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REPORT OF FIDE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT FOR AFRICA TO THE 88th FIDE CONGRESS

As the African Chess Confederation Board could not form a quorum, the African meeting at the 88th. FIDE Congress was converted into a Consultative Meeting for Chess in Schools support presentation.

PART A-PRESENTATIONS

I. The first presentation entitled AFRICA SCHOOL CHESS INITIATIVE was given by Tamer Karatekin, whose profile is given here below:

- Draws against Kasparov and Karpov in 1997, Turkey chess champion in 2000, student of World Seniors Champion, Moscow resident Evgeny Vasiukov
- Studied at Turkish-German instructed Istanbul High School during 1992-2000
- Accepted for undergrad to Harvard and MIT in 2000, MIT EECS 2000-2004
- Chess coach of world U8-U9 nr.2 Isik Can and Isil Can between 2011-2017
- Chess coach of Elvin Büyük U8 nr.4 World Schools, Taha Özkan EU U9 nr.1
- Compulsory chess lesson teacher at Istanbul Technical University Foundation schools during 2014-2015 school year to 7 and 8-year-old, 300 students
- Participant with school chess portal project at Istanbul Technical University Seed Incubator program ranked among best in EU and in the world

<http://www.itu.edu.tr/en/news/2015/12/01/itu-seed-ranked-among-the-best-twenty-business-incubator-centers-in-the-world>

- Hold the following titles: FIDE Master, FIDE School Instructor, and FIDE Trainer.

II. The second presentation, given by the President of the International Schools Chess Union Mr. Alexander Kostiev, centred on invitations to African federations to the

"White Castle" school teams' chess tournament which is held in the Russian city of Sochi every year with provision for free accommodation and meals being provided to the invited teams.

- III. The third and final presentation was made by Robert Katende on behalf of the Robert Katende Initiative.

Robert's presentation was focused on the Play Phiona chess portal which is based on the popular Queen of Katwe chess movie.

Robert, who is also Secretary of the FIDE Social Action Commission, has been very instrumental in introducing chess to the disadvantaged communities in Uganda.

PART B: 2017 HARARE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION BOARD MEETING

Attached here with are the minutes of the African Chess Confederation Board Meeting which took place in Harare, Zimbabwe on August 23, 2017.

The ACC President's report and referenced relevant attachments are also attached here with.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lewis Ncube', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lewis Ncube
President, African Chess Confederation

MINUTES OF THE ACC BOARD MEETING HELD ON 23RD AUGUST 2017 AT RAINBOW TOWERS HOTEL IN HARARE, ZIMBABWE

AGENDA

- i. ACC President's opening remarks
- ii. Apologies
- iii. Minutes of ACC Board Meeting Held during the 87th FIDE Congress in Baku
- iv. Matters arising from Minutes of the previous meeting
- v. ACC Presidents Report
- vi. Matters arising from ACC President's Report
- vii. Zonal Presidents Reports
- viii. Report on 2017 African Club Chess Championships - ACC Deputy President to Report
- ix. Allocation of 2018 ACC Tournaments
- x. Proposed Modification of Statutes
- xi. Final Report on Kenya Chess Federation Dispute
- xii. Any Other Business
- xiii. Closing Remarks

MINUTE NO.	MINUTE	Remarks
2017/01	Opening remarks The ACC president welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them fruitful discussions.	
2017/02	<p>Present:</p> <p>1. Mr. Lewis Ncube - ACC President 2. Dr. Hesham Elgandy - Deputy ACC President 3. Mr. Stephen Kisuze - Treasurer 4. Mr. Vianney Luggya - Zone 4.2 President 5. Mr. Samir Zerdali - Zone 4.1 President 6. Mr. Kezzie Msukwa - Zone 4.3 President 7. Michel Nguete Viang - Zone 4.4 President</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>1. Enyonam Noel Fumey - General Secretary</p>	
2017/03	<p>Minutes of Previous meeting</p> <p>There were no minutes for consideration owing to the apology by ACC General Secretary. Members therefore agreed to review the minutes of the previous meeting in Baku along with these present minutes during next board meeting.</p>	
2017/04	<p>ACC President's Report:</p> <p>In his report, the ACC President briefed members on the leadership situation in FIDE since the 2014 FIDE elections in Tromso.</p> <p>He also reported that there are currently 47 FIDE Federation members from Africa out of 54 Nations and underscored the need to continue driving for a 100% membership.</p> <p>He further updated members on Minerva Scholarships where no African Player was admitted due to high competitive selection process.</p>	

The 2016 calendar was a success story. All planned tournaments took place except the Zonal U16 Youth Team Championships.

Members noted the inconsistent application of FIDE financial policies which led to some countries not paying either prize funds or not paying technical officials. This has led to some countries owing players as well as officials; Notably: Zone 4.1 individual Chess Championships held in Morocco in 2016.

Arbiter and Trainer Seminar fees as well as transport refunds for Seminars held in Tunisia in 2016

African Amateur Chess Championships held in Mozambique in 2014

Resolution: FIDE must apply equal financial policies to all federations unlike in the situation where Egypt was awarded being financial support when it hosted AICC while Morocco and Mozambique are being denied funding

Tournament Calendar for 2017: All zonal championships were held in time as well as African Individual Chess Championship for 2017; however, complete payment of the prize fund and stipend for the Chief Arbiter are being awaited from the organizing federation, Egypt.

Resolution: Egypt to clear the amounts owing

Clearance of outstanding Prize Funds and Stipend Payments: The President proposed that FIDE should cover these outstanding payments utilizing the balance of Development Funds allocated to Africa, with an additional request on an advance from next year's allocation.

Resolution: Request FIDE to clear all payments due to Morocco, Algeria and Mozambique

2018 Georgia Fund: During 2014 FIDE GA in Tromso Georgia presented a bid to host the 2018 Chess Olympiad. In its Bid Georgia committed to provide US\$2,000,000 (Euro1,700,00 at the time) for support to FIDE members in chess development process and is split into: (a) Travel grant for 2018 chess Olympiad (Euro 1,200,000) and Chess Development Fund (Euro 500,000). It was noted from the letter from FIDE President that although Georgia confirmed the transfer of most of this amount, examination of FIDE Accounts for 2014 does not show these payments.

The ACC President indicated that Africa received just over US\$41,000 for the purchase of some chess equipment. Some 20 Federations have started receiving such equipment.

Resolutions:

1. That 40% of Development Fund be claimed from FIDE for African Development countries in line with Development Commission ratio of sharing resources.

2 That ACC must discuss a better strategy with FIDE so that All African Countries can optimize benefits accruing from this fund, particularly for travel grants, as we draw closer to the Olympiad to avoid fallout from the previous Baku Olympiad episode where many federations failed to travel.

Notable:

a. Air tickets must be provided on time to gain on early payment

	<p>rebates.</p> <p>b. Countries that will need refunds later must do so in good time</p> <p>c. Chartered flights from some African hubs of Africa should also form a possible option.</p> <p>(See Annex for Report)</p>																																																																													
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	events, observing that the former is basically a tougher tournament than the Zonal. 2. Members recommended for the adoption of having a Technical Commission within ACC	
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The ACC President closed the meeting by thanking all members and wishing all safe trips back to their respective homes.

Lewis Ncube
ACC President

Kezzie Msukwa
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REPORT OF ACC PRESIDENT TO 2017 ACC BOARD MEETING-23/08/2017

I. CURRENT SITUATION WITHIN FIDE

Since the 2014 FIDE elections in Tromso the leadership situation within FIDE has deteriorated to a level that does not provide any inspiration to the chess family across the world.

I am sure that the Board Members have witnessed several reports and postings on international and social media pages which paint a picture of a divided international chess family.

It is my hope that whilst every effort appears to be made to also divide our Continental chess administration we shall show a strong sense of purpose and remain united.

Whatever we do we must remember that we have the entire African chess fraternity looking up to us to show leadership.

I will not dwell on the recent episodes that we are all no doubt aware of but I must emphasise that whilst differences of opinion may provide for a healthy exchange of views, we must always remember where to draw the line.

I am confident that we shall all rise above the recent situation and show true leadership to our Continent's chess family.

II. ACC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Currently 47 of the 54 African nations are members of the World Chess Federation, FIDE.

The 7 African countries yet to join the global family are Benin, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Niger.

Whilst we no doubt should look to providing for the existing membership, we must also seek the necessary opportunities that will lead to the continued growth of our African chess family.

Potentially useful contacts have been made in Benin, Congo Brazzaville and Equatorial Guinea to enable us move towards the required target of Africa's total affiliation to FIDE.

The Zone 4.4 President and the ACC General Secretary should be moving to ensure that the current opportunities of building on our chess family numbers in Africa are realised before the end of the year.

III. UPDATE ON MINERVA SCHOLARSHIPS

After signing the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Minerva on December 13, 2016 the anticipated enrolment of our young African chess talents did not materialise as expected due to the highly competitive selection process.

As we move towards the enrolment process for 2018 it is hoped that our qualifying players will have better success this time round.

IV. 2016 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Except for the Zonal Under 16 Youth Team Championships, all the other scheduled tournaments on the 2016 calendar were duly hosted with varying degrees of success.

As the number of hosted tournaments rises it is now imperative that we also look at ways in which we can improve on the turnout to make our events more inclusive and more competitive.

Furthermore, the inconsistent application of FIDE financial policies where some federations have ended up not paying prize fund or paying technical officials has led to some federations still owing players and officials outstanding prize money, stipends and transport refunds.

Even allowing the federations to utilise the collected FIDE/ACC fees to offset these due amounts has not helped due to the low participation levels in the affected events.

The prize fund for the 2016 Zone 4.1 Individual Chess Championships held in Morocco, the Arbiter and Trainer Seminar Fees for Seminars held in Tunisia and transport refunds for the two assistant arbiters for the 2016 African Junior championships also held in Tunisia also remain unpaid.

V. 2017 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The four zonal championships and the 2017 African Individual Chess Championships were duly concluded in time for the qualifiers for the 2017 FIDE World Cup in Georgia to be nominated accordingly.

The complete payment of the prize fund and the stipend for the Chief Arbiter are still awaiting conclusion.

The above indicated amounts are covered by the Clause 2.3.1 of the Regulations for both the 2017 FIDE World Cup and the Regulations for the Women's World Championship Cycle.

These are indicated here below:

2. 3. 1. FIDE shall guarantee a minimum grant of USD 92,000 towards the total prize fund for Continental Championships, divided among the following continents:

- 1. Americas 32,000 USD (minimum prize fund in total: 50,000 USD)**
- 2. Asia-Oceania 32,000 USD (minimum prize fund in total: 50,000 USD)**
- 3. Africa 28,000 USD (minimum prize fund in total: 28,000 USD)**
- 4. Europe ---- (minimum prize fund in total: 100,000 EUR)**

Total: 92,000 USD (net of any FIDE deductions)

2. 3. 1. FIDE shall guarantee a minimum total prize fund of USD 15,000 for the Continental Championships divided among the Continents, as follows:

- 1. Americas 5,000 USD**
- 2. Asia-Oceania 5,000 USD**
- 3. Africa 5,000 USD**

As effective 2014, the African Continental Championships are held every two years whilst the FIDE World Cup and the Women's World Championships have a TWO-YEAR cycle it means that the total prize fund of US\$ 33,000 (US\$ 28,000+US\$ 5,000) must be divided equally to give an ANNUAL prize fund allocation of US\$ 16,500.

The additional provision provided by Clause 5.3 of the FIDE Financial Regulations:

QUOTE

The entry fees must be paid to FIDE at the time the participant (participating team) is entered for the competition. Twenty per cent (20%) of the entry fees for FIDE events (except Olympiad) will go to the credit of the organizing federation (50% in case of chess developing federations).

UNQUOTE

Becomes helpful in mitigating other costs especially for the higher turn-out events such as the African Youth and African Schools Individual Championships.

Of the Zonal Championships already held in 2017, the above provisions were not adequate to enable the prize fund and stipend payments to be fully catered for in the 2017 Zone 4.1 Individual Championships.

VI. PROPOSAL TO CLEAR ALL OUTSTANDING PRIZE FUND AND STIPEND PAYMENTS

Since the majority of African Federations have outstanding debts to FIDE and the collected Tournament fees are not adequate to cover payment of ALL the current outstanding payments of Prize Fund, stipend payments and transport refunds, it would be prudent to request FIDE to cover these outstanding payments utilising the balance of Development Funds allocated to Africa, with an additional request on an advance from next year's allocation in order to clear all these indicated due payments from the respective Federations.

VII. 2018 GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT FUND LETTER FROM FIDE PRESIDENT

Attached here with is a letter from the FIDE President regarding the utilisation of the 2018 Georgia Olympiad Development Fund allocation as announced in Tromso.

Africa has received just over US\$ 41,000 for the purchase of chess sets and Leaptimer Digital Clocks to be supplied to the Federation which should have been supplied from the 2016 Development Fund allocation.

Twenty African Federation have started receiving 200 chess sets and 50 clocks. These are Burundi, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Liberia, Togo, Sudan, South Sudan, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Mali and Sierra Leone.

A strategy to benefit further from this allocation will need to be devised as we approach the Olympiad.

Furthermore, a better strategy for the utilisation of the Travel Grant for the 2018 World Chess Olympiad will need to be devised to avoid the fallout from the previous Baku episode.



Lewis Ncube
ACC President