

AIST – Executive Board Meeting

Rabat, June 7th, 2010

Participants :

- ⇒ in Rabat : Mr Noureddine Bensouda, President
Mr Dominique Dallo, General Secretary
 - ⇒ by conference call : Mrs Rana Bou Karroum (Lebanon)
Mr Bernard Limal (France)
Mr Sergiy Kharchenko (Ukraine)
 - ⇒ other participants : Mr Rachid Melliani and Mrs Meriem Benkhouya (General Treasury of the Kingdom of Morocco)
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Opening of the meeting at 10:30 by Mr Bensouda, General Treasurer of the Kingdom of Morocco and president of AIST.

1 – Information on the Association financial situation

The General Secretary presented a report on the financial situation of the Association. (expenditures/income since July 1st, 2009 and cash situation on June 1st, 2010).

The expenses of the organization of November 2009 Seminar in Paris came up to 42 000 €.

The cash balance of the association amounted to 62 000 €.

2 – Subscriptions and enlargement

The General Secretary presented the situation of subscriptions received in 2010. He underlined the usual late payments.

The Executive Board asked the General Secretary to send a reminder to specify the subscriptions conditions once again.

The Executive Board noticed that a subscription call should be systematically sent at the beginning of each year.

The Executive Board then discussed the Association enlargement strategic orientations.

The General Secretary referred to some activities leading to enlargement, such as :

- contacts established with foreign administrations ;
- AIST presentation letters and invitations to take part to various events which were sent to many countries (more than 60 letters for the Seminar in Paris) ;
- specific letters sent by Ukraine to CIS countries and by Lebanon to Arab League member states. Lebanon pointed out that, as a result of this action, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait had shown some interest for the Association (Kuwait even took part in Paris Seminar and intended to join the Association).

The Executive Board reminded of the benefit to present the Association to more countries and wished :

- a general mailing;
- a specific action towards international organizations likely to act as a link (World Bank, IMF, OECD...).

3 – Communication

Two major directions : AIST presenting tools and the website.

Working languages were discussed. After debates, the Executive Board concluded that :

- o French and English would be the working languages
- o the website would be fully translated into French and English
- o the presenting tools (leaflet, presentation web page) would be translated into French, English, Spanish, Arabic and Russian
- o During Seminars, the debates would be systematically translated into both working languages. The use of extra languages would be considered if necessary.

This issue should be examined during next General Meeting.

4 – Creation of a legal and functional database on Treasury Services

The working group on the creation of a legal and functional database on Treasury Services had not met yet. Morocco reminded of its availability to compile and circularize a working document on the subject and pass it on the other members of the group (Morocco, France, Tunisia and Hungary)

5 – Annual Seminar

The General Secretary informed the Executive Board of the proposal of Slovenia to host AIST next Seminar in November 2010.

The proposals of themes for the Seminar were then discussed.

- o Lebanon : State expenditures and debt and cash management ;
- o France : Financial management of Local Governments;
- o Ukraine : the previous themes and Public procurements;
- o Maroc : Financial statements accounting quality for the State and the public sector.

The proposal to link the Seminar's theme with State financial current developments was finally agreed.

The Executive Board asked the General Secretary to :

- decide on an accurate date in agreement with the Slovenian side (end of November) ;
- write a presentation and problematical note on the theme of Public accounting quality which should be sent for approval to Executive Board Members as soon as possible.

6 – AIST annual General Assembly

It should occur in November 2010, jointly to the Seminar in Slovenia. The General Secretary reminded that this assembly should decide on the re-election of the Executive Board. He also reminded that, according to the Articles of Association, the President would be elected for 2 years and only once re-eligible, as the Vice-presidents.

As a consequence, Morocco could not run for presidency. Likewise, France, Lebanon and Madagascar could not run for vice-presidency.

In return, the Articles of Association would allow Morocco to run for vice-presidency and France, Lebanon and Madagascar for presidency.

The General Secretary noticed that the Executive Board could also welcome observer members if necessary.

The President underlined the interest of keeping some of the historical active members in the Executive Board : he invited France and Lebanon to run for presidency.

The current members of the Executive Board should shortly decide on their wish to carry on their activities among the Executive Board and on their mode of action.

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Due to technical problems, Mr Kharchenko (Ukraine) could not directly participate to the meeting. However, the Ukrainian Vice President could express his opinion by the end of the meeting by telephone.

The main points of the agenda being covered, the President thanked all the participants and closed the Executive Board Meeting at 12:00.