

**Fide Executive Board**

**Tallin, Estonia**

**07/08 October 2013**

**Report of the African Continental President**

1- Continental African Meeting in Tallinn

It concerned mainly:

- modifications to the our obsolete statutes have been adopted
- our member to the Electoral Committee has been chosen and it is Mr M MUCHIMKA from Zambia.
- regulations for our Events were adopted
- Development plan for 2014

2- Conference of African Sports Ministers

The conference took place in July this year in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). It has been mainly concerned with the dissolution of the Suprem Council of Sports in Africa. This Council dealt essentially with the All African Games. Its duties now fall under the responsibility of the National Olympic Committees.

This change does not affect normally the inclusion of Chess in All African Games which are due to take place in Brazzaville (Congo).

Around the Conference, I took the opportunity to exchange views with ministers and high ranking officials from different countries regarding Chess in Africa and in the World. Chess, not surprisingly, has got a positive reputation among Sports authorities. They see it as a good possible tool to raise the skills of children. African Federations, as well as Fide should take benefit of this good

reputation and lobby National Authorities in order for Chess to expand and develop.

Talks took place with the Secretary General of the Organisation of Military Sports in Africa (OMSA). The possibility to include Chess into the military Games has been envisaged and a meeting is being planned in the next future.

Of course, discussions have been conducted regarding creation of Chess Federations where none exist. This has concerned Tchad, Guinee and Congo.

### 3- Competitions

So far the following competitions of 2013 were organised:

- Zonal 4.1

- Zonal 4.2

- Zonal 4.3

- African Open and Women

- African to take place in Algeria october 2013

- African Youth will be organised in South Africa in Oct. 2013