two (2) representatives from each SWAPO Pioneer Movement Regions.

The quorum of the Congress shall be a simple majority of the delegates entitled to vote. The ordinary Congress which must be held every five (5) years before that of the SWAPO Party, shall have the power to;

- Adopt SWAPO Party's policies, to set SPYL' s policies and to review and assess the activities of SPYL during the five-year period;
- Review, confirm, amend, or revoke any decision made by an organ of SPYL;
- Consider the Report of the Central Committee of SPYL, -and adopt or reject such a Report, including financial reports and recommendations;
- Elect the thirty (30) members of the Central Committee of SPYL and the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of SPYL through secret ballot;
- Adopt general policies, and to guide the activities of SPYL before the next succeeding Congress;
- Amend the Constitution of SPYL by a majority of two-thirds of the voting delegates present;
- Confirm all SPYL' s Regional Secretaries as members of the Central Committee of SPYL;
- Confirm the expulsion of any member of SPYL, upon the recommendation of a Disciplinary Committee established by the Central Committee of SPYL, by a majority of two-thirds of the voting delegates present, subject to the approval of SWAPO Party;
- Recommend to the Central Committee of SWAPO Party that the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of SPYL be expelled from SPYL for gross misconduct, including violation of the Constitutions of SWAPO Party and SPYL, if a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Congress of SPYL support the recommendation.

B. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a Central Committee of SPYL.



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2. The Central Committee shall be the highest authority between the Congresses and shall be chaired by SPYL's Secretary, and shall be answerable directly to the Congress.

3. The Central Committee shall consist of fifty (50) members, including SPYL's Secretary and Deputy Secretary and five (5) members who shall be appointed by SPYL's Secretary and all SPYL's Regional Secretaries.

4. A minimum of five (5) years uninterrupted membership of SPYL, including those spent in SPYL's Pioneer Movement, shall be required for anyone to be eligible for election to the Central Committee.

5. The Central Committee of SPYL shall have the power to:

(a) Discuss, adopt, review, amend or annul its own resolutions, decisions and recommendations and/or those of the National Executive Committee;

(b) Elect the National Executive Committee, composed of National Secretaries and two additional members, from amongst the fifty (50) members of the Central Committee of the SPYL;

(c) Make known the agenda of the Congress two (2) months before the actual date of the meeting of the Congress;

(d) Meet every twelve (12) months or as often as requested by the National Executive Committee so as to review reports of SPYL's activities and to approve programmes of action.

C. THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a National Executive Committee of SPYL.

2. The National Executive Committee shall be responsible for policy formulation in between Central Committee meetings.

3. The National Executive Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members, including the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of SPYL.

4. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to;

- Implement the decisions, resolutions and policies adopted by the Congress and/or Central Committee of SPYL and SWAPO Party;
- Prepare periodic reports to the Central Committee of SPYL on its work;
- Receive reports from National Secretaries and Regional Secretaries of SPYL;
- Approve the budget of SPYL on recommendation of the National Executive Committee;
- Appoint registered auditors or any other qualified persons to audit the financial books of SPYL;
- Establish sub-committees when deemed necessary;
- Suspend any member of SPYL by a majority of two-thirds of its members pending confirmation of expulsion by the Congress of SPYL.

11. When was the last Congress held?

23 - 26 AUGUST 2017 at KATIMA MULILO ZAMBEZI REGION

12. President

Comrade EPHRAIM NEKONGO (SECRETARY OF SPYL)

13. Secretary General



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Comrade MIRJAM NGHIDIPO (SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION)
14. International Representative
Comrade AKSER SHUUDENI MWAFANGEYO (SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)
15. Feminist Coordinator
N/A
16. LGBT / Queer Coordinator
N/A
17. Number of members
+ -1MILLION
18. Age limit and average age
14 - 35
19. How many regions of the country does the organization cover with its branches? [Please name them]
14 REGIONS OF NAMIBIA ERONGO, KHOMAS, OMUSATI, OHANGWENA, OSHIKOTO, OSHANA, KAVANGO WEST, KAVANGO EAST, KUNENE, ZAMBEZI, //KHARAS, HARDAP, OTJOZONDJUPA AND OMAHEKE.



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ACTIVITIES & POLITICAL AGENDA

20. What are the political aims/objectives of your organization?

- to be vigilant and constantly combat all forms and tendencies of nepotism, favouritism, moral decay, tribalism, individualism, corruption, racism, regionalism and all reactionary conduct among the youth in the Namibian society;
- to inculcate in the youth patriotic spirit, hard work, self-reliance, respect and love for cultural values and traditions, and the need to be willing catalyst in the process of nation building and the creation of a non-exploitative, non-oppressive and democratic society;
- to fully participate in the promotion of the culture of selfless and voluntary service towards the struggle against unemployment, ignorance, illiteracy and all types of social ills in the Namibian society;
- to promote and strengthen the Pan-African solidarity and the worldwide anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist struggle for freedom and justice in the world;
- to promote gender awareness amongst the Namibian youth and fight for equality between men and women and the protection of vulnerable groups such as elders, children and disabled persons in Namibian society;
- to promote and protect common historical heritage such as monuments and sites and to develop exchange programmes amongst the youth of _ Namibia so that there could be greater awareness about the country, • its history, natural resources and beauty. In addition, to protect the Namibian environment and sustainable utilization of Namibia's natural resources;
- to constantly work for the promotion and upholding of the principles of democracy, accountable and transparent governance, and to promote consultation and dialogue at all levels of the Namibian society on matters of national importance;
- to mobilize and organize the Namibian youth to participate actively in economic activities as individuals, or within cooperatives or through the establishment of SPYL enterprises in order to contribute to economic development and industrialization, thereby creating job opportunities and wealth for the Namibian people;
- to educate the youth about the fact that Namibia is a free and sovereign African State and the history of Namibia, especially the struggle for national liberation for which many of Namibia's youth sacrificed their lives, and to ensure that the Namibian youth upholds, with honour and pride, Namibian history and Namibian national symbols.

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22. What are your main fields of activity?

ECONOMIC REFORMS - Desiring to increase ownership of material economic assets and participation of previously disadvantaged Namibians in general, and the youth in particular, in the management of the national economy;

SOCIAL MOBILITY
EDUCATION REFORM
HEALTHCARE REFORM
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SOLIDARITY
SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

23. What have been your political priorities in the last two years?



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24. Do you organise campaigns? On which topics?

1. the defence and consolidation of the hard-won independence, which entails protection of the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of Namibia;
2. to uphold and instill in the youth of today and tomorrow the spirit and culture of heroism and patriotism of the Namibian people;
3. the promotion of social, political and economic development and the norms, values and practices under the banner of solidarity, freedom and justice;
4. to assist the SWAPO Party to become and remain a strong political force directing progressive policies and programmes towards a developed, fair and just society;
5. the promotion of the ideals of equality for all and social justice based upon the principles of scientific socialism;
6. to promote constantly access to employment, education, medical care and legal protection for the youth of Namibia;
7. to ensure maximum participation of the youth of Namibia in all vital spheres of life;
8. the promotion of the principles of anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and stability in Africa and the world;
9. the promotion of respect for international law, peaceful conflict management and resolution and the upholding of the principles of multi-lateralism in the system of international organizations in line with the principle of sovereign equality of States; and
10. to maintain historical links and also establish new ones with other progressive international youth and student movements;

25. Do you organise seminars? On which topics?

YES WE DO;
ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
YOUTH HEALTH (HIV/AIDS, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION,
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ABUSE AS WELL AS TEENAGE PREGNANCIES)
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
LAND REFORM AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND MANY OTHER ISSUES ON INTEREST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?

YES WE DO

27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (I.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL



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NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE
NATIONAL STUDENTS ORGANISATION
NATIONAL UNION OF NAMIBIAN WORKERS

28. Are there any other youth organizations in your country considered on the left side of the political spectrum?

[If yes, please indicate the names, the level of cooperation and examples of such cooperation]

NAMIBIA BEING A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY YES THERE ARE OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, POLITICAL AND PART OF CIVIL SOCIETY.

POLITICAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS;

POPULAR DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT PDM
RALLY FOR DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS RDP
UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT UDF
SOUTH WEST AFRICA NATIONAL UNION SWANU
CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS COD
NATIONAL UNITY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION NUDO
REPUBLICAN PARTY RP

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NSHR
WOMAN ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT WAD

GIVEN THE NATIONAL CHALLENGES FACED BY ALL YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL ALL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE AFFILIATED AND REGULAR PLATFORMS ARE CREATED TO DISCUSS AND FIND COMMON GROUND AND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

29. Is there a national youth council in your country?

[If yes, please indicate your role]

YES, WE ARE AFFILIATED TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA



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POLITICAL & ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

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29. Is there a national youth council in your country? <i>[If yes, please indicate your role]</i>
30. Do you have cooperation with youth organizations from other countries?
YES WE DO.
31. Do you have a mother party? What are the relations between your organization and the party? <i>(In terms of status, administration, policy)</i>
YES WE DO, SPYL IS A YOUTH WING OF THE SWAPO PARTY OF NAMIBIA. SPYL SERVES AS THE TRANSMITTING BELT OF THE IDEOLOGIES, POLICIES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE SWAPO PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT, The SPYL is a progressive youth political wing, born out of the crucibles of the anticolonial struggle for freedom and national independence, and embodies the same principles as those of SWAPO Party. SPYL serves as an active, revolutionary, and militant transmitting belt of the SWAPO Party ideology, policies and programmes
32. When were the last elections held? Did your organization participate in a campaign? <i>[If yes, please indicate: with what message? was it the same as the party's one?]</i>
LAST ELECTIONS HELD IN 2014 FOR PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND 2015 FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION AND OUR CAMPAIGN FORECAST ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
33. Can you describe the political situation in your country? What is the composition of the Left? How much does the Left receive in the polls?
THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA IS CALM AND OPEN, MULTI-PARTY DEMOCRACY IS



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PRACTICED AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND EXPRESSION IS QUARANTEED. SWAPO PARTY OF NAMIBIA GOT 87% DURING THE 2014 PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS LEAVING THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WITH THE COMBINED 13% FROM THE SAID ELECTION. THE DTA OF NAMIBIAN, NOW RENAMED AS PDM IS THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION PARTY IN NAMIBIA WITH 5% OF THE TOTAL VOTE FROM THE 2014 PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

34. Is there more than one left wing party in your country?

[If yes, please describe the differences among the parties and indicate whether there is a prospect of a united Left]

YES THERE IS MORE AND THE PROSPECTS OF UNITY AMONGST THEMSELVES IS UNLIKELY BECAUSE THEY FAIL TO FIND COMMON GROUND ON THE LEADERSHIP COMPOSITION .

35. Any additional comments

IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT SPYL HUMBLY SUBMITS ITS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH.

Thanks for filling in the application!

Please send it to iusy@iusy.org together with the other required information.