



## Minutes of the AIGC Meeting held on the Zoom platform on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Chairperson of the meeting:** Princess Juliette Kongo (Interim President of AIGC)

### Agenda

1. **Opening** with meditation (moment of silence)

2. **Welcoming:**

The Interim President welcomed all the members in attendance and declared the meeting duly opened. She then presented the main item of the Agenda having to do with the election of a permanent Bureau that should carry on with the affairs of the organisation after the transitional period that has just expired. Princess Kongo has been holding the fort as an Interim President since June 2020.

In her opening remark she expressed appreciation to all the leaders of the Interim leadership structure for the confidence and collaboration she received in the setting up of AIGC as an organization and called on all the founding members to remain vigilant and devoted, as in the past, in keeping the flame, vision and objectives alive and burning as expressed and adopted in the Constitution of AIGC.

3. **Credentials**

#### **Attendees**

- Cameroon
- South Africa
- Ghana
- Nigeria

- Senegal
- Ethiopia
- Burkina Faso
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Nigeria
- Diaspora

#### **Apologies**

- No apologies were registered in the meeting.

#### **4. Quorum**

The Interim Secretary General, H.M. King Robinson Tanyi confirmed that the meeting does form the required quorum for it to deliberate, discuss and take decisions.

#### **5. Report on the Registration of AIGC**

HRH Zolani Mkiva presented a detailed report that confirmed the successful registration of AIGC as a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) with the provision of the South African legal jurisdiction. The only outstanding issue is the ratification of the Directors/Board Members owing to their submission of the certified copies of their Identity Documents or Passports and their residential addresses.

#### **6. Report on the opening of the Bank Account**

HRH Zolani Mkiva gave the meeting a feedback on the opening of the Bank Account for AIGC. He informed the members that the Bank Account has been opened with the First National Bank (FNB) and the type of account is a Cheque Business Account. The initial signatories of the Bank Account are HRH Zolani Mkiva and Prince Manene Tabane.

#### **7. Elections of the Executive Committee**

The Interim Secretary General read out the minutes of the previous meeting and announced the positions to be filled in the election to make a complete structure of the Executive Committee.

The following leaders were unanimously elected into office.

- PRESIDENT-GENERAL: **HM Dr Robinson Tambe Ayuk TANYI, Cameroon/REGION - V.**
- SECRETARY-GENERAL: **HRH Hon Zolani MKIVA, South Africa/REGION - 11**
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL: **Leontine SEHOUE, African Diaspora REGION – VI.**
- TRESURER-GENERAL: **HM Suanu BARIDAM, Nigeria/REGION – IV**
- ASSISTANT-TREASURER: **Prince Manene TABANE, South Africa/REGION – 11**
- COMMISSIONER, African Diaspora & AFRO-DESCENDANTS: **Prince KATOTO KATEBE Raphael, REGION VI.**

- COMMISSIONER, WOMEN & YOUTH AFFAIRS: **Princess Julie KONGO Burkina Faso/REGION IV.**
- COMMISSIONER, STRATEGY & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: **HM Nana AYIMEDU BREMPONG III, Ghana/REGION IV.**
- GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEDIA & MARKETING : **Mr KOUO Romain, Diaspora – (Cote d’Ivoire – France)/REGION VI.**
- PUBLIC RELATIONS – RELATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN UNION, EUROPE & ASIA (INTER-CULTURAL AFFAIRS) – **Mr BROOK TEMEGEN, Ethiopia/REGION III**
- PUBLIC RELATIONS - CULTURAL EVENTS MOBILISATION : **HM Malick NGOM, Senegal/ REGION 1V.**
- POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PEACE & Post RECONSTRUCTION DIVISION: **Ir. Ghislain KIKUDJI, RDC/REGION – V.**
- EMI-IMMIGRATION & DIASPORA division:
- SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE COUNCIL : 1. **Dr Boubacar DIAKITE, Diaspora – ( Mali -USA) /REGION VI**

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- **REGIONAL COORDINATORS:**

**The meeting resolved to appoint Regional Coordinators as part of the extended Executive Committee to ensure that AIGC has a broader audience and footprint across Africa and the world.**

- Region - I (North Africa):
- Region – II (South Africa):
- Region – III (East Africa): **Prince Omar ALI MIRAH, (AFAR People) Ethiopia,**
- Region – IV (West Africa):
- Region – V (Central Africa):
- Region – VI (African Diaspora):

## **8. *Acceptance Speech by the newly elected AIGC President***

In his acceptance speech, the President on behalf of the newly elected Executive Members thanked Princess Kongo for the good job done during the Transitional period and praised her other Executive members as well for the sacrifices made. He further expressed his gratitude for the confidence bestowed on him and his team and underlined the need for a team spirit and approach to issues and the necessity for speed, accuracy, integrity and loyalty to Africa as we all should hit the ground running. Our continent has suffered and continue to suffer injustices and marginalization in all forms. This MUST stop and it is on us its children to launch the assault to win back the sovereignty and respect lost this far. We cannot continue to be mocked at as poor in the midst of abundance and by the same people who conspire in plundering our God-given resources. Political and Traditional Leaders must forge a relationship that makes ‘ **The Africa We Want**’ far from being a dream by 2063, AU standards. We must seek to glorify Africa with the Traditional and Customary means at our disposal and we can only do so with a single loud voice. This calls for unity amongst ourselves and extending our vision to others in making our voice louder and our demands achievable. We will have to do things differently this time around in a result-based formula using our very rich human resources and proven traditional methods of age as the means to achieve Successes and Progress.

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This should involve the setting up of various specialized Committees and THINK-TANK Groups able to reflect and come up with ideal solutions to the myriad challenges we face a Continent. These Committee of TECHNOCRATS, a lot of them within the diaspora will do all the brainstorming and fine-tuning of ideas for our implementation. We shall work to bring the African Diaspora of the 5 Continents into a single stream of efficient and committed group of men and Women of a single cause and vision to make our population and people useful, our fertile land and its resources a place for others to come towards us and NOT our children rushing out, in search of greener pastures, at the high prize with their lives been washed off the shores of the Mediterranean in humiliating circumstances that degrade this birth place of humanity. We will structure various 'THINK-TANK' groups to seek to reverse the odds and issues that has plagued our people over the years in and around the Continent.

On other matters, with the Name and bank account properly established with a South African based financial Institution, our activities should now witness a turn-around. In this light, the President appealed to all the members to pay in their subscription dues within upcoming three (3) months having May 31st as the cut-off date. It is also the moment to seek for the membership and connection of other Royals and Diasporans' of INTEGRITY willing and able to join us in the 'struggle'. Subscription fee for FOUNDATION members and all who join us before 31<sup>st</sup> may 2021 will be USD 100 only and same amount for annual contributions. All others who will join thereafter will pay USD 200 dollars as subscription fee or as will be reviewed. Subscription is paid just once in the life of one's membership.

## **9. Action Plan**

- 9.1. Before the meeting rose, a decision was taken to address Goodwill and Congratulatory messages to the Newly elected Chairperson of the African Union, HE Felix TSHESKEDI of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the re-elected AU Commissioner, Hon. Mr MAHAMAT FAKI.
- 9.2. The Secretariat was given the task to develop a Strategic Plan, which should include Marketing activities as soon as possible.
- 9.3. Budgeting and Resource Mobilisation
- 9.4. ALL Members were further reminded to send a certified copy of their personal addresses (mail, Post office Box, Water & electricity or other utility bills to the Secretariat General. A copy of their personal profile, a passport sized picture and any document of AUTHENTICATION and/or RECOGNITION, that is official, as Royals and or as belonging to a Diaspora group MUST BE INCLUDED.

## **10. Closure**

With no other point on the agenda, the meeting was declared closed by the President.

**Secretary-General**

**President**