



## 87<sup>th</sup> FIDE CONGRESS

### AFRICAN CONTINENTAL MEETING

Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Time: 10:30hours

Venue: Fairmont Hotel, Baku, Azerbaijan.

#### Agenda

1. ACC President's welcome and opening remarks
2. Roll call
3. Verification of proxies
4. ACC President's Report
5. ACC General Secretary's Report
6. ACC Treasurer's Report
7. Presentation of 2017 Budget
8. Zonal Presidents' Reports
9. Presentation of 2017 ACC Tournament Calendar
10. Procedures for 2018 ACC tournament Bids
11. Report on 2017 African Chess in Schools Seminar Launch Programme
12. Proposed Modification of Statutes
13. Report on the creation of African Chess Confederation Commissions
14. Kenya Chess Federation Dispute: Kenyan Delegate to update assembly
15. Senegal Ministry of Sport Intervention: Senegalese Delegate to report
16. Closing Remarks
17. Closing remarks

#### Attendance List

Board: NCUBE Lewis (ZAM); ELGENDY Hesham (EGY); FUMEY Enyonam Sewa (TOG); KISUZE Stephen (UGA)

Delegates: (36) ZERDALI Samir (ALG); JAIME Aguinardo (ANG); MARUATONA Tshenolo (BOT); OUEDRAOGO Arnaud (BUR); NTAGASIGUMWAMI Deo (BDI); ESUNGI BOTETSI Guy (CGO); ESSIS Essoh Jean Mathieu Claude (CIV); ABDILLAHI Ahmed Hassan (DJI); ELGENDY Hesham (EGY); HUSSEIN Seifu Belayneh (ETH); JALLOW Amadou (GAM); ARKO DADZIE George Kweku (GHA); WANJALA Benard (KEN); MOTLOHELOA Tseliso (LES); RAKOTOMAHARO Yves (MAD); DIAKITE Ousmane (MLI); MSUKWA Kezzie (MWI); BHOVARY Hurrrynarain (MRI); LEMSIQUI Abdelmoula (MAR); SIMANGO Selma (MOZ); NAKAPUNDA Otto (NAM); OLALEKAN Adeyemi (NGR); NGARAMBE Rugema (RWA); CRUZ Hamilton (STP); Cisse Ibrahima (SEN); NCUBE Lewis (SEY); HASSAN Abdi Ahmed (SOM); ELDO Smart (RSA); MODI Jada Albert (SSD); ALI Rashid (SUD); MDLULI Meluleki (SWZ); CHOUDARY Vinay (TAN); KOUEVI Mawuvi Koue (TOG); HEDDIA Abdellatif Ben (TUN); NSHIKOKOLA Ericho (ZAM); KUWAZA Charles Tawonerera (ZIM).

Proxies: (7) CMR; CAR; GAB; LBA; LIB; MTN; UGA.

Observers: (16) MAKEM Pierre (CMR); ATWOLI Joseph (KEN); VAN ZYL Brian (RSA); JURGENSEN Graham (RSA); ASSEFA Gizaw (ETH); NSAKANYA Chanda (ZAM); GUNTHER Van Den Bergh (RSA); CORREIA Adehno (ANG); JUNQUEIRA Jose (ANG); HASSUJI Nurdin (TAN); AW Ousmane (SEN); LAKHDAR Mazouz (ALG); DUMSANE Mbisi (SWZ); TSEPISO Lopang (BOT); JOUBERT Nina (RSA); HINGA Githinji (KEN).

The ACC President called the meeting to order at 10:30am. After the roll call and the verification on the proxies by the General Secretary, the ACC President proceeded with his report.

#### **ACC President's Report** (to be included)

The report was followed by a brief video presentation of the 2016 African Youth Chess Championships in Port-Elizabeth, South Africa and an intervention of the Chief Organizer of the event Dr Brian Van Zyl.

M. Msukwa (MWI) advice the assembly not to target schools holidays for youth events as these holidays are not the same for all.

M. NSHIKOKOLA (ZAM) asked for the video presentation to be shared to all ACC members.

#### **ACC General Secretary's Report** (to be included)

On the head-office and the secretariat issue, the President informed the Assembly that offers have been made by Cameroon and Zambia, and the ACC board will inform on the outcome by December 2016.

M. Kuwaza (ZIM) expressed doubts on how to run the office with so low finances.

The President informed that there are negotiations underway to improve ACC finances.

MM. Heddia (TUN); Lemsoui (MAR); ESUNGI (CGO) asked for translation into french to be provided for African meetings due the high number of french speaking countries in Africa.

The President said he will submit the request to FIDE.

#### **ACC Treasurer's Report and 2017 Budget** (to be included)

M. Olalekan (NGR) asked about the basis of the FIDE grant allocation to the events and the 500 000 € promised by FIDE President to Africa.

The President indicated that the allocation is 7 000€ for a tournament and 10 000€ for a tournament plus seminar, he also indicated that the promised funds have unfortunately not yet reached Africa.

Ms Simango (MOZ) reminded the Board of the 7 000€ grant to be paid to Mozambican Chess Fed for the African Amateur Champs 2015.

The President gave assurance that it will be paid the earliest.

#### **Zonal Presidents' Reports**

Zone 4.1 President Zerdali (ALG) report (to be included)

Zone 4.2 President represented by Kisuze (UGA) report (to be included)

Zone 4.3 President Kezzie (MWI) report (to be included)

Zone 4.4 President represented by Fumey (TOG) report (to be included)

M. Olalekan (NGR) asked for investigation about the organization of the 2014 Zone 4.4 champs in Yaounde, Cameroon as it was awarded to Nigeria by the previous ACC administration.

The President asked for proof of his allegations.

#### **Presentation of 2017 ACC Tournament Calendar**

Zonal 4.1: Algeria

Zonal 4.2: Ethiopia/Egypt

Zonal 4.3: Botswana

Zonal 4.4: Liberia

Individual: Morocco  
Amateurs: Tanzania  
Juniors: Togo  
Youth: Egypt  
Schools: Namibia  
Clubs: South Africa  
Women Challenge: Nigeria/Botswana  
The events dates and details will be confirmed by December 2016.

Bidding procedures will be circulated to all African federations for 2018 events.

The 2017 African Chess in Schools Seminar Launch Programme will be reported during the next African Schools Individuals Chess Championships in Lusaka, Zambia (10 – 18 December 2018)

A constitution review committee will be proposed by the continental board;

**African Chess Confederation Commissions** (to be included)

**Kenya Chess Federation Dispute** (full minutes to come as the issue was suspended)

**Senegalese Delegate Report** (to be included)

The President thanked all the participants and closed the meeting at 15:45pm

**Lewis Ncube**  
**President**

**Enyonam Sewa Fumey**  
**General Secretary**



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## REPORT OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT TO THE 87<sup>th</sup> FIDE CONGRESS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 11-13 SEPTEMBER 2016 BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

Dear Delegates,

The African Chess Confederation held its 2016 Continental Assembly on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Please find attached here with the Report of the Minutes of the 2016 Continental Assembly and the Report of the President.

Baku, Azerbaijan September 11, 2016

Lewis Ncube

Continental President for Africa

## **2016 AFRICAN CONTINENTAL MEETING: PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **PREAMBLE**

On behalf of the Board of the African Chess Confederation I would like to welcome all Delegates and observers to this Continental Assembly.

I am truly pleased to note that despite the challenges faced in securing the required finances we have managed to easily achieve the quorum required for us to carry out the business expected of us by the African chess fraternity.

During the 86<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress in Abu Dhabi in 2015 we failed to meet the required numbers to achieve a quorum.

The meeting nevertheless proceeded in accordance with Article 6.8.2 of our Statutes.

The minutes of the referred meeting are attached as part of the annexes to the reports of this meeting.

The proposal to hold the substantive 2015 Continental Assembly on the sidelines of the 2015 African Youth Chess Championships in Lusaka, Zambia could not materialise after the Government went through a financial crisis that led to the withdrawal of the offer of accommodation support by the Zambian Ministry of Youth and Sports.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The family of the African Chess Confederation is growing steadily and at the end of the current Congress our membership will have risen to 47.

This means that we are left with 7 countries on the African Continent that are yet to join us as members.

It is gratifying to note that some of the new members such as Djibouti, Eritrea and South Sudan have managed to join us in our assembly and the current FIDE Congress as well as in the playing hall as participants in the 42<sup>nd</sup> World Chess Olympiad.

Let us welcome our new recently inducted brothers and sisters to our family of the African Chess Confederation.

### **2015 TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES**

In the 2015 calendar year the African Chess Confederation successfully hosted all the four Zonal Individual Championships and then proceeded to host the African Individual Championships as well as the newly introduced African Amateur Individual Championships.

The Confederation then hosted the traditional youth and junior events; the African Youth Championships and the African Junior Championships.

The inaugural African Schools Individual Championships also made its entry on the continental chess scene.

Regrettably, budgetary constraints led to our inability to host the newly introduced Zonal Under 16 Youth Team Championships.

A summary of the tournament activities for 2015 activities are provided here below:

- i) The Zone 4.1 Individual Championships: held in Hammamet, Tunisia from March 25 to April 1, 2015.
- ii) The Zone 4.4 Individual Championships: held in Lome, Togo from March 13 to 22, 2015.
- iii) The Zone 4.2 Individual Championships: held in Kampala, Uganda from April 17 to 26, 2015.
- iv) The Zone 4.3 Individual Championships : held in Blantyre, Malawi from April 17 to 26, 2015
- v) The 2015 African Individual Championships: held in Cairo, Egypt from May 1 to 13, 2015.
- vi) The 2015 African Amateur Championships: held in Maputo, Mozambique from July 31 to August 10, 2015.
- vii) The 2015 African Schools Individual Championships: held in Gaborone, Botswana, from August 21 to 30, 2015
- viii) The 2015 African Youth Championships: held in Lusaka, Zambia from December 5 to 13, 2015.

### **2015 SEMINARS**

The African Chess Confederation in conjunction with the respective commissions conducted capacity building seminars activities as follows:

- i) Arbiters' Seminar: February 1 to 4, 2015 in Casablanca, Morocco
- ii) Trainers' Seminar: March 27 to 29, 2015 in Hammamet, Tunisia
- iii) Arbiters' Seminar: March 30 to April 2, 2015 in Hammamet, Tunisia
- iv) Arbiters' Seminar: April 21 to 24, 2015 in Blantyre, Malawi
- v) Arbiters' Seminar: May 8 to 12, 2015 in Cairo, Egypt
- vi) Arbiters' Seminar: August 24 to 28, 2015 in Gaborone, Botswana
- vii) Trainers' Seminar: August 24 to 28, 2015 in Kampala, Uganda
- viii) Organisers' Seminar: August 24 to 28, 2015 in Kampala, Uganda

## GRANDMASTER ZHU CHEN VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

Towards the end of 2015 the African Chess Confederation was honoured to welcome former Women's World Champion Grandmaster Zhu Chen on a historic visit to Southern Africa.

Under the joint sponsorship of the FIDE Commission for Women's Chess (WOM) and the African Chess Confederation, former Women's World Champion Grandmaster Zhu Chen undertook a historic 17 day tour of four Southern African countries.

This visit started in the Seychelles on November 8, 2015 and ended in Zambia on November 25, 2015.

In between these dates her visit captured Mozambique and Malawi.

Whilst Grandmaster Zhu Chen's visit was primarily designed to encourage the visited federation in enhancing programmes focused on increasing the participation of girls and women in chess, she also used her experience in advising on various chess related issues.

Her visit also provided discussion opportunities on various crucial developmental areas where Grandmaster Zhu Chen's competence could offer the necessary informative support to the visited federations.

She conducted numerous lectures and simultaneous exhibitions as well as engaged in very informative discussions with various chess enthusiasts, players, administrators and Government officials throughout her tour.

### 2016 ACTIVITIES TODATE

In keeping with the theme of 2015, the calendar year of 2016 came to life with the following activities:

- i) The 2016 Zone 4.4 Individual Championships: held in Accra, Ghana from March 28 to April 6, 2016.
- ii) The 2016 Zone 4.2 Individual Championships: held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from April 22 to May 1, 2016.
- iii) The 2016 Zone 4.3 Individual Championships: held in Le Morne, Mauritius from April 23 to May 2, 2016.
- iv) The 2016 Zone 4.1 Individual Championships : held in Agadir, Morocco from May 23 to 31, 2016
- v) The 2016 African Individual Championships: held in Kampala, Uganda from July 16 to 27, 2016. This incorporated the African Rapid and Blitz Championships.
- vi) The 2016 African Amateur Championships: held in Lome, Togo from August 10 to 19, 2016.

- vii) The 2016 African Youth Chess Championship: held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa from August 21 to 29, 2016. ***This event represents our case study for marketing, event promotion, hospitality and tournament organisation.***

#### 2016 UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

- i) The African Club Championships previously set for October 7 to 13, 2016 in Cape Town, South Africa: hosts have requested a revision of dates. New dates to be communicated once agreed upon.
- ii) 2016 African Women's Challenge will be held from December 1 to 11, 2016 in Gaborone, Botswana.
- iii) The 2016 African Schools Individual Championships will be held in Lusaka, Zambia from December 10 to 18, 2016
- iv) The 2016 African Junior U20 Championship will be held in Tunis, Tunisia previously set for December 27, 2016 to January 6, 2016: hosts have requested a revision of dates. New dates to be communicated once agreed upon.

#### THE FUTURE FOR AFRICAN CHESS

The main challenge faced by the African Chess Confederation is funding.

This is highlighted by our failure to host the Zonal Under 16 Youth Team Championships in both 2015 and 2016.

Additionally, we have been unable to launch the African Grand Prix series that would have greatly enhanced the competitive edge of chess playing for the Continent's established as well as upcoming players, thus leading to more opportunities for improving the standard of play.

The African Chess Confederation is working on establishing hospitality and promotion partnerships for both youth and senior events.

The future for African chess lies in identifying strategic partners that will work with the Confederation in building the image of chess on to make it more attractive to sponsors.

This case in point is highlighted in the 2016 African Youth Chess Championships held in Port Elizabeth, South Africa as a case study.



## **AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION COMMISSIONS**

The following African Chess Confederations Commissions were created in line with the resolutions of the first ACC Board Meeting held at the International Convention Centre in Durban, South Africa on September 21, 2014:

- i) TECHNICAL COMMISSION  
Chairman: Dr. Hesham Elgendy  
Secretary: IA Chanda Nsakanya
  
- ii) EVENTS AND PUBLICITY COMMISSION  
Chairman: Otto Nakapunda  
Secretary: Brian Kidula
  
- iii) CHESS IN SCHOOLS COMMISSION  
Chairman: Lewis Ncube  
Secretary: Enyonam Sewa Fumey
  
- iv) DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
Chairman: Dr. Abdellahi Ould Bah  
Secretary: IA Stephen Kisuze
  
- v) WOMEN'S COMMISSION  
Chairperson: Ms. Selma Evita Simango  
Secretary: Ms. Keenese Neoyame Katisenge
  
- vi) SOCIAL PROJECTS AND DISABLED COMMISSION  
Chairman: IA Stephen Kisuze  
Secretary: Richard Mwansa

Additional Commissions being proposed:

- i) MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP COMMISSION
  
- ii) ETHICS AND CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION