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Attendance :		
Chairman : Mr Oswald Chinyamakobvu Voting: Mr Karim Khalil (NEPAD)		
Attendees : AFRIMETS Delegates	Apologies : N/A	CC : N/A
Preamble		Action points
<p>Dr. Berrada requested an annexure be added to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The issue of the chairmanship rotating - The voting procedure - The Quorum <p>Dr. Berrada noted he will sign the MOU with the requested annexure attached. He also agreed to sign an English copy of the minutes at the meeting.</p> <p>There were decisions around the signatories page of the MOU. It was decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a master copy of the MOU - There will be a separate sheet to sign on - An individual may sign as country or on behalf of the SRMO. <p>Dr. Berrada also requested that all pages be initialled by the signatories.</p> <p>Dr. Louw: We can cater for countries that would like a signed initial of each page in addition to the attached signed pages. We will complete this in the next few weeks and e-mail through the annexure. Being an annexure we do not need to complete it before signature.</p> <p>Madam Laroussi: Can we also request an explanation of the logo (choice of colours etc) from the company that designed it.</p> <p>Dr. Seton Bennet pointed out a semantic oversight in the name AFRIMETS. The term “<i>Inter-</i> African” The “Inter” is not correct in the English language. It should be “Intra”.</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Secretariat</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr. Carstens</p>

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	<p>Mr Carstens replied that the GA will review and correct. Ethiopia & Egypt requested not to sign today. In principal they support the MOU; however they require approval from their DG.</p>	
Election process		
	<p>Voting was conducted, chaired by Mr. Karim Khalil.</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Wynand Louw Vice Chair 1: Dr. Mohamed Berrada Vice Chair 2: Mr. Geraldo Albasini</p> <p>Ms. Noura Laroussi (MAGMET) Mr. Joel Kioko (EAMET) Mr. Oumarou Yankine (SOAMET) Mr. Kimon Zulu (SADCMET) Mr. Lionel Ngwessy-Malaga (CAMET) Mr. Stuart Carstens (SADC Secretariat) Mr. Karim Khalil (NEPAD representative)</p> <p>After the election process was finalized, the work programme was discussed</p>	
Discussion of the work programme		
	<p>It was suggested that there would be two legs or streams of the work programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Technical Working programmes 2 – Awareness/ Funding/ Political <p>Mr. Karim Khalil suggested the attendance of meetings such as the Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI) from 24th to the 27th September in Africa. The Chairman asked for volunteers to attend. Mr. Stuart Carstens; and Mr. Karim Khalil indicated they would attend. Dr Wynand Louw will attend the JCRB meeting in Ottawa on behalf of SADCMET and AFRIMETS during this week.</p>	Secretariat

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<p>On the topic of Awareness, Mr. Michael Streak suggested the publication of a newsletter and some type of publicity or brochure. Tunisia indicated they are willing to assist</p> <p>Discussion on Awareness: Tunisia proposed the need to start working on an AFRIMETS Website. Dr. Louw also asked the French countries if they can help with providing input.</p> <p>Kenya suggested that World Metrology 2008 be used as an awareness activity.</p> <p>Following a request from the meeting, it was decided to put the minutes of the meetings onto the NMISA website and the NEPAD website.</p> <p>Dr. Pedro Espina requested the committee to also consider carefully the transition from SADCMET to AFRIMETS with respect to the BIPM. At the moment it is only SADCMET on the BIPM record.</p> <p>It also suggested that it would be very valuable for the Chairperson to visit each region or alternatively, that each region make information about its activities available for the chair person.</p> <p>Dr. Berrada suggested that the committee encourage other countries within the region on the importance of signing the Metre Convention. Dr. Louw requested a volunteer from the OIML and Mr. Stuart Carstens volunteered. The PTB indicated they will assist wherever asked/ needed.</p> <p>Discussion on technical tasks: Kenya suggested that the technical programmes need ground level input. The EXCOM & Chair can gather information to understand the members.</p> <p>Mr. Fossou Kpondoho Lawson-Hetchely suggested that a technical committee be elected to handle information on each region. He suggested a database that would show the activities in progress in each of the EAST, WEST, NORTH and SOUTH. Dr. Pedro Espina added that AFRIMETS would need technical committees that mimic the structure of the CC working groups, at BIPM. Dr. Louw concluded that we will not start with this immediately. We first will do a scoping study of exactly what is in each region.</p>	<p><i>Tunisia</i></p> <p><i>Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>ALL</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Carstens</i></p> <p><i>Secretariat</i></p>
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	<p>Mr. Brian Beard pointed out that this is also required for legal metrology. Legal metrology will also do a type of scoping study. Mr. Carstens recommended that Legal Metrology will also try to duplicate the activities of the CC's.</p> <p>Mr. Joel Kioko will drive a process to facilitate intercomparisons within the region. He will be assisted by Mr. Shравan Singh and Mr. Michael Streak.</p> <p>Dr. Louw stated that a letter will be sent to each country that attended requesting information for the survey. Volunteers also include Nigeria.</p> <p>Mr. Fossou Kpondoho Lawson-Hetchely recommended that the executive committee itself meets soon and that it organises its forthcoming schedule of meetings.</p> <p>Mr. Michael Streak: Another important task is of the work programme is to start to draft the rules of procedure, and the Definitions section to the MOU. Action: Volunteer Mr. Brian Beard. Mr. Beard will be assisted by Shравan Singh Dr. Berrada: & Madam Laroussi also volunteered to help with the rules of procedure and definitions.</p> <p>The French speaking countries volunteered to assist with the Rules of Procedure template. Côte d'Ivoire; Togo, and Dr. Berrada volunteer to help in future with French translations.</p>	<p><i>Mr. Stuart Carstens</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Kioko, Mr. Singh</i></p> <p><i>Secretariat</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Beard; Mr. Singh</i></p>
Date and Venue of next EXCOM and GA:		
	<p>A date of July 2008 (second week of July) was proposed. Date to be confirmed by the secretariat. The next EXCOM meeting will be held in SA and NEPAD confirmed that the same venue in Midrand can be used. Target date September/October/November. Tunisia (Mdme Laroussi) offered and proposed that the next GA meeting be held in Tunis, Tunisia. Accepted by the GA.</p>	<p><i>Secretariat</i></p>

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Closure:

	The meeting closed at 15h58

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