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**NOTICE**

The Bill following hereunder shall be presented before the House of Representatives for the first reading which will start its session on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 and is gazetted for the public notice incorporating together with their object and reasons.

**ZANZIBAR**  
24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

(Eng. Zena Ahmed Said)  
***Secretary to the Revolutionary  
Council and Chief Secretary***

**A BILL**

*for*

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ZANZIBAR AGRICULTURAL  
AND LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND OTHER  
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

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**ENACTED** by the House of the Representatives of Zanzibar.

**PART ONE**  
**PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

Short  
title and  
commence-  
ment.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Zanzibar Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute Act, 2024 and shall come into operation after being assented to by the President.

Interpreta-  
tion.

**2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

“agriculture” means a science, art or practice of cultivating and producing crops including forest crops in various degrees of the preparation and marketing of the associated products;

“animal” means any terrestrial vertebrate or invertebrate other than a human being;

“biotechnology” means the use of biological systems to produce or process products or services;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Zanzibar Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute established under section 6(1) of this Act;

“breed” means a stock of animals within species which have distinctive and typical appearances, and have been developed by deliberate selection for a particular use;

“crop” means planted or wild planting material or agricultural produce or processed products;

“Deputy Director General” means the Deputy Director General of the Institute appointed under section 13(1) of this Act;

“Director General” means the Director General of the Institute appointed under section 12(1) of this Act;

“disease” means any change from the normal physiological functioning of the body of the animal or plant and includes the clinical and pathological manifestation;

“farmer” means a person who owns, manages or cultivates a farm by applying agricultural technologies;

“forest resources” includes trees, wild animals, plants, components of biodiversity, bee keeping and its products and other living and non-living resources for which provide habitat, shelter or food which are associated with forest ecosystems;

“gene bank” means a physical repository in one or more locations where samples of animals or plants genetic resource populations are being preserved or kept and includes live animals, plants, embryos, oocytes, seeds, sperms, ova and Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid materials;

“Institute” means the Zanzibar Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute established under section 3(1) of this Act;

“laboratory” means a properly equipped research laboratory facility staffed with technically competent personnel;

“livestock” means domesticated terrestrial animals that are raised to provide a diverse array of goods and services such as traction, meat, milk, eggs, hides, fibres and feathers;

“livestock keeper” means a person who owns or manages livestock and applies livestock production technologies;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for agriculture and livestock;

“pests” means any species, strain or biotype of plant and animal or pathogenic agent injurious to plants, animals or plant and animal products;

“President” means the President of Zanzibar and the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council;

“research” means a process of systemic inquiry that entails the collection of data, documentation of critical information, analysis and interpretation of that data in accordance with suitable methodologies set by fields of agriculture, livestock or forestry and academic disciplines in order to develop, verify and disseminate technologies;

“researcher” means a person who carries out academic or scientific research in relation to agriculture, livestock or forest resources;

“Research Ethics Committee” means the Research Ethics Committee of the Institute established under section 26(1) of this Act;

“research project” means an intervention that contains more than one research;

“sample material” means a substance that is being collected for research purposes;

“variety” means a plant grouping within a single botanical taxon of the lowest genetic makeup, which may be:

- (a) considered as a unit with regard to its suitability for being propagated unchanged;
- (b) defined by the expression of the characteristics resulting from a given genotype or combination of genotypes; or
- (c) distinguished from any other plant material by the expression of at least one of the said characteristics.

## **PART TWO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE**

Establishment of the Institute.

**3.-(1)** There is established an Institute to be known as the Zanzibar Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute and by its acronym shall be “ZALIRI”.

(2) The Institute shall be an autonomous body with perpetual succession and a common seal, and subject to the applicable laws shall, in its name, be capable of:

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, holding, purchasing and disposing of any movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into any contract, agreement or transaction;
- (d) borrowing any such sum of money from any financial institution; and
- (e) performing or doing any act or thing which an institute of its nature may, by law, be entitled to perform.

4.-(1) There shall be a logo and seal of the Institute in shape and size as determined by the Board.

Logo and seal of the Institute.

(2) The application of the seal and logo of the Institute on any document shall be authenticated by the signature of the Director General or any other Officer of the Institute authorized by the Director General.

(3) The seal of the Institute shall be kept in the custody of the Director General or such other person as the Director General may direct.

(4) Any document purported to be an instrument issued by the Institute shall be sealed with a seal of the Institute and authenticated in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.

5.-(1) The Institute shall conduct, regulate, supervise and coordinate agricultural, livestock and forest resources research in Zanzibar.

Functions of the Institute.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Institute shall:

- (a) carry out research on crops, forestry, livestock, genetic resources, biotechnology and its products as specified in the First Schedule of this Act;

- (b) plan, undertake, promote, coordinate research, and commercialize and disseminate research findings;
- (c) work in collaboration with public institutes, civil society organizations, private sectors, farmers and livestock keepers' organizations dealing with agriculture, livestock and forest resources research initiatives;
- (d) set guidelines for the delivery of research services which include research standards, codes of ethics, conducts and practices;
- (e) provide, undertake and promote consultancy services in the fields of research, training and dissemination of information in agriculture, livestock and forest resource productions, health and allied sciences;
- (f) keep and maintain information relating to agriculture, livestock or forest resources research from researchers, institutions and other stakeholders;
- (g) publish research findings in journals, manuals, monographs, bulletins and other appropriate literature;
- (h) register potential agriculture, livestock or forest resources researchers in the public and private sectors, and maintain a register of agriculture, livestock or forest resources research for development;
- (i) keep and maintain gene banks for purposes of characterizing, evaluating, conserving and developing plants, animals and forage genetic resources;
- (j) recommend on the use of biotechnology for agriculture, livestock or forest resources development;
- (k) collaborate with local, national, regional, and international institutions to conduct research on crops, forestry, livestock, genetic resources, biotechnology and its products;

- (l) accelerate equitable access to research information, resources and technology in promoting the application of research findings and technology in the field of agriculture, livestock or forest resources;
- (m) advise the Government on all matters relating to agriculture, livestock and forest resources research;
- (n) support, promote and conduct capacity building operations in relation to agriculture, livestock and forest resources research; and
- (o) perform any other function for the purpose of the implementation of provisions of this Act.

**PART THREE**  
**ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**  
**OF THE INSTITUTE**

6.-(1) There is established a Board of Directors of the Zanzibar Agricultural and Livestock Research Institute which shall be composed of:

Establishment and composition of the Board.

- (a) Chairperson who shall be appointed by the President;
- (b) Director General;
- (c) Director responsible for research in the Ministry responsible for agriculture and livestock;
- (d) one representative from higher learning institution dealing with agriculture, livestock or natural resources; and
- (e) three members from registered associations dealing with farming, livestock keeping and forest management.

(2) Members under subsection (2)(d) and (e) of this section shall be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the relevant institution basing on the following qualifications:

- (a) has at least a first degree in the field of agriculture, forest resources, veterinary or animal science; and
- (b) has working experience of not less than five years in that field.

Qualifications of Chairperson of the Board.

**7.** A person shall qualify to be appointed a Chairperson of the Board if he has:

- (a) at least a master's degree in the field of agriculture, forest resources, veterinary or animal science from an institution recognized by the Government;
- (b) a working experience of not less than seven years in the public or private sector; and
- (c) high level of integrity.

Functions of the Board.

**8.** The functions of the Board shall be to:

- (a) oversee the overall functions of the Institute;
- (b) ensure that the activities of the Institute are consistent with policies, objectives and priorities of the Zanzibar Research Agenda;
- (c) approve and evaluate on a continuing basis the programs being implemented by the Institute;
- (d) provide directives as required on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Institute; and
- (e) ensure that adequate funds and resources are available to the Institute to carry out its day-to-day obligations.

Powers of the Board.

**9.** The Board shall have the powers, to:

- (a) approve the annual budget of the Institute;
- (b) recommend the organizational structure of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Act, No. 2 of 2011;



- (c) recruit, promote or appoint staff of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Act, No.2 of 2011;
- (d) review and approve policies, strategies, work plans, guidelines, reports, operating procedures, fees and charges for the Institute; and
- (e) take disciplinary actions against any staff in accordance with the Public Service Act or its Regulations.

**10.-(1)** The Board shall appoint a staff of the Institute to be a Secretary of the Board. Secretary of  
the Board.

(2) A person shall qualify to be the Secretary of the Board if that person has:

- (a) at least first degree in the field of law or qualified corporate secretary from an institution recognized by the Government; and
- (b) working experience of not less than five years in the public service.

(3) The Secretary of the Board shall be accountable to the Board and shall:

- (a) prepare agenda of the meetings of the Board in consultation with the Chairperson;
- (b) take accurate minutes of the meetings of the Board;
- (c) maintain the correct and sufficient records of the meetings of the Board;
- (d) give proper and timely notifications of meetings of the Board to the members; and
- (e) perform any other function as may be directed by the Board.

Proceedings  
of the  
Board.

**11.** The provisions relating to the proceedings of the Board shall be as prescribed in the Second Schedule of this Act.

Appointm-  
ent of  
Director  
General.

**12.-(1)** There shall be a Director General of the Institute who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) A person shall qualify to be appointed as a Director General if that person has:

- (a) at least a master's degree in agricultural sciences, forest resources, veterinary or animal sciences from an institution recognized by the Government;
- (b) a working experience of not less than seven years in public or private sector in matters relating to agriculture, livestock or forest resources research;
- (c) published at least four agricultural, livestock or forest resources research papers in peer-reviewed journals; and
- (d) high level of integrity.

Appointm-  
ent of the  
Deputy  
Director  
General.

**13.-(1)** There may be a Deputy Director General of the Institute who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) A person shall qualify to be appointed as the Deputy Director General if he has the same qualifications and competence to be appointed as the Director General.

(3) The Deputy Director General shall be the Principal Assistant of the Director General.

Functions of  
the Director  
General.

**14.-(1)** The Director General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Institute.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Director General shall:

- (a) provide leadership to the Institute in planning and implementing agricultural, livestock and forest resources research for development;
- (b) manage, control and administer the assets of the Institute;
- (c) facilitate the implementation of research programs and their evaluation;
- (d) establish and maintain a register of agricultural, livestock and forest resources researchers from the public or private sector and their research projects;
- (e) register public and private researchers and their respective researches; and
- (f) perform any other functions for the purpose of the implementation of this Act.

**15.-(1)** The Institute shall, for the proper performance of its function under this Act, establish departments, units and divisions subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, No.2 of 2011.

Departments  
,units  
divisions.

(2) The heads of department and units shall be appointed by the Board based on their related qualifications and experience.

(3) The heads of divisions shall be appointed by the Director General based on their related qualifications and experience.

(4) The heads of departments, units and divisions shall be responsible to the Director General.

**16.** There shall be staff of the Institute who shall be employed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Act, No. 2 of 2011.

Staff of the  
Institute.

## PART FOUR RESEARCH OPERATIONS

Approval of  
research.

**17.**-(1) Where the research is conducted by:

- (a) the Institute, it shall be approved by the Board; and
- (b) an individual researcher, it shall be approved by the Research Ethics Committee.

(2) For the purpose of this section, “individual researcher” includes private person, institution or organization.

Research  
by an  
individual  
researcher.

**18.**-(1) A person who wishes to conduct research on any issue related to agriculture, livestock or forest resources shall request ethical approval from the Director General.

(2) The manner of application and approval for agricultural, livestock and forest resources research service providers and any other matters connected thereto shall be prescribed in the regulations.

(3) A researcher whose proposal is approved under this Act shall be obliged to furnish the Institute with the progress report on the research at such intervals as the Institute may determine.

(4) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence.

Registration  
of  
researcher.

**19.**-(1) A person shall not provide research service or carry out research under this Act unless that person is registered by the Director General.

(2) A person who provides research service or carry out research without being registered pursuant to this section, commits an offence.

Registration  
of  
agricultural,  
livestock  
and forest  
resources  
research or  
research  
projects.

**20.**-(1) A person shall not implement an agricultural, livestock or forest resources research or research project unless such research or project is registered by the Director General.

(2) A person who intends to register an agricultural, livestock or forest resources research or research project shall make an application to the Director General in such form as prescribed in the regulations.

(3) The Director General may register an agricultural, livestock or forest resources research or research project in a manner and subject to such conditions as prescribed in the regulations.

(4) A person who conducts an agricultural, livestock or forest resources research or research project which is not registered pursuant to this section, commits an offence.

**21.**-(1) Where any research uses public funds of or on behalf of the Institute, anything discovered or invented shall become the property of the Institute. Intellectual property.

(2) The Institute may, for the purposes of commercial exploitation or use of any discovery or invention and their applications, arrange with a person to buy, sell, take or grant intellectual property rights in the discovery or invention subject to the terms specified in the Intellectual Property Policy of the Institute.

(3) The Institute shall register every discovery or invention made as a result of research carried out under this Act.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Institute may award a person responsible for a discovery or invention.

(5) The Institute shall formulate and develop the Intellectual Property Policy relating to agriculture, livestock and forest resources research.

**22.**-(1) A person who engages in agricultural, livestock or forest resources research shall, at his expense, furnish to the Institute information relating to his research and shall make available to the Institute copies of any records and discovery as may be directed by the Institute. Information.

(2) The Institute shall ensure the confidentiality of all research information submitted under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of this section commits an offence.

Publication  
of research  
findings.

**23.**-(1) A researcher who intends to publish or causes to be published the results of research shall submit a manuscript to the Director General for approval.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Director General shall review the manuscript and upon satisfaction, approve it for publication and shall maintain such manuscript for the purpose of records.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence.

Use of  
animals in  
experiments.

**24.**-(1) A researcher who intends to use an animal in an experiment of research shall obtain permission from the Director General.

(2) The Director General shall, after satisfaction of completion of the requirements as prescribed in the regulations, grant the permission to the researcher to conduct experiment.

(3) The requirements and manner of using an animal in research and any other matters connected therewith shall be prescribed in the regulations.

(4) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence.

Sample  
material  
transfer.

**25.**-(1) A person who intends to transfer any sample material from or into Zanzibar shall apply for a permit to the Director General.

(2) The Director General shall, after satisfaction of completion of the requirements as prescribed in the regulations, grant the permit to the applicant.

(3) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, commits an offence.

**PART FIVE**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**26.**-(1) There shall be a Research Ethics Committee of the Institute which shall be composed of:

Establishment and composition of the Research Ethics Committee.

- (a) a Chairperson;
- (b) heads of Departments of the Institute;
- (c) one member from agriculture sector;
- (d) one member from livestock sector; and
- (e) one member from forest resources sector.

(2) Members under subsection (1)(a), (c), (d) and (e) shall be appointed by the Director General based on qualifications and experience.

(3) The Secretary of the Board shall be a Secretary of the Committee.

(4) The appropriate proceedings of the Board shall apply to the Research Ethics Committee.

**27.** The Research Ethics Committee shall:

Functions of the Research Ethics Committee.

- (a) review and approve all research project proposals to be conducted in Zanzibar in terms of ethical contents;
- (b) prepare guidelines and protocols for requesting ethical approval from the Institute;
- (c) review research project proposals to be conducted by the Institute or individual researcher in terms of technical and financial contents and submit to the Board;
- (d) review all scientific papers on agriculture, livestock and forest resources research conducted by the Institute and grant approval for publication;

- (e) organize annual agriculture, livestock and forest resources research review meetings, seminars and symposia for stakeholders;
- (f) monitor and evaluate the progress of the research conducted by the Institute and report findings to the Board; and
- (g) perform any other functions as may be directed by the Board.

## PART SIX FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Funds and resources of the Institute.

**28.**-(1) The funds and resources of the Institute shall consist of:

- (a) such sums as may be approved by the House of Representatives;
- (b) any funds legally acquired by the Institute for the services rendered by the Institute;
- (c) such lawful grants, gifts, donation, contributions, loans, bequests, or investment as the Institute may receive from any person or institution; and
- (d) any such other money that may vest or legally acquired by the Institute in the course of its operations or otherwise.

(2) The Institute shall perform its functions in accordance with the common financial principles and shall ensure that its revenue is sufficient to meet its expenditure properly.

(3) The Institute may retain certain percent of money collected as may be determined by the Minister responsible for Finance.

(4) All financial transactions of the Institute shall be made and governed in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, No. 12 of 2016.



**29.**-(1) The Director General shall, in respect of every financial year, prepare and submit to the Board for deliberation and recommendations detailed estimates of the income and expenditure for the Institute for the next year.

Budget  
of the  
Institute.

(2) Upon deliberation and recommendation by the Board, the budget of the Institute shall be dealt in the same manner as part of the budget of the Ministry.

(3) The estimates of income and expenditure of the Institute shall be prepared subject with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, No. 12 of 2016 and any other directives as may be issued by the government from time to time.

(4) The Director General shall ensure that all payments out of the Institute's funds are correctly made and properly authorized.

**30.**-(1) The Institute shall properly keep and maintain books of account which include all financial records and transactions for every financial year.

Accounts  
and Audit.

(2) All accounts of the Institute shall be audited in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, No. 12 of 2016 and other relevant financial laws.

**31.**-(1) The Institute may, subject to the law, invest any part of its funds.

Powers to  
invest.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the funds of profits from the investment shall be used for the purpose of:

- (a) research infrastructure development, research operational costs and commercialization of the research products and findings; and
- (b) training or capacity building of staff, farmers, livestock keepers or foresters engaged in agricultural, livestock and forest resources research.

Annual  
report of the  
Institute.

**32.** After receiving the audited report from the Controller and Auditor General, the Director General shall, within three months, prepare and submit to the Minister an annual report in respect of the financial year containing:

- (a) a copy of the audited accounts of the Institute and the auditor's report on those accounts;
- (b) report of the Institute during the financial year; and
- (c) such other information as the Minister may require or direct.

Opening of  
the Bank  
Account.

**33.** The Institute shall, subject to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, No. 12 of 2016 open a bank account and deposit its money for the proper performance of its functions.

## **PART SEVEN OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

Offences  
and  
penalties.

**34.** A person who:

- (a) makes false or provides an incorrect statement that impedes the implementation of agriculture, livestock and forest resources research activities;
- (b) interferes or causes to interfere in the conduct of agriculture, livestock and forest resources research;
- (c) hinders or obstructs the researcher in discharging his duties;
- (d) transfers his research findings to another place without the permission from the Director General;
- (e) destroys or affects any property or activity related to research; or
- (f) fails to comply with provisions of sections 18,19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of this Act,

commits an offence and shall, upon conviction, be liable to:

- (i) in the case of an individual, a fine of not less than One Million Shillings and not exceeding Two Million Shillings or imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment, and in the case of subsequent offence, a further fine of not less than Two Million Shilling and not exceeding Five Million Shillings or imprisonment for a term of twelve months or to both; and
- (ii) in the case of corporation, a fine of not less than Five Million Shillings, and in the case of a subsequent offence, to a further fine of not less than Ten Million Shillings.

**35.** Upon convicting any person of any offence under this Act, the Court shall, in addition to any penalty provided by this Act, order where any research property or research has been damaged, injured or removed in the commission of an offence, that person shall pay compensation equivalent to the value of the damage caused. Additional penalty.

**36.-(1)** The Director General may compound an offence committed by a person under this Act or its regulations by requiring him to pay a fine of not less than half of the fine prescribed for such offence, provided that, the person: Compounding offence.

- (a) admits the commission of an offence;
- (b) pays all his defaults payment under this Act.

(2) The procedures relating to compounding of offence shall be prescribed in the regulations.

(3) The compounding of offence under subsection (1) of this section, shall not be regarded as conviction for the alleged offence and provided that the default payment is paid in full, no prosecution for the alleged offence shall be instituted or maintained.

**PART EIGHT**  
**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Appeal.       **37.**-(1) A person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Director General regarding the implementation of the provisions of this Act may, within twenty-one days upon receipt of such decision, appeal to the Minister.

(2) The Minister shall determine the appeal and issue its decision on appeal within thirty days from the date of lodging the appeal.

Power to amend schedule.       **38.** The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, amend the First Schedule of this Act.

Regulations.       **39.**-(1) The Minister may make regulations for better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Minister shall make regulations relating to:

- (a) registration procedures for researchers and research service provider;
- (b) the manner for protecting the intellectual property of a discovery or invention arising out of research;
- (c) payment of fees and charges payable under this Act;
- (d) modalities of publication of research findings;
- (e) setting of standards and codes of conducting research;
- (f) procedures for requesting ethical approval of research;
- (g) procedures of conducting animal experiments;
- (h) procedures of submission to the Institute research proposals; and
- (i) procedures and manner of maintaining databases for agriculture, livestock and forest resources research.

**40.**-(1) The following Acts are hereby repealed:

- (a) the Zanzibar Livestock Research Institute Act, No. 7 of 2020; and
- (b) the Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute Act, No. 8 of 2020.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section , anything done under the repealed Acts shall be deemed to be done under the provisions of this Act.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

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**RESEARCH AREAS**  
**[Made under section 5(2)(a)]**

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1. Artificial insemination and embryo transfer
2. Biotechnology
3. Climate change adaptation and mitigation
4. Crops
5. Forestry
6. Gene banking
7. Genetic resources
8. Hatchery
9. Inputs management
10. Livestock
11. Local and indigenous knowledge in production and management;
12. Organic farming
13. Pasture, forage and feeds
14. Pests and diseases
15. Processing, storage, utilization and marketing of products and by-products
16. Production
17. Seed and seedling production
18. Socio-economic aspects of agricultural and animal industries
19. Veterinary public health
20. Wildlife
21. Any other related issues on crops, livestock or forest resources

## SECOND SCHEDULE

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD [Made under section 11]

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1. The Board members shall elect one member among them to be a Vice Chairperson of the Board. Vice  
Chairperson.
  
2. Save for ex-officio member, the Chairperson and other members of the Board shall hold the office for a term of three years from the date of their appointment and may be re-appointed for another term only. Tenure of  
members.
  
- 3.-(1) The Board shall ordinarily meet once in every three months and may convene for extraordinary meeting at any time when need arises for the discharge of its functions. Meetings of  
the Board.
  - (2) The Chairperson shall preside all meeting of the Board, and on his absence, the Vice Chairperson shall preside the meeting of the Board and if the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson are absent, the members present shall elect one member among themselves to preside the meeting.
  
4. More than half of the total number of the members shall constitute quorum at the meeting of the Board. Quorum.
  
5. Decisions of the Board shall be made by consensus, where there is no consensus, the decisions shall be made by votes and where there is an equal vote, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. Decisions  
of the  
Board.
  
6. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board shall have power to regulate its own procedures. Procedures  
of  
meetings.
  
7. The Board may co-opt any person to attend in any deliberation of the meeting of the Board as an expert but the co-opted member shall have no right to vote. Co-opt  
member.

Committees  
of the  
Board.

**8.** The Board may, for the purpose of facilitating the performance of its functions, establish committees as it may consider necessary.

Delegation  
of the  
functions of  
the Board.

**9.-(1)** The Board may, if deems fit for the proper discharging of its functions, delegate some of its functions to the committee of the Board.

(2) Where the Board delegates its functions under sub section (1) of this section, it shall give directives in writing as may be necessary to ensure the proper performance of the functions.

Allowances  
for  
Members.

**10.** Members of the Board shall be entitled to be paid such allowances in accordance with Public Service Act, No.2 of 2011.

Disclosure  
of conflict.

**11.-(1)** The member of the Board who has direct or indirect personal interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the Board shall, as soon as possible, after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at the beginning of the meeting of the Board.

(2) A disclosure of interest under subsection (1) of this section, shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and the member making such disclosure shall not:

- (a) be present during the deliberation of the Board for the making of the determination; or
- (b) influence any other member in the making the determination.

Cessation of  
membership.

**12.** The member shall cease to hold office upon the occurrence of the following:

- (a) resignation;
- (b) if is absent without reasonable excuse for three consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (c) if he becomes incapacitated to perform his duties by reasons of physical or mental health;
- (d) if he ceases to be a representative of the institution which nominated that member;



- (e) if he is terminated by the Minister where he does not meet the expectation of the Institute; or
- (f) death.

## **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The objects and purposes of this Bill is to enact law which provides for the establishment of a strong Institute assigned to conduct modernized research in agriculture, livestock and forest resources in Zanzibar. The Institute will be an independent organ in providing concerned services, impartial and subject only to the provisions of this Bill and other related laws.

Before this enactment, all functions stipulated in this Bill were undertaken under two different Institutes. The two Institutes were established under two different Acts namely, the Zanzibar Livestock Research Institute Act, No. 7 of 2020 and the Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute Act, No. 8 of 2020.

According to this Bill, the Institutes are merged as per directives provided for by the Zanzibar Revolutionary Council and aimed at having one robust Institute which deals with planning, conducting, managing and coordinating research in agriculture, livestock and forest resources.

The proposed Bill is divided into Eight Parts:

**Part One:** is about the preliminary provisions which contain a short title and commencement and interpretation of basic concepts used in this Bill.

**Part Two:** is for the establishment of the Institute. This part provides establishment of the Institute, logo and seal and functions of the Institute.

**Part Three:** sets out for the provisions of administration and management of the Institute dealing with establishment and composition of the Board, qualifications of chairperson of the Board, functions of the Board, powers of the Board, secretary of the Board. This part also details on the provisions of proceedings of Board, appointment of the Director General, appointment of the Deputy Director General, functions of the Director General, Departments, Units and divisions and staff of the Institute.

**Part Four:** entails on the provisions for research operations which deals with approval of research, research by an individual researcher and registration of researcher. This part also details on provisions for registration of agricultural and livestock research projects, intellectual property, information and data, publication of research findings, the provisions for use of animals in experiments and sample material transfer.

**Part Five:** makes the provisions for establishment of the Research Ethics Committee. This part explains the provisions for establishment, composition and functions of the Research Ethics Committee.

**Part Six:** elaborates the financial provisions relating to the funds and resources of the Institute, budget, accounts and audit, power to invest as well as the annual report of the Institute and opening of bank account.

**Part Seven:** describes offences and penalties provisions that include offences, penalties additional penalty and compounding offence.

**Part Eight:** provides for miscellaneous provisions which explains the provisions for appeal, power to amend schedule, regulations and repeal and saving.

At the end, there two schedules, one is for research areas and second is for proceedings of the Board.

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