

A. Preamble

Whereas MEDU, a cultural group of artists living in Botswana, seeks to avail facilities and offer training for artists interested in the fields of theatre, music, dance, photography, film, graphic arts, publications and research.

Committed to the belief that artists have a duty and a responsibility to assume a didactic role in developing and promoting cultural progress within their community and country, towards the ideal of a progressive, just and democratic cultural order.

Solemnly adopt and adhere to this declaration which shall guide MEDU's everyday activities.

B. Ideology

1. To express our wish for freedom, peace and progress.
2. To unearth, preserve, develop and promote our culture as non-ethnic, non-racial, national and progressive.

C. Policy

1. To maintain our membership of the Botswana National Cultural Council and to participate when possible in its programs.
2. To establish bilateral relations with cultural and arts groups in Southern Africa so as to share and enrich our experience.
3. To align ourselves with progressive African governments and with the OAU.
4. To align ourselves with cultural bodies in African states as well as [cultural bodies within liberation movements] recognised by the OAU.
5. To relate to all non-African bodies, organs and people committed to the eradication of the cultural domination inherent in colonialism, imperialism and racism.
6. All our relations to be on the basis of mutual and equal respect and recognition of our people's cultural identity, dignity and right to freedom, peace and progress.

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