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Fifth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad  
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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 20 of 1991**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of the Confederation of  
African Associations of Trinidad and Tobago

*[Assented to 3rd September, 1991]*

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and <sup>Preamble</sup>  
Tobago an Association known as the Confederation of  
African Associations of Trinidad and Tobago:

And whereas it is expedient that the Confederation of  
African Associations of Trinidad and Tobago be incorpo-  
rated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

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Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Confederation of African Associations of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1991.
Incorporation	2. The Confederation of African Associations of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Association are— <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) to foster an appreciation and awareness of the contributions of peoples of African descent to the social development of Trinidad and Tobago;</li><li>(b) to act generally as a confederation and bring into closer association the constituent bodies and groups which comprise the Association;</li><li>(c) to organize and arrange closer association of the Association’s constituent bodies and groups in their efforts to develop and maintain contacts and promote co-operation with other organizations and individuals locally and abroad whose objectives are similar;</li><li>(d) to bring all constituent bodies and groups into programmes and activities to insure the successful development of a national celebration of emancipation celebrations;</li><li>(e) to organize and ensure the recognition, identification and preservation of historical landmarks and sites pertaining to the social, economic and cultural development of the people of African descent in Trinidad and Tobago;</li><li>(f) to act generally as a bureau and clearing house on all matters relevant to its constituent bodies and groups;</li><li>(g) to sponsor and organize seminars, symposia conferences and lectures in the areas of interest to the Association;</li></ul>

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- (h) to encourage, sponsor and organize exhibitions for members either independently or in collaboration with recognized organizations locally and abroad as well as with Government agencies and diplomatic and international organizations Consular Bodies;
- (i) to acquire materials and equipment of all categories and to establish a reference library for efficient execution of its objectives.

4. The Association shall have power to—

Powers of the  
Association

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title.

5. All property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Association is hereby transferred to and vested in the Association.

Transfer and  
vesting of  
property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman for the time being in office or in the event of incapacity in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Association who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Association.

Mode of execution  
of documents

7. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

Service  
of documents

(2) All documents to be served on the Association may be served by leaving the same at or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for every day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to make  
rules

8. The Association may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules.

Saving of State  
and other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the right of the State or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any person except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 5th day of July, 1991.

N. COX  
*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of July, 1991.

R. CUMBERBATCH  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*