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Regulation No. 227/2022

This Regulation is issued by the Regional Administrative council pursuant to Articles 73(1) of the Definition of Powers and Duties of Regional Administrative Council, Proclamation No. 242/2021.

Preamble

The Oromia Agricultural Transformation Council catalyzes positive, transformational, and sustainable change. Agricultural transformation can be realized through coordinated works of institutions by strengthening their linkages. The best available approach to achieve this is to divide the region into clusters organized under the Regional Council. The primary aim of the regional council is to promote agricultural sector transformation by supporting existing structures of government, private sector and other non-governmental partners to address systemic bottlenecks in delivering on the regional priority agendas, i.e., achieving food security, enhanced export, import substitution and job creation.

PART ONE: GENERAL

1. Short Title

This regulation may be cited as the “Oromia Agricultural Transformation Council and Secretariat Establishment Regional Administrative Council Regulation No. 227/2022.”

2. Definition

In this regulation:

- 1) “Institution” means a federal, regional or university, or public or private enterprise authorized by law to conduct agricultural research and development activities in the region;
- 2) “Institute” means Oromia Agricultural Research Institute;
- 3) “Cluster” means based on broad agro-ecology and production system, all federal, regional or university, or public or private enterprise authorized by law conduct agricultural research and development activities are grouped in Oromia;
- 4) “Regional Council” means a collection of institutions and individuals engaged in agricultural research and development within the region;
- 5) “Government” means Oromia Regional Government;
- 6) “Region” means the Oromia Regional State according to Article 47(1) of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;

- 7) “President” means the President of Oromia Regional State;
- 8) “Secretariat” means Oromia Agricultural Transformation Secretariat;

3. Gender

In this regulation, anything set out in the masculine gender shall also apply to the feminine gender.

4. Scope of the regulation

This regulation applies to institutions and individuals who are engaged in agricultural research and development in the region.

5. Objectives

The regulation has the following objectives:

- 1) To identify systematic constraints of agricultural development and recommend a solution in order to ensure sustainability and structural transformation, and support the application of same;
- 2) To support strong linkages among council members to ensure the effectiveness of agricultural transformation in the region;
- 3) To advise on agricultural development and the regional agricultural transformation.
- 4) To give accountability to different research and development actors in Oromia on shared roles and responsibilities.

PART TWO: ESTABLISHMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, ORGANIZATION, MEMBERS AND ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL

6. Establishment

- 1) Oromia Agricultural Transformation Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) is hereby established by this regulation.
- 2) The Council shall be accountable to the regional President.

7. Organization of the Regional Council

The Regional Council shall have the following organizational structure:

- 1) The Regional Agricultural Transformation Council;
- 2) The clusters; and
- 3) The Secretariat of Regional Agricultural Transformation Council.

8. Members of the Regional Agricultural Transformation Council

The regional council shall have the following members:

- 1) The regional government president chair;
- 2) At the level of vice-president, head, Rural Development Cluster co-chair;
- 3) Head, Oromia Bureau of Agriculture Member;
- 4) Coordinator, Agricultural Transformation in Oromia Secretary;
- 5) Director-General, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute co-secretary;
- 6) Head, Oromia Finance Bureau Member;
- 7) Head, public service and human resource development bureau Member;
- 8) Head, Irrigation and Pastoral Development bureau Member;
- 9) Head, communication bureau Member;
- 10) Manager, Oromia Seed Enterprise Member;
- 11) Director-General, inputs and Agricultural Production Regulatory Authority Member;
- 12) Director-General, seed and technology Member;
- 13) Head, Environment protection Authority Member;
- 14) Head, Cooperatives Promotion Agency Member;
- 15) Deputy heads of Oromia Bureau of Agriculture Member;
- 16) Oromia Agricultural Research Institute Advisory Board Members. Member;
- 17) Minister and State Ministers of Ministry of Agriculture Member;
- 18) Director-General and Deputy Director General, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research. Member;
- 19) Deputy Director General, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute Member;
- 20) Assistant coordinator, Agricultural Transformation in Oromia Member;
- 21) Chairs and co-chairs of Clusters. Member;
- 22) Secretary and co-secretary of clusters Member;
- 23) Heads, zonal agricultural offices and irrigation and pastoral development offices Members;
- 24) President, Sinqe Bank Member;
- 25) Directors, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute Research Directorates Members;
- 26) Directors, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research Directorates Members;
- 27) Universities, and colleges engaged in agricultural research and development in Oromia Members;
- 28) Head, Oromia government development organizations Member;
- 29) Head, job opportunity creation and skill Member;
- 30) Commissioner, planning and development commission Member;
- 31) Oromia Farmers cooperatives federation Member;
- 32) Director-General, Oromia Industrial Parks Development Corporation Member;
- 33) CEO, Agricultural Transformation Institute and head, Agricultural Transformation Institute Oromia Branch Oromia Members;
- 34) Director, Oromia Urban Agriculture Member;
- 35) Senior professionals selected by the institute Members;
- 36) Other members based on the guideline of the institute Members.

9. Powers and Duties of the Regional Council

The Council may have the following powers and duties:

- 1) Oversees all activities of the clusters;
- 2) Builds the capacities of member institutes;
- 3) Dispatches the meeting agendas to the council members;
- 4) Advise and support the regional agricultural transformation to undertake agricultural research and development by maintaining its scientific content in line with the regional development policy and regional strategy;
- 5) Advise agricultural transformation initiatives to deliver agricultural technologies in collaboration and partnership with council members;
- 6) Advise the Regional Government in respect of issues related to agricultural research and development policy;
- 7) Support regional agricultural research and development institutions to build their skilled human power and state-of-the-art research infrastructure based on the technology needs of the region for agricultural transformation;
- 8) Support to establish a system whereby regional agricultural research and development institutions undertake their research and development in a coordinated and integrated manner to promote the regional agricultural transformation;
- 9) Provide support to agricultural transformation initiatives to implement them in a coordinated and integrated manner with due attention to the region's technological demands.
- 10) Organize various forums to establish a strong bond between agricultural research and development institutions, universities, agro-industries and research output consumers;
- 11) To engage in resource lobbying activities.

10. Powers and Duties of Chairperson of the Regional Council

The Chairperson of the Council may have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1) The Chairperson shall summon and preside over regular and urgent meetings of the Council
- 2) The Chairperson of the Council shall coordinate, guide and administer the council.

11. Division of clusters

Clusters division will be based on broad agro-ecology and production system; its effects will be determined based on a guideline.

12. Members of clusters participating in the regional assembly

According to this regulation, membership is open to relevant stakeholders; the members of clusters participating in the regional assembly include the following:

- 1) **From Universities:** presidents and research and community vice-presidents;
- 2) **From Research centers:** center directors, research extension team leaders and cluster coordinator;
- 3) **From Zones:** zonal administrators, heads of zonal agricultural, irrigation and pastoral development offices and heads of zonal extension department; and
- 4) Other members based on the institute's guideline.

13. Duties and responsibilities of the clusters

The clusters may have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1) Identifies key research and development issues in respective clusters
- 2) Proposes problem-oriented research and development initiatives
- 3) Reviews and approves research and development proposals for new initiatives
- 4) Reviews and approves research and development findings
- 5) Develops mechanism for technology transfer
- 6) Monitors and evaluates research and development initiatives at the field level
- 7) Builds capacity of the research and development actors
- 8) Develops mechanisms for attaching university students to industries and farmers for better linkages and knowledge sharing.

14. Council and clusters meetings schedule and procedures

- 1) The regular meetings of the regional council will take place twice a year; however, the Council shall hold urgent meetings at any time when called by the Chairperson.
- 2) The clusters will be convening twice a year; however, when need arises, a cluster may convene whenever called for urgent meetings.
- 3) The clusters can rotate their meeting venues, chairs and co-chairs once in a while among themselves.
- 4) Without prejudice to the provision of sub-article 1 - 3 of this Article, the regional council and the clusters may adopt their guidelines in the future for the procedure.

15. The chair and secretary of a cluster

- 1) At the respective clusters, a senior research center will organize and chair the meeting at least at the initial stage.
- 2) A senior scientist shall be assigned to coordinate each cluster at least at initial stage of the process and this could be from Research, University or any other institutions depending on competencies and will be the secretary of the respective cluster.
- 3) The co-chair of the clusters will be the nearest agricultural or irrigation and pastoral development office head to the chairing research centers at the zonal levels.

16. Roles and responsibilities of the cluster chair and cluster secretary

- 1) Roles and responsibilities of the cluster chair
 - a) The Chair shall summon and preside over meetings of the cluster;
 - b) Leads the respective cluster as a supreme body;
 - c) Plans and works to strengthen the cluster;
 - d) Monitors and gives support to the members of the cluster.
- 2) Roles and responsibilities of the cluster secretary
 - a) Works for the accomplishment of the day-to-day activities of the cluster;
 - b) Prepares budget plan and submit to the regional council;
 - c) Prepares and presents reports works of cluster to the council;
 - d) Prepares minutes of each cluster and files them with other necessary documents of the cluster;

- e) Makes a follow-up and reports to the chair about the accomplishments of the decisions made during different cluster meeting;
- f) Accomplishes other assignments given by the cluster chair.

PART THREE: OROMIA AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION SECRETARIAT

17. Establishment

- 1) The Oromia Agricultural Transformation Secretariat (in this regulation referred to as the “Secretariat”) is hereby established by this regulation.
- 2) The Secretariat shall be accountable to the Institute.

18. Head Office

The Secretariat shall have its head office in the institute, Finfinne, and may have branch offices elsewhere, as may be necessary.

19. Organization of the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall have:

- 1) A Coordinator;
- 2) Assistant Coordinator;
- 3) The Secretariat may have necessary administrative support staff.

20. Powers and Duties of the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1) Coordinate the stakeholders who have role in agricultural research and development in the process of agricultural transformation;
- 2) Stimulates and accelerates the agricultural transformation of the region by scaling up important policy issues as necessary;
- 3) Facilitates the implementation of initiatives and activities that strengthens the aspired transformation;
- 4) Based on the direction given by the council, supports and coordinates stakeholders who play role in agriculture to effect the transformation in a coordinated manner;
- 5) Provide support to the council to discharge its powers and duties given to it in this regulation;
- 6) Serve as Secretariat of the Council;
- 7) Coordinate research and development undertakings of the regional agricultural transformation initiatives, prepare a report, provide feedback and submit the report to the council;
- 8) Perform day to day activities of the Council;
- 9) Carry on such other activities necessary for the fulfillment of its objective.

21. Powers and Duties of the Coordinator

The coordinator may have the following powers and duties:

- 1) The Coordinator of the Secretariat shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat;
- 2) Subject to the general direction of the Council, direct and manage the day-to-day activities of the Secretariat;
- 3) Prepare and submit a work plan and budget of the council and the Secretariat to the regional government and implement the same upon approval;
- 4) Represent the Secretariat in its dealings with third parties;
- 5) Prepare and submit performance and financial report of the Secretariat to the Council;
- 6) The Coordinator of the Secretariat may delegate part of his powers and duties to other employees of the Secretariat to the extent necessary for the efficient performance of the activities of the Secretariat.

22. Powers and Duties of the Assistant Coordinator

The Assistant Coordinator shall:

- 1) Assist the Coordinator in planning, organizing, directing and coordinating the activities of the Secretariat;
- 2) Perform other duties specifically assigned to him by the Coordinator;
- 3) Act on behalf of the Coordinator in his absence.

PART FOUR: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

23. Budget of the council and Secretariat and the budget administration

- 1) The budget of the Council, the Secretariat and the clusters shall be allocated by the Regional Government in separate line in the institute;
- 2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-article (1) of this article, other budget sources as different donation are possible;
- 3) The budget administration shall be according to the government finance law, and the share of clusters shall be done by the secretariat.

24. Powers and duties of the institute

Without prejudice to the generality of powers and duties given to the institute by proclamation, the institute

- 1) Create conducive conditions, as may be necessary, for the secretariat;
- 2) Employ and administer employees of the Secretariat following civil service laws.

25. Duty to Cooperate

Any concerned organ shall have the duty to cooperate for the implementation of matters specified in this Regulation.

26. Inapplicable Laws

Any proclamation, regulation, directive and work practices inconsistent with this Regulation shall not be applicable on the matters specified in this Regulation.

27. Power to Issue Directive

The institute may adopt its guideline in the future for the procedure.

28. Effective Date

This regulation shall enter into force as of the 01 April 2022.

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