

## THE 16TH AFRIMETS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**VENUE: HILTON PYRAMID GOLF HOTEL IN CAIRO EGYPT**

**DATE: 20 JULY 2023**

**TIME: 11:45 CAIRO TIME**

### SESSION 1: WELCOME

<b>Meeting Chaired by</b>	Dr Henry Rotich
<b>Minutes taken by</b>	Ms Duduzile Elouga
<b>Type of Meeting</b>	CLOSED GA
<b>Apologies received</b>	None
<b>Welcome and Official Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair welcomed everyone back to the meeting after the opening ceremony with the Minister of Trade.</li> </ul>

### 2. VERIFICATION OF SRMOs, AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 2.1 Verification of SRMOs:

SRMOs	SCIENTIFIC	LEGAL
CEMACMET	Aristine Gabin Nguedeu	Silla Sembala
EAMET	Philibert Zimulinda	John Paul Musimami
ECOMET	Gabriel AHISSOU	Striggner BEDU-Addo
MAGMET	Souad Bouaziz	Karim Bakari
NEWMET	Noha Emad Khaled	Izdihar Ahmed
SADCMET/MEL	Donald Masuku	Jaco Marneweck

#### 2.2 Agenda:

- The Secretariat has informed the meeting that the agenda will not be followed due to time constrain.

#### 2.3 Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the Closed GA 2022 was approved by the EXCO after few corrections of wrong name spelling.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING AND FEEDBACK FROM DIRECTOR ANAD EXCO MEETINGS

#### 3.1 Matters Arising:

- All matter arisings will be in the resolutions.

#### 3.2 Feedback from Director and EXCO Meetings:

- The Chair appreciated the participation of the directors at the AFRIMETS meetings and stated that for AFRIMETS to succeed it needs everyone's participation. He further urged everyone to send communication through the Secretariat.

##### 3.2.1 Movement of Artifacts:

- The movement of artifacts needs to be communicated effectively from the country that received it to the next country, so that the receiving NMI can organize for its speedy transfer through customs.
- The TCs are encouraged to be more active.
- The Chair and Dr Louw will be attending the upcoming BIPM meetings that will be held in October at the BIPM headquarters, AFRIMETS has been voted to chair the meetings.
- The Chair encouraged the AFRIMETS members to attend the Director and State representative meetings that will be held in October at the BIPM headquarters. It is AFRIMETS's turn to chair the Director's meetings.
- The Technical people were asked to give their directors information of their projects so that the directors may understand their role in the Metrology and give them full support. Directors are requested to budget for participation in activities that are partly sponsored, such as the Food safety PTs.
- Dr Noha emphasized initializing the digitalization forum and asked countries to establish the calibration of medical devices.
- There will be across-cuttter forum for the medical device calibration (and other related issues).

### 4. OFFICE BEARERS 2023-2025

<b>3.1 Office Bearers:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current office bearers have confirmed their availability for the next term.</li> <li>TC-Legal has appointed Mr Abderazek Laouini from Tunisia as Vice Chair Legal French.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. UPDATE ON AFRIMETS GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration of legal entity &amp; AFRIMETS membership fee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Refer to the EXCO minutes, Item 4 Matter arising (4.1) and on the resolutions in Appendix A.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>6. AFRIMETS 16TH GA RESOLUTIONS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated resolutions will be shared on the AFRIMETS website.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<b>7.1 Next Meeting:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethiopia has volunteered to host the next AFRIMETS GA. However, there is currently no representative to confirm if they will host the GA 2024. The Secretariat will follow up with Ethiopia and Morocco who previously indicated their interest in hosting an AFRIMETS GA.</li> <li>The Venue and date for the next AFRIMETS GA will be communicated latest February 2024.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. CLOSURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair encouraged the TCs and forums to meet regularly.</li> <li>The Chair thanked the delegates, government institutes, NIS, Egyptian government, and the Secretariat for the support of the GA 2023.</li> <li>The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meetings and wished them a safe trip back to their respective countries and families.</li> <li>The Secretariat thanked the Chair and the NIS organizing team for their hard work in preparing for the GA and congratulated them for successfully and efficiently hosting the GA 2023. The IT in the main room is thanked for being able to sort out all technical problems for streaming online presentations, and to make the Open and Closed GA so successful.</li> </ul>

# APPENDIX A



## **RESOLUTIONS OF THE 16<sup>th</sup> AFRIMETS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) 20 July 2023**

### **Resolution 01/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the contributions to the 16<sup>th</sup> AFRIMETS GA and related meetings held 16-20 July 2023, from the following:

- Minister of Supply and Internal Trade, Dr Ali El Moslehi, Egypt
- CIPM represented by Dr Wynand Louw, President, and BIPM represented by Dr Anna Cypionka, Department Director, International Liaison and Communication,
- OIML represented by Dr Yang Ping, Deputy-Chairperson of the OIML Digitalisation Task Group, and BML represented by Director Anthony Donnellan,
- PTB represented by Mr Martin Kaiser,
- APMP represented by Dr Samyong Woo, APMP Executive Secretary,
- COOMET represented by Ms Nino Mikanadze, Vice-President,
- EURAMET represented by Dr Maguelonne Chambonne, Vice-Chair,
- GULFMET represented by Eng. Amina Al Bastaki, President,
- SIM represented by Eng. Claudio Santo, SIM Secretariat.

### **Resolution 02/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the hosting of the 16<sup>th</sup> GA by the National Institute of Standards, NIS, under the auspices of Minister Mohamed Ayman Ashour of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and requests Dr Noha Khaled, President of NIS, to express its appreciation to the staff of NIS that so excellently assisted, as well as the management and staff of the venue hotel.

### **Resolution 03/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the participation of AFRIMETS delegates in the Directors' meeting, the EXCOM, the Technical Committee meetings, the Open General Assembly, and the Closed General Assembly. NMIs and NLMBs were thanked for their continued support of the AFRIMETS activities.

### **Resolution 04/2023**

AFRIMETS GA expressed its appreciation to the PTB for its continued support to AFRIMETS including assistance to the Technical Committee Length ILC workshop, and the Digitalisation workshop.

*Noted*

- The presentation by Dr Jens Niederhausen to the Digitalisation workshop and appreciates future technical collaboration on issues of digitalisation,
- That requests for general attendance at meetings are not included in the pan-African project priorities and urged AFRIMETS to submit proposals, with appropriate continental benefit, through the Secretariat,
- That if requests for information on the status of the QI in Africa is not responded to by the members of AFRIMETS the information will not be available for the preparation of stocktaking maps, and hence requests for funding may not be executable.

#### *Urged*

Members of AFRIMETS to participate in benchmarking and stocktaking activities to support the activities of PAQI and the implementation of metrology for the AfCFTA.

### **Resolution 05/2023**

AFRIMETS GA acknowledged the crucial role and support required from the Director Generals, Presidents, CEOs, Directors, and Managers of AFRIMETS member institutions or metrology departments, to direct and guide the activities of AFRIMETS,

#### *Requested*

Members to make use of the opportunities for benchmarking (Inter Laboratory Comparisons-ILC), proficiency testing (PTs) and training that are offered by member institutions,

#### *Urged Institutions to budget.*

- To carry artefacts for ILCs to the next country,
- For participation in especially subsidised activities. Details can be found on the AFRIMETS website, [www.afrimets.org](http://www.afrimets.org).
- For attendance of official delegates and technical experts to the GA 2024.

### **Resolution 06/2023**

AFRIMETS GA congratulated Mr Ibrahim Ahmed with his appointment as the Executive Secretary of the Joint Committee for Regional Metrology Organisations and the BIPM (JCRB) and Mr Jaco Marneweck with his appointment as the Chair of the OIML Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology (CEEMS) Advisory Group Chairperson and wished them success with their important contribution to the activities of BIPM and OIML.

### **Resolution 07/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted with appreciation the availability of the Chairperson and Vice-chairpersons for the next year and endorsed the election by TC-Legal of the Vice-Chair Legal metrology French until the next elections.

The office bearers of AFRIMETS were noted as:

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

### **Resolution 08/2023**

AFRIMETS GA decided that the Sub-RMO representatives that form the Executive Committee be formally noted at each GA and be in office until at least the end of the next GA. The Executive of AFRIMETS until the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> GA of 2024 were noted as:

<b>SRMO</b>	<b>Scientific</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Official Members</b>
CEMACMET	Aristine Gabin Nguedeu	Silla Sembala	6
EAMET	Philibert Zimulinda	John Paul Musimami	5
ECOMET	Gabriel AHISSOU	Striggner BEDU-Addo	13
MAGMET	Souad Bouaziz	Karim Bakari	4
NEWMET	Noha Emad Khaled	Izdihar Ahmed	10
SADCMET/MEL	Donald Masuku	Jaco Marneweck	16

## Resolution 09/2023

AFRIMETS noted the work programmes of the Technical Committees and urged members to support their implementation.

The following TC Chairs are elected, or re-elected, for the period from the GA 2023 to the next election:

### TC-EM

Chair: Mr Alexander Matlejoane, NMISA, SADCMET  
 Vice-Chair 1: Mr Michael Khoza, NMISA, SADCMET  
 Vice-Chair 2: Dr Rasha Sayed, NIS, NEWMET  
 Secretary: Dr Hala Mohamed Abd El Megeed, NIS, NEWMET,  
 Vice-secretary: Ms Grace Ateka, KEBS, EAMET

### TC-L

Chair: Prof. Dr Osama Terra, NIS, NEWMET  
 Vice-Chair: Mr Bunhard Ghanda, SIRD-C-NML, SADCMET

### TC-RI

Chair: Mr Sibusiso Jozela, NMISA, SADCMET  
 Vice-Chair: Prof. Dr Noha Khaled, NIS, NEWMET  
 Vice-Chair 2: Ms Grace Ateka, KEBS, EAMET  
**CCRI (I)**: Prof. Dr Noha Khaled, **CCRI (II)**; Dr Milton van Rooy, **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 ISO 17034 and ISO/IEC 17043 and French QS: Mrs Soumaya Chaieb, INRAP, MAGMET  
 Secretariat: Dr Gouda Mohammed, NIS, and Mrs Lerato Ntatamala, NMISA

### TC Mass & Related Quantities

Chair: Mr Thomas Mautjana, NMISA, SADCMET  
 Vice-Chair: Mr Dominic Ondoro, KEBS, EAMET  
 Vice-Chair: Dr Ahmed Desoky, 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: Dr 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: ??, SADCMEL

## **Resolution 10/2023**

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 development of the MEMORANDUM OF INCORPORATION FOR A NON-PROFIT COMPANY WITH MEMBERS,

### *Considering*

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

### *Decided*

To continue with urgency towards the registration of AFRIMETS as a non-profit company and to introduce a membership fee from 2025,

### *Thanked*

INRAP Tunisia for the assistance in translating the MOI into French,

### *Tasked*

The secretariat to:

- Finalise the MOI,
- Develop BYLAWS to be approved online by EXCO,
- Register AFRIMETS as a NPO in the RSA,
- Register a bank account, and
- With the assistance of EXCO, prepare a communication to Members that outlines the value proposition of AFRIMETS and introduces the membership fee.

## **Resolution 11/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted the inclusion of Metrology in the activities of the African Union Commission and the Pan African Quality Infrastructure for the implementation of the AfCFTA, appreciated the contribution of AFRIMETS officials to the development of the African Quality Policy (AQP), noted the adoption of the AQP and the formation of the AQP Council, and requested the EXCO to represent AFRIMETS in its meetings and activities, and to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of PAQI.

## **Resolution 12/2023**

AFRIMETS GA welcomed the recommendation of the participants of the Digitalisation Workshop and decided to establish an AFRIMETS Joint Forum for Digitalisation (AJFD), to closely interact with international

digitalisation activities and to coordinate digitalisation research, development, and implementation in Africa. The Secretariat is mandated to formalise the Forum and invite membership from the NMIs and NLMBs.

### **Resolution 13/2023**

AFRIMETS GA decided to establish an AFRIMETS Task Group for the regulation of Medical devices (TGMD) and requested the TGMD to liaise with RMO forums on medical devices, to disseminate the information to AFRIMETS members and to coordinate the regulation and calibration of medical devices in AFRIMETS. The Secretariat is tasked to formalise the task group and invite membership from the NMIs and NLMBs.

### **Resolution 14/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted the e-learning platform established by the BIPM Headquarters for the RMOs and agreed that AFRIMETS joins the initiative.

### **Resolution 15/2023**

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

2024: Ethiopia (NMIE) indicated that they can be contacted for hosting

2025: Morocco (DPCSMQ/LPEE-LNM) indicated that they can be contacted for hosting

Decided that if a host for a physical meeting in 2024 is not confirmed by February 2024, to hold the 17<sup>th</sup> AFRIMETS GA, the AFRIMETS GA will take place in virtual platform.

### **Resolution 16/2023**

AFRIMETS GA expressed its appreciation to the member institutions that sent delegates to the 16<sup>th</sup> GA, to the AFRIMETS Secretariat for the preparation of the documentation, and to all the attendees for their participation and contributions.

### **Resolution 17/2023**

AFRIMETS GA noted the AFRIMETS update and presentation by the Chairperson.