

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Decree on Marriage

Title 1: Eligibility

- Article 1: Marriage is a contract between two people who have expressed their mutual consent in writing.
- Article 2: Marriage is a right enjoyed by all citizens of the State of the African Diaspora, without discrimination, in accordance with the bill of rights (article 3).
- Article 3: The spouses must be citizens of the State of the African Diaspora on the date of the ceremony.
- Article 4: The spouses must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the ceremony.
- Article 5: Persons already married under the law of another state may also obtain transcription and recognition of their union within the legal framework of the State of the African Diaspora.

Title 2: Procedure

- Article 6: At least one month before the date of the ceremony, the spouses must fill in the appropriate form.
- Article 7: They must also each indicate the name and contact details of a marriage witness.
- Article 8: They must indicate the contractual arrangements they have made and chosen regarding properties acquired before or after the marriage.
- Article 9: Beyond the State of the African Diaspora, the spouses may request that their marriage be recognized in another State. It will be up to them to take the necessary steps.

Title 3 : Ceremony

- Article 10: The date requested by the spouses will be communicated to the State of the African Diaspora at least two months before the ceremony.
- Article 11: The ceremony will be conducted by an official of the State of the African Diaspora, who may be a Minister, MP or Ambassador, appointed by the Government's leadership after consultation with the spouses.
- Article 12: The official will preside over the ceremony, presenting the civil status of the spouses, asking them to express their consent, and pronouncing the marriage.
- Article 13: The spouses and their witnesses will sign the marriage register, which will be kept in the archives of the State of the African Diaspora. A marriage certificate will be issued on this occasion and delivered to the spouses.
- Article 14: The wedding ceremony can be organized in person or remotely.
- Article 15: The spouses may choose to personalize the ceremony (music, decorations, declarations, etc.), but must inform the official of the arrangements at least two weeks before the ceremony.

Title 4: Marital life

- Article 16: Spouses owe each other mutual respect and assistance.
- Article 17: Violence in any form, as well as harassment, is strictly prohibited within the couple.
- Article 18: Spouses together ensure the moral and material direction of their family.
- Article 19: Spouses shall provide for the education of their children in the best possible conditions.
- Article 20: Spouses are equal before the law in their rights and duties.
- Article 21: In the event of a serious dispute, the spouses may refer the matter to a mediator, who will be appointed by the government of the State of the African Diaspora.

Title 5: Dissolution

- Article 22: A marriage may be dissolved in the event of nullity, divorce or death.
- Article 23: Nullity may be pronounced by the Court of Justice of the State of the African Diaspora if it appears that there has been error or fraud regarding the identity or consent of one of the spouses.

Article 24: Divorce may be granted by the Court of Justice of the State of the African Diaspora if at least one of the spouses so requests. The provisions of the contract will then apply. The judge will look after the children's interests, determine their place of residence and ensure that both spouses contribute to their upbringing, according to their respective means.

Article 25: The death of one of the spouses terminates the marriage.

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