

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> AFRIMETS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) Virtual space, 20 to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

# Resolution 01/2022

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the contributions to the 15<sup>th</sup> AFRIMETS GA held virtually from 19-22 July 2022, from the following:

- the AUC, represented by Acting Director Mr. Chiza Chiumya, Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals (ETTIM),
- Dr Oswald Chinyamakobvu, QI advisor to ETTIM,
- BIPM, represented by Dr Martin Milton, Director, and Mr Andy Henson, Department Director, International Liaison and Communication,
- OIML, represented by Assistant Director Ian Dunmill of the BIML,
- APMP, represented by Dr Takehiro Morioka, APMP Secretariat,
- COOMET, represented by Ms Nino Mikanadze, Vice-President,
- EURAMET, represented by Dr Jörn Stenger, Chairperson,
- GULFMET, represented by Eng. Amina Al Bastaki, President,
- SIM, represented by Dr Claire Saundry, President,
- CIPM, represented by Dr Wynand Louw, President, and
- PTB, represented by Mrs Kathrin Wunderlich, Project Coordinator and Mr Martin Kaiser, consultant to PTB.

# Resolution 02/2022

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the participation of AFRIMETS delegates to the Director meeting, the EXCOM, virtual Technical Committee meetings, the Open General Assembly, and the Closed General Assembly. NMIs and NLMBs were thanked for supporting the activities of AFRIMETS and urged to continue their support.

# Resolution 03/2022

AFRIMETS GA expressed its appreciation to the PTB for its continued support to AFRIMETS including translation for this GA. It noted the presentation by Mrs Kathrin Wunderlich and that the Pan-African development project continues with additional funding allocated towards the implementation of the AfCFTA. AFRIMETS members were urged to submit proposals with an appropriate continental benefit, through the Secretariat.

#### Resolution 04/2022

AFRIMETS GA acknowledged the crucial role and support required from the Directors of AFRIMETS member institutions to direct and guide the activities of AFRIMETS and noted their input to the implementation of a membership fee for AFRIMETS. The Directors and Dr Chinyamakobvu further urged AFRIMETS members to contact their government departments involved in the technical committees of the AfCFTA and to participate in relevant meetings.

#### Resolution 05/2022

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the immense contribution by Prof. Dr Mohamed Amer to AFRIMETS, and that due to an additional national commitment, he is not available for a next term as Chairperson. Subsequently the Executive committee invited nominations for a new Chairperson and vice-chairs, and the GA elected the following office bearers for the term 2022-24:

Chairperson:	Dr Henry Rotich, EAMET (KEBS)
Vice-Chair Scientific:	Mr Mathew Ranganai, SADCMET (SIRDC-NMI)
Vice-Chair Legal:	Eng. John Paul Musimami, EAMET (UNBS)
Vice-Chair Scientific 2:	Madame Souad Bouaziz, MAGMET (ANM)

AFRIMETS GA welcomed the new office bearers and wished the outgoing Chairperson and vice-chair (Mr Jaco Marneweck) all the best with their activities.

AFRIMETS GA noted the nomination from MAGMET for the Vice-Chair Legal 2, and requested MAGMET to forward the nomination to represent the sub-regions communicating in French, to the TC-Legal Secretariat for ratification. The Secretariat is tasked to finalise the appointment online through the Executive Committee and communicate the outcome to members.

# Resolution 06/2022

The AFRIMETS GA, recalling Resolution 07/2021 that endorsed the proposal from the Directors of AFRIMETS member institutions to introduce a membership fee from 2023, *Noting* 

The study conducted by the Secretariat that included the studies conducted by AFRAC and the process by SIM to determine the options for establishing a legal entity and to introduce a membership fee,

# Considering

The urgency created by the implementation of the AfCFTA and the post-pandemic rebuilding of the economy,

# Decides

That a minimal fee be implemented per country from 2023. It will be based on 3 categories:

- A. Members utilising the resources and participating in the projects of the Technical Committees of AFRIMETS, \$3000
- B. Members or Associates that participate mostly in the sub-RMO activities and the meetings of AFRIMETS, \$2000
- C. A fee for participation in the meetings and activities of AFRIMETS for Associates and Observers only attending meetings of AFRIMETS, non-members, or member country delegates that has not implemented the official membership fee, or that are in arrears.
  \$100 - \$300 per event, depending on the cost of the activity.

That the intention is to increase the fee over a period to allow a sustainable AFRIMETS. The current evaluation is that a fee of \$6000 to \$8000 is envisaged in 3-5 years.

That the fee for the next period be approved by each GA.

# Tasks

The secretariat to:

- Update the (i) Memorandum of Incorporation and (ii) AFRIMETS Constitution,
- Develop BYLAWS to be approved online by EXCO,
- Register AFRIMETS as a NPO in the RSA,
- Register a bank account, and
- Prepare a communication to Members that outlines the value proposition of AFRIMETS and introduces the membership fee.

#### Resolution 09/2022

AFRIMETS noted the work programmes of the technical committees and urged members to support its implementation.

The following TC Chairs are elected, or re-elected, for the period from the GA 2022 to the next election:

#### TC-EM

Chair: Mr Alexander Matlejoane, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-Chair 1: Mr Michael Khoza, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-Chair 2: Professor Dr Mohammed Helmy Abd El-Raouf, NIS, NEWMET

Secretary: Dr Hala Mohamed Abd El Megeed, NIS, NEWMET, Vice-secretary: Ms Grace Ateka, KEBS, EAMET

# TC-L

Chair: Mr Oelof Kruger, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-Chair: Dr Osama Terra, NIS, NEWMET

# TC-RI

Chair: Mr Sibusiso Jozela, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-Chair: Prof. Dr Noha Khaled, NIS, NEWMET Vice-Chair 2: Mr Collins Omonde, KEBS, EAMET CCRI (I): Prof. Dr Noha Khaled, CCRI (II); Mr Martin van Staden, CCRI (III); Prof. Ahmed El-Sersy, Diagnostic Radiology; Mr Refuoe Pepenene, Services; Dr Reham Hamdy

# TC-T

Chair: Dr Efrem Ejigu, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-Chair: Prof. Dr Mohamed Gamal Ahmed, NIS, NEWMET Vice-Chair 2: Mr Richard Odak, KEBS, EAMET

# TC-QS

Chair: Professor Dr Noha Emad Khaled, NIS, NEWMET Vice-Chair CMCs: Dr Wynand Louw, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-Chair French QS: Me Soumaya Chaieb, INRAP, MAGMET Vice-Chair ISO 17034 and ISO/IEC 17043: Mrs Soumaya Chaieb, INRAP, MAGMET Secretariat: Dr Gouda Mohammed, NIS and Mrs Lerato Ntatamala, NMISA

TC-QS invited nominations for a second vice-chair and will publish the Procedure for Acceptance of a QS in English and French on the AFRIMETS website.

# TC Mass & Related Quantities

Chair: Mr Thomas Mautjana, NMISA, SADCMET		
Vice-Chair: Mr Dominic Ondoro, KEBS, EAMET		
Vice-Chair: Dr Ahmed Desosky, NIS, NEWMET		
Sub-Chairs:		
Pressure and Vacuum	: Dr Shaker Gelany, NIS, NEWMET; vice-chair Mr Prince Tawiah, GSA, NEWMET	
Force and Torque:	Dr Khaled Abdelaziz, NIS, NEWMET; vice-chair Mr Bangi Josephat, KEBS, EAMET	
Fluid Flow:	Mr Mpilo Dlamini, NMISA, SADCMET; vice-chair Dr Ali Zahran, NIS, NEWMET	
Density and Viscosity: Dr Mohamed Hamdy, NIS, NEWMET; vice-chair Ms Beatrice Lugadiru, KEBS, EAMET		
Mass:	Mr Bongani Ndlovu, NMISA, SADCMET; vice-chair Mr Lhossain Mechkour, LPEE-LNM, MAGMET	

#### TC-AUV

Chair: Mr Ian Veldman, NMISA, SADCMET Vice-chair: Mr Anderson Maina, KEBS, EAMET

# TC-Legal

Chair: Eng. John-Paul Musimami, UNBS, EAMET Vice-Chair: Eng. Himba Cheelo, SADCMEL

# Resolution 10/2022

AFRIMETS GA noted the countries that indicated the hosting of future GAs:

2023: Egypt, NIS will be the host.

2024: Morocco (LPEE-LNM) and Ethiopia (NMIE) indicated that they can be contacted for possible future hosting.

#### Resolution 11/2022

TC Legal has noted with concern the lack of representation during meetings and workshops for several years and appealed to all SRMO's and member states to participate in the updating of the Legal Metrology contact list. All Legal Metrology related SRMO Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Regional coordinator information will be captured, as well as the official contact persons of all member countries. This will assist to ensure greater participation in all TC-Legal activities and meetings in future.

#### Resolution 12/2022

AFRIMETS GA noted the presentation by Dr Wynand Louw, CIPM President, on the draft Resolutions to be tabled at the 26<sup>th</sup> CGPM in November 2022, and urged the heads of the NMIs of the States party to the Metre Convention in Africa, to engage their state representatives to support the resolutions. The detail can be viewed at <u>https://www.bipm.org/en/cgpm-2022</u>

#### Resolution 13/2022

AFRIMETS GA expressed its appreciation to the AFRIMETS Secretariat for the excellent hosting of the virtual GA 2022, and to all the attendees.