

Virtual AG FIMEM 2020

AG2b French-speaking Group - Part 1

Thursday, August 6, 2020

14h00-16h30 (Paris time)

Plateforme : ZOOM

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Sylvie Cartier (CQEM, Canada)

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Thierno Abdoulaye Ba (ASEM, Sénégal)

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Wango Gansonre (MBEM, Burkina Faso)

Welcome: 11:30 a.m. Session begins: 12:00 p.m. Session ends: 2:30 p.m.
(Senegal time)

Task attribution

Cordination of the French-speaking group: Léonard de Léo

Modaration of the meeting: Léonard de Leo

Attribution of right to speak: Sylvie Cartier (CQEM)

Time keeper: Henri Landroit (Éducation populaire Belgique)

Note-taking : Karine Jaffré (ICEM) + Rémi Brault (ICEM) + Thierno Abdoulaye Ba (ASEM) + Saliou Saar (ASEM)

Translations: Marguerite Gomez (Spanish), Nicolas Mathey and Sylvie Cartier (English)

Agenda Items : (15 minutes per item)

- Debts of Benin and Haiti
- Membership fees calculation
- Nominations for the Board of FIMEM and candidature for the Treasury of FIMEM
- Affiliations of Ghana's and Congo's movements
- ICEM questions

Items discussed	Interventions - discussions
Preliminary	Cheik asks to start on debts, dues, applications to the

	<p>treasury.</p> <p>Henri also wishes to address the outstanding financial issues since 2016.</p> <p>Sadikh proposes a point on the candidatures for the Board of Directors, Aïssatou on a quota of participants to the Board of Directors per continent.</p> <p>Marguerite asked to indicate whether one is speaking on behalf of a movement or personally.</p> <p>Léonard said that the ICEM worked on a few issues, and would have several proposals to make to the General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In relation to the calculation of dues, - on the organisation of the guidance table - on the functioning of the « commissions » - on communication (RIDEF website and in parallel with the Communication « Commission »). <p>Henri thinks that it will be necessary to discuss one day with an AMEM delegate about RIDEF in Morocco.</p>
<p>About BENIN and HAITI debts</p>	<p>Thierno → Benin had already made an advance payment. We (ASEM) propose that Benin send a letter to FIMEM, asking for the cancellation of the debt perhaps, given the current difficulties due to Covid 19 in the world.</p> <p>Sadikh → FIMEM's priority is the massification of the Pédagogie Freinet. As Benin is one of the precursors of FP in Africa, it can be granted this favour: debt cancellation.</p> <p>For Haiti, it has to be repaid because we financed a member and he disappeared.</p> <p>Cheikh → Benin is not responsible because it is the new</p>

Beninese government who have not respected his commitment. The movement had made an advance payment and had decided to make another payment to the RIDEF in Quebec.

Henri → it is abusive to use the pandemic as an argument. In 4 years, there was time to settle this issue. Have all the steps been taken with the authorities? Has there been a change of policy on the part of this government?

There is no comparison with Haiti's debt.

Edouard → A raffle was held in Sweden with the intention of cancelling the debt. 836 euros were raised. 994 euros remain to be paid. If the Beninese government had given what it promised, there would be no debt.

For Haiti, the person who was supposed to come to Benin disappeared in France with the money. If we can cancel Haiti's debt, that would be a good thing.

Sylvie → The CQEM proposes to cancel the 2 debts, to use the unused solidarity money at RIDEF Quebec. For Haiti, it is one person. The 2 movements could remain affiliated.

Cheikh → The 2 debts are not identical. The Beninese movement is not responsible and has started to pay back. The Haitian movement has not reimbursed the contributions. The sanction could be: "The movement does not participate in a RIDEF. »

Joseph asks for clemency for the Beninese movement.

Samié → For cancellation. A clarification: the government has made the premises available.

For Haiti, it would be better to manage to ask to the person concerned to pay back.

Léonard → Recalls the function of the GA language group. The question is whether the French-speaking group has a clear position on this issue. At GA3, it will be the delegates who will vote.

	<p>The ICEM asks another question: what are the responsibilities of FIMEM in these debts? We have not been able to find out.</p> <p>Saliou → Did the FIMEM have any plans to deal with this situation, that of someone who was supposed to come and did not show up?</p> <p>The movement has to settle internally before going through the FIMEM.</p> <p>Christophe → The government had agreed to accompany us for the organization of the RIDEF, to give us a subsidy.</p> <p>The government gave us nothing but agreed to give us the place where the meeting would be organised, the teacher training college.</p> <p>Edouard → There was a change of government.</p>
<p>Membership fees</p>	<p>Payment membership fees</p> <p>ASEM-SENEGAL has made a proposal to review the periodicity of payments of the annual membership fee for movements.</p> <p>It proposes two solutions to help movements, especially African movements, to overcome some of their difficulties such as high bank charges and the fines to which they are often subjected:</p> <p>1/ The movements concerned contribute directly at the time of the RIDEFs without fines.</p> <p>2/ For movements that receive a subsidy, FIMEM directly deducts the equivalent of the contribution from the amount allocated to the movement within the framework of solidarity.</p> <p>Proposals for sanctions :</p> <p>- Any movement that has not honoured its 2-year RIDEF membership fee will have its status as an affiliate member suspended pending the payment of its fee.</p>

Samie, for the MOUVEN-TOGO, for his part, agreed with the same idea (amount of bank charges) by proposing payment on the spot for even years and the deposit of an advance for odd years in combination with RIDEF payments.

New categorisation proposed by FIMEM Commission IV

ASEM → The IHDI does not really reflect the standard of living of Africans in terms of life expectancy, health... ASEM-SENEGAL proposes a harmonization of the contribution of C countries.

The 2/3 of the members of some African movements can be considered as sympathizers, hence the difficulties to collect the contributions of their members.

ICEM → On the issue of when to pay dues, the Board responded to this question at the GA1. All that is required is to inform the Board of the late payment of dues. There is no problem with that.

→ Calculation of the membership fee: the HDI takes into account non-financial aspects and not the capacity to participate in the financial effort of FIMEM. Proposal: that the commission continue to work. We would propose an alternative method of calculation that would lead to a categorisation by country.

Marguerite proposes to send to the list the basis of calculation on which the ICEM has worked.

Rémi → One criterion is common in both proposals: gross income per capita and per country at purchasing power parity. What differs greatly is the way in which teachers' incomes are taken into account: sometimes a teacher in a country earns much more than the average of the population, sometimes he earns less.

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Treasurer's position reserved for a European?

Cheikh → Should the position of treasurer be reserved for a European (proposal of the Board of Directors announced by Mariel)? The treasury is a question of competence and

<p>S</p> <p>Treasury</p> <p>FIMEM BOARD mandates: extension of 2 years</p>	<p>credibility. Even if the account remains domiciled in Europe, it can be managed remotely by a non-European board member.</p> <p>ASEM-SENEGAL does not believe in the idea of using a foreign person who is not a member of the Board. Only the treasurer can be assisted by experts such as François Perdrail and Andi Honneger who have always helped.</p> <p>It is not a bad idea to solicit individual people for their proven skills first within their movements.</p> <p>Léonard → Mariel made this proposal for a technical question (account domiciled in Europe and easier to access) Assigning a purely technical role to a person and decisions taken by the Board?</p> <p>Marguerite → the position of treasurer is not assigned in advance to anyone. It is to be discussed within the Board.</p> <p>Antoinette (AECOMO-CAMEROON) → To avoid psychological and sentimental orientations between Board members, it would be good to entrust the treasury to an expert who is not a member of the Board, this would avoid the confusion of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Henri → The treasurer has always been a member of the Board of Directors but has no authority over the accounts; it is the Board of Directors that determines the appropriateness of expenditures.</p>
<p>The participation of the organising country of the RIDEF in the FIMEM Board</p>	<p>For ASEM-SENEGAL, a 4-year term of office on the Board of Directors, renewable every 2 years, should suffice. Exceptionally, particularly dynamic and experienced people can stay 6 years on the Board of Directors on the proposal of the Board of Directors, approved by their movement and with the consent of the interested parties.</p> <p>However, FIMEM must ensure that the mandates do not end at the same time so that new members always find old ones; this will ensure good continuity.</p>

	<p>Rémi → Attention: make a clear distinction between what requires a modification of the statutes, the rules of procedure and what can be decided directly at the General Assembly.</p> <p>ASEM-SENEGAL suggested that RIDEF organizing countries who would like to nominate their members for the Board of Directors should do so at the GA of their RIDEF but not before, as their organizing committee will always need the expertise of this member. However, this should not be a law or an obligation, it is only fair if the conditions are met (a willing, competent, experienced and available member, the last word will go to the GA).</p> <p>For ASEM, experience shows that in Nantes, Italy and Benin, cumulation has been detrimental to the Board.</p> <p>Antoinette → I wish to continue missions on behalf of the Cameroonian movement. This brings credibility at the level of the Cameroonian government.</p> <p>A contradictory debate has arisen on this cumulation. It was proposed to refer to the reports and other texts of the FIMEM.</p>
Affiliations	<p>With regard to the Congo, Antoinette asked for an understanding of the issue of schools attached to a religion, since all public schools were in that case.</p>
Voting and decisions taken in this french-speaking group	<p>Do we have joint decisions to report to other language groups? At GA3? Do we vote at this session? There has been talk of reaching an agreement on the voting day and the way. Some have proposed a show of hands at the next session and those who have problems can send their vote to the French-speaking group.</p> <p>ICEM-FRANCE asked ASEM if it is possible to have ASEM positions in writing on the very specific issues discussed, which would be a basic text for the francophone group. ASEM, through its delegate, agreed to the ICEM's request that its document be annexed to the minutes.</p>
Next meeting/list of issues to	<p>Questions deferred to the next meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - debts and fees

be discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board candidacies - points to be voted on at the GA: regulatory points - translators - note-taking
Minutes	In response to the question that will be debriefed, Karine Jaffré assisted by Thierno, Saliou of ASEM-SENEGAL and Rémi of ICEM-FRANCE volunteered to provide the minutes of the first meeting of this french-speaking language group.
Feedback on the meeting	<p>The participants seem to have enjoyed the meeting: well planned, organized and well conducted.</p> <p>The questions and debates were rich and varied.</p>

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The session's secretaries : Thierno Abdoulaye Ba, Saliou SARR, Rémi BRAULT, and Karine Jaffré.

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