

Minutes of 6th AFRIAMSLIC Regional Group for Africa meeting,

25 October 2018

Entebbe, Uganda

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AFRIAMSLIC's Chair

2014- 2018

Thursday, October 25, 2018, the **Regional Group of Africa for IAMSLIC** held its **6th meeting** at the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel in Entebbe, Uganda.

Members present (List of Participants below).

The meeting was organized in conjunction with the **44th IAMSLIC Conference: Entebbe, Uganda, October 21-25, 2018** under the theme, ["Transforming the Global Information Landscape"](#) and was called by Ms. Arame Ndiaye Keita, the Chair-AFRIAMSLIC.

She welcomed the IAMSLIC's President, Dr. David Baca and members to the meeting. She informed members that there were six issues to present and discuss in accordance with the provisional agenda.

It was further noted that she sent the provisional agenda via email to all members of the regional group as well as present participants prior to the meeting.

The participants approved the agenda without changes.

1. Organization of the election

The group discussed the organization of the election of officers (Chair and Secretary) and provided recommendations as follows:

- a. Second Call for candidature and or nominations; Application with provision of biography Information from all Candidates (Chair and Secretary). Criteria of nominations, duties officers to be recalled.
- b. Reminder: A first time call for nomination/application of both positions of Chair and Secretary of AFRIAMSLIC for 2018-2020 had been sent to all members of the group prior to the meeting.
- c. The deadline for submission was 25th October 2018 at Nairobi time and extended once up to *10 November 2018 at 12.00 pm GMT*.
- d. Voting should be through IAMSLIC electronic voting system and coordinated by Dr. David Baca.

- e. Date of elections: the vote must be completed by December 31, 2018.
- f. Announcement of the results and new AFRIAMSLIC officers through IAMSLIC listserv.

- **Representative in IAMLIC's Membership committee/Nominating committee**

Dr. David Baca announced the merging of the two committees to one and called for nomination/appointment of the new representative of AFRIAMSLIC for this committee.

- The meeting thanked Ms. Alice Endra and Mr. Geoffrey Salanje who respectively served for three terms as AFRIAMSLIC Representatives in IAMSLIC membership and Nominating Committees.
- The meeting agreed to postpone the nomination of the new representative of AFRIAMSLIC in IAMSLIC's Nominating/Membership Committee until the election of the new officers (Chair and the Secretary) of the group. This position to be open to all members of the group.

2. Recruiting new Members

The meeting agreed on the following strategies and ideas to recruit new members:

- Promote IAMSLIC during institutional, national and sub- regional conferences and events;
- Make connections with related institutions and networks within Africa;
- Recruit members from environmental institutions and not limited only to aquatic domain.
- Two new members from Uganda joined AFRIAMSLIC/IAMSLIC: Eva Mutongole Wamala, NEMA and Stephen Mercy Sebuliba, LVRLACC.

3. Communication

- **Website:**
- Ms Keita recalled the development of the new website of the regional group which she introduced during the 44th IAMSLIC conference <http://www.iamslc.org/afriamslic/> and thanked Mr. Steve Watkins for his technical assistance.
- She also suggested setting up a website management team or committee to update regularly the website developed with WordPress.
- The meeting agreed and proposed a working group, which could work if needed with the IAMSLIC website committee. Members of the website

management team will include Ms. Arame Ndiaye Keita, Mr. Leonel Arao; Ms. Bouchra Bazi and Mr. Andreas Hainghumbi.

- In addition, participants of the meeting agreed on the need for training on the Wordpress software in order to enable members of the team to update the website.

- **Facebook Page**

To improve communication and increase the visibility of the group, the meeting recommended reaching people via social media such as Facebook, What's App, Twitter, etc.

It was recalled that the Facebook page of the regional group is: www.facebook.com/groups/AFRIAMSLIC/. In addition, following actions were recommended:

- Develop and send an invitation letter to join both AFRIAMSLIC & IAMSLIC (President);
- Create a PowerPoint in four languages (English, French , Portuguese and Arabic) and send it via Facebook, What's App;
- Ms. Keita (Administrator) to send invitation to all members of the group to join the Facebook page of AFRIAMSLIC.

4. Other planned Activities/ Ideas of sub-regional or regional Projects

Collaboration with regional organization: The participants agreed to contact the following organizations for partnership and mutual participation in events/activities and representation in committees whenever it is possible.

- African Library & Information Associations & Institutions (AFLIA) have various commissions including aquatic and marine. Mr. Coffi Gbedo will provide contacts. Next meeting is May 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya and representatives from AFRIAMSLIC are needed (Geoffrey Salanje).
- Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL): Meets every 2 years; next meeting in 2020 in Namibia (Ms. Alice Endra will provide more information).

5. Other Business

It was noted that an Aquatic Commons work party was organized on October 21, 2018, Sunday 10.30-13.30 in Entebbe, Uganda and was attended by several participants. More information could be found on the IAMSLIC blog.

A five-day FAO/ASFA training course (October 27-31, October 2018) was organized back to back with the conference in Jinja, Uganda and hosted by NaFFIRRI. Ms. Maria Kalentsits from FAO / ASFA and Ms. Helen Wibley conducted the course. Participants were from Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal and Uganda. For more information, please refer to ASFA report.

The meeting thanked all who contributed to AFRIAMSLIC's success over the past year and to all those who helped organize the 44th conference which was the second IAMSLIC conference in Africa.

Special thanks to IOC/IODE, FAO/ASFA and IAMSLIC for supporting the members of the regional group to attend and participate actively in this Conference and other side events.

The meeting recognized Alice Endra and All staff for their great work hosting our conference.

Meeting adjourned at 17.00 pm.

List of Participants of the meeting.

- David Baca ,Texas A&M University (United States)
- Arame Ndiaye Keita, DPM (Senegal)
- Alice ENDRA, NaFIRRI (Uganda)
- Geoffrey Salanje, LUANAR (Malawi)
- Coffi F. R. Gbedo , IRHOB (Benin)
- Assane Fall, IMROP (Mauritania)
- Cheikh Ibrahima Sakho, IMROP (Mauritania)
- Bouchra Bazi INRH, (Morroco)
- Leonel Arao, INAHINA (Mozambique)
- Andreas Hainghumbi, NatMIRC (Namibia)
- Eva Mutongole Wamala, NEMA (Uganda)
- Stephen Mercy Sebuliba, LVRLACC (Uganda)

