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**1ST MEETING OF THE AMDIN BIENNIAL GENERAL MEMBERS (BGM) MEETING
DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA
30 AUGUST 2007**

REPORT OF THE 1ST AMDIN BGM BUSINESS MEETING

ITEM 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks

The AMDIN Deputy Chairperson welcomed the MDIs to the inaugural Biennial General Members meeting (BGM). The Deputy Chairperson chaired the meeting in the absence of the AMDIN Chairperson. A list of the participating MDIs is attached to this report.

ITEM 2: Adoption of the Agenda

The provisional agenda for the meeting consisting of the following items was adopted as presented.

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report by Acting CEO on AMDIN progress
4. Council elections for 2007 to 2009
5. AMDIN membership
6. AMDIN Constitutional changes
7. Any Other Business/ Miscellaneous

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The agenda was adopted as presented.

ITEM 3: Report by Acting CEO on AMDIN progress

The acting CEO presented the achievements of AMDIN in line with its predetermined activities and programmes as outlined below:

On governance and operational issues, the acting CEO presented that AMDIN had held 4 Council meetings and established its standing committees as constitutionally stipulated. AMDIN was officially registered as a Non Profit Organisation (NPO) while progress was being made in attaining tax-exempt status. On finance, a bank account was operational although the financial administration was still managed by SAMDI as the host of the AMDIN Secretariat. AMDIN had also duly reported to all the meetings of the Pan African Ministers Conference of Public/ Civil Service and Bureau of Ministers of its progress. The membership and fundraising drive was underway and the acting CEO urged MDIs to participate in growing the numbers for AMDIN.

On the matter of capacity development, the JICA ToT programme was underway with participants represented from the different regions. AMDIN had also commenced on developing a policy paper for African MDIs. Other activities included the MDI participation in the All Africa Public Sector Awards 2007 and the potential needs assessment and curricula development processes that were progress.

Finally, the acting CEO indicated that in 2007 AMDIN had and would utilise the opportunity to network at various events such as CAFRAD, AAPAM, CAPAM, IASIA, and UNPAN.

ITEM 4: Council elections for 2007 to 2009

The next item on the agenda was the Council elections for the 2007 to 2009 term. The BGM members submitted the following as the new AMDIN Council for the new term:

Western Africa:

- Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) – Prof. Sheikh Abdullah (Chairperson)
- Ecole Nationale Administrature et de Magistratur (ENAM), Benin – Dr Noel Gbaguidi
- Ghana Institute of Management and Administration (GIMPA) – Prof. Stephen Adei

Central Africa:

- Ecole Nationale Administrature (ENA), DRC – Prof Pierre Kita
- Ecole Nationale Administrature et de Magistratur (ENAM) former Centre de Perfectionnement et de Formation an cous d'Emploi (CPF), Burundi – Prof Charles Nditije

North Africa:

- University of Algiers - Prof Ali Mezaache
- 2nd position vacant

East Africa :

- Uganda Management Institute (UMI) – Dr John Kiyaga-Nsubuga
- Seychelles Institute of Management - Mrs Daniella Larue

Southern Africa:

- Institute des Superior Administracao Publico (ISAP), Mozambique – Dr Almiro Lobo (Deputy Chairperson)
- South African Management Development Institute (SAMDI) – Dr Mark Orkin (Treasurer)
- Lesotho Institute for Public Administration and Management (LIPAM) – Dr John Dzimba

In addition, the ex-officio Council members are:

- African Union - Commissioner for Political affairs in the African Union Commission – Commissioner Julia Joyner
- African Union – Ambassador Emile Ognimba (Alternate)
- African Union – Dr Mamadou Dia (Alternate)
- NEPAD Secretariat -Chief Executive Officer at the NEPAD Secretariat – Prof Firmino Mucavele
- NEPAD Secretariat – Dr Hespina Rukato (Alternate)
- NEPAD Secretariat – Dr Eddie Maloka (Alternate)
- Representative of the Chairperson of the Pan Africa Conference of Ministers of Public/ Civil Service - Ms Hanlie van Dyk-Robertson

- Zimbabwe Institute of Public Administration & Management (ZIPAM) – Prof Callistus Ndlovu (Immediate past chairperson)
- the AMDIN Acting CEO – Ms Hanlie van Dyk-Robertson

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The new AMDIN Council for 2007 to 2009 is reflected in the above regional representation.

ITEM 5: AMDIN CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The BGM were presented with specific amendments to the AMDIN Constitution as had been deliberated at the Council meeting. These were the inclusion of an additional member in the *ex-officio* capacity to the Executive Council to accommodate the outgoing chairperson; the deletion of the Executive from Council in the references Executive Council to reduce the confusion with the Executive Committee (EXCO); change terms General Meeting to General Assembly; Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer and edit and standardise the AMDIN Constitution to British English.

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The BGM approved the AMDIN Constitution as follows:

- (i) the addition of an *ex-officio* member as the Immediate Past Chairperson to accommodate the outgoing AMDIN chairperson
- (ii) the deletion of 'Executive' from 'Executive Council to read Council
- (iii) the changing of the term 'General Meeting' to 'General Assembly'
- (iv) the changing of the term 'Executive Director' to 'Chief Executive Officer'
- (v) standardise the entire AMDIN Constitution to British English

ITEM 6: AMDIN Membership

The BGM raised the issue of AMDIN membership fees which had been set at \$ 3 000. The BGM felt this was too high a figure for some institutes to pay annually despite the alacrity of MDIs for AMDIN membership. A suggested was made at an initial membership contribution and a much reduced annual membership as an effort for more financial inclusion.

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The BGM delegated this item to the newly elected Council to deliberate in their next meeting and inform the MDIs of the renegotiated membership fees for AMDIN.

ITEM 7: Any Other Business / Miscellaneous

The new AMDIN Chairperson thanked the MDIs for their participation at the BGM and closed the meeting.