

AIST Executive Committee Meeting

Report

January 30th 2009, from 10:30

Attendees :

France

Ghana

Morocco

Ukraine (by conference call)

Excused :

Lebanon

Madagascar

AIST Executive Committee Meeting took place on January 30th, 2009 in Paris.

The President, Mr Saïd Ibrahimi, opens the Executive Committee Meeting at 10:30, welcomes all the participants and presents the following agenda :

1. Financial Report
2. Situation of subscriptions
3. Seminar 2009
4. AIST Website
5. Database
6. Enlargement and organization on a regional basis
7. AIST Seminar in Agadir
8. Various matters

I Financial Report on January 30th, 2009

The *General Secretary* presents AIST current financial position. As projected, Washington Seminar has been financially self-supported, with the contributions of 4 sponsors. As for income, the contribution of Accenture Company is still to come. As far as expenditures are concerned, a few invoices are still to be paid. (October 15th 2008 buffet lunch, expenses linked to OECD participation). The Seminar should result in a 10 000 euros profit.

Mr Limal notices that the partnership with private companies has played a great part in the quality of the seminar, besides their financial contribution.

Mr Ibrahim considers that, regardless of the theme chosen for next seminar, prospecting for sponsors should be renewed.

II 2008-2009 subscription situation

The *General Secretary* presents the up-to-date situation of received subscriptions for 2008/2009. Four subscriptions have been collected : the Comoros, Ivory Coast, Mauritania and Tunisia.

The subscriptions of France, Morocco, already authorized, and of Ghana should be shortly credited to AIST bank account.

The *General Secretary* adds that a reminder of annual subscription payment has been sent, along with the *General Assembly* report, to the members of the association, by electronic mail on January 27th, 2009.

III 2009 Seminar

Date

The *Executive Committee* decides on the date of next Seminar, which will be held in Paris, before World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings (*Off meeting : the Annual Meetings will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, on October 6-7th 2009*), to help along with travel schedules, Paris being a stopover for many countries.

Themes

The *General Secretary* reminds a list of themes proposed by Marrakech *General Assembly* participants. Two of them have already been tackled :

- 1 Internal Control and Audit (Marrakech, 2007) ;
- 2 Accounting and Financial IT System (Washington, 2008).

Morocco suggests to handle the subjects of accounting reforms or public procurement.

Mr Sottie specifies that the issue of the implementation of IPSAS Standards is currently studied in Ghana.

France considers that the theme of accounting reforms can be associated to the topic of the organization of Treasury Services. The theme of public procurement could be extended to public order, partnership and public procurement delegation.

Ukraine says that the theme of accounting reforms is a topical question for the region. The subject of public procurement is also important. Because of the crisis, Treasury management is also a significant topic.

Several participants notice that, in many countries, the theme of Treasury management goes beyond the competence area of Treasury services.

The Executive Committee eventually decides on the generic theme of accounting reforms and adequate organization of Treasury services.

Concerning the configuration, the Seminar duration could be of 1,5 or 2 days, according to the issues to be tackled.

The General Secretariat will make proposals of date and draft programme for the Seminar.

IV AIST Website

The President reminds that the website is currently available in french and english and underlines the importance of developing various languages versions.

Lebanon has offered to develop an arabic version.

Ukraine offers to develop a russian version.

Awaiting to hand over to a spanish-speaking member, the General Secretariat will initiate a spanish version.

The availability of these various versions is set as an objective for next General Assembly.

V Database

The President reminds the importance of this action. According to the decisions of Washington General Assembly, the Executive Committee records the creation of a specific working group. France and Morocco volunteer to participate. The General Secretariat will contact Hungary and Tunisia, who had shown an interest in this subject during Washington General Assembly.

For the next Executive Committee meeting, the working group will have to make proposals on the architecture, the graphic chart, the participants role (the General Secretariat will be the database administrator), the content, the updating rythm, the database security,

the links to be developed with other sites (including World Bank and IMF)...and generally speaking, any proposal aimed at functioning conditions and information reliability.

VI Enlargement

The President emphasizes on the contacts already taken towards the association membership enlargement and suggests that country members should be AIST « ambassadors » in their regional proximity.

Lebanon has already proposed to contact the League of Arab States.

Ukraine proposes to send an invitation letter to neighbouring countries to join in.

France will carry on a prospective action towards European and Latin American countries.

Ghana underlines the interest shown by Western African countries to become members and will inform them of this outlook.

All these approaches require an up-to-date and multilingual brochure. Morocco offers to make a proposal shortly, in order to update the leaflet made in Marrakech. The General Secretary will submit this document to the Executive Committee for approval.

The promotion campaign could start as soon as the leaflets will be carried out.

VII AIST Seminar in Agadir

The General Secretariat reminds that the Seminar objective is to discuss the matter of « Financing Local Governments in Africa », following a study conducted by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, dealing with the raising of fiscal resources for Local Governments in Africa.

This Seminar shows a triple interest for the Association :

- first common event with an equivalent organization, which gathers french-speaking fiscal managers (CREDAF) ;
- first common meeting between Fiscal and Public Accounting managers ;
- first AIST regional meeting.

To this day, 17 AIST members have registered.

VII Various Matters

The Executive Committee decides on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009 for next Executive Committee meeting, as Monday June 1st is a public holiday in France. The meeting will take place in Paris with a videoconferencing possibility.

Mr Ibrahim thanks all the participants and closes the meeting at 12:15.