



منظمة الموفقين والوسطاء والرقابيين الأفارقة  
African Ombudsman and Mediators Association  
Association des Ombudsman et Mediateurs Africains

Associação dos Ombudsman e Mediadores Africanos

## AOMA SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL MEETING

### DECISIONS REGISTER

**DATE:** 28 – 30 November 2011

**VENUE:** Phakalane Golf Estate Hotel & resort

Gaborone, Botswana

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE	COMMENTS
<b>Membership of AOMA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>All membership subscriptions to be brought up to date.</li><li>Provide documents indicating supporting legislation and official support for AOMA.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Invoices to be made out. Determination of outstanding fees.</li><li>Submit to Secretariat.</li></ol>	AOMA members with assistance of AORC Secretariat	October 2011	Approved resolutions to be distributed to AOMA members.

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	3. Draft Resolution for submission to GA as regards what are the criteria and official documentation as regards application for membership.	3. Draft Resolution to be circulated for comment.			
<b>General Assembly</b>	<p>Mali to host the next General Assembly and EXCO and confirms Bamako as the location for the February 2012 GA.</p> <p>All regions to hold regional meetings, and Regional Coordinators to be informed on what needs to be done in preparation for the General Assembly.</p> <p>Executive Secretary to invite Zimbabwean, Libyan, South Sudan, Rwandan and Kenyan Ombudsman to the GA in Bamako. President will give feedback on invitations for Mozambique and Cape Verde.</p>		AORC Secretariat	Ongoing	
<b>West Africa Region</b>	<p>No Exco participation since April 2010. Uncertainty as regards Ombudsman of Cote d'Ivoire.</p> <p>French &amp; English versions of the Constitution conflict as regards solution.</p>	Ombudsman of Mali to clarify situation in consultation with Ombudsman of Burkina Faso and Benin.	Dr D. Cissoko (Mali)	30 September 2011	English version of Constitution to take precedence as original version. Incoming Ombudsman of Cote d'Ivoire to be Regional co-ordinator for W. Africa
<b>AORC Launch</b>	Formal letters of appreciation be sent to South African President Zuma, GIZ, Mayor of eThikwini, Premier of KwaZulu Natal, former Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo and the Vice Chancellor of UKZN.	Letters drafted	AORC Secretariat	September 2011	Approved letters to be sent out.
<b>Secretariat</b>	1. Proposal that AOMA Secretariat be transferred to AORC Secretariat.	Obtain Exco input. GA to approve resolutions.	AORC Secretariat	October 2011	Circulate to Exco for comment.

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	<p>2. Draft proposal for establishment of permanent Secretariat in S. Africa, to include financial and administrative arrangements</p> <p>3. Proposal for S. Africa's membership fees to be waived for 1-2 years in light of support to Secretariat.</p>	<p>South Africa's contribution to AORC and AOMA be quantified for the record of AOMA Executive</p>			
<b>Finance</b>	<p>1 Draft Resolution for submission to GA as regards fees and penalty clauses.</p> <p>2 Executive Secretary and President to host a conference with development partners on urgent basis to solicit funding and/or technical support.</p> <p>3 Angola to pay for the purchase of laptop computers and photocopier for AORC, and members encouraged to contribute to its operational costs.</p> <p>4 Proposal for next GA that Libyan account be closed. Stability of Libya to be monitored until then.</p>	<p>1. Draft Resolution to be circulated for comment.</p> <p>2. Determine availability of hosts and send out invitations.</p> <p>3. Letter of appreciation to AOMA President, with banking details drafted for Executive Secretary's signature.</p> <p>4. Draft Resolution to be presented at next GA</p>	AORC Secretariat	<p>1. October 2011</p> <p>2. November 2011</p> <p>3. September 2011</p> <p>4. February 2011</p>	
<b>Constitutional Amendments</b>	<p>Draft proposals for amendments to the constitution were presented by Ethiopia as Chair of the Sub-committee. Adv. John Walters (Ombudsman Namibia) to assist with legal drafting of the provisions. Other committee members must contribute/participate. The draft must be discussed at the regional meetings and then presented to EXCO before being tabled before the General Assembly.</p>	<p>Proposals must be translated into French, Arabic and Portuguese and distributed to all AOMA members.</p>	<p>Sub-committee for Constitutional Amendments (Ethiopia, Namibia, Uganda, Burkina Faso and Mali)</p>	<p>October 2011</p>	<p>Exco to discuss before presentation to GA.</p>

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<b>Advocacy and visibility of AOMA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compile database of CV's of AOMA Ombudsman.</li> <li>2. Make efforts to associate and link with other multilateral bodies for participation in work on good governance, democracy, human rights and anti-corruption for example, UNODC; and link with other regional bodies similar to AOMA.</li> <li>3. Regions to call meetings and invite office bearers as part of advocacy. In these meetings regions should design programmes and collective actions.</li> <li>4. AORC Secretariat to engage with regions not represented here.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Available expertise to be shared with AU, and utilised as resource for outreach activities.</li> <li>2. Suitable associations being explored.</li> </ol>	AORC Secretariat	November 2011	All AOMA members to send biodata of Ombudsman to Secretariat.
<b>IOI Directors' Meeting</b>	IOI meeting to take place at the end of October 2011 in Livingstone. Mrs Sokoni expressed concerns about poor representation of Africa in the IOI. Mrs Sokoni will try to secure invitations for the AOMA President and Executive Secretary to this meeting.		Ombudsman of Zambia	October 2011	Approved
<b>AORC Board meeting report</b>	Presented by Mr Mthethwa				Approved with amendments
<b>Resolutions and Declaration</b>	Presented by Mr Mthethwa.	Final drafts to be circulated.			Approved with amendments