

Virtual AG FIMEM 2020
AG2b french speaking group – Part 1
Thursday August 6 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Paris time)

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

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Agenda Items :

- debts of Benin and Haïti
- membership fees calculation
- nomination for the Board of FIMEM and candidature for treasury of FIMEM
- affiliations of Ghana's and Congo's movements
- ICEM's questions

Items discussed	Interventions - discussions
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**About BENIN
and
HAITI
debts**

Debt of Benin:

→ *Arguments put forward in favor of the cancellation of Benin's debt:*

- There has been a change of government. The new authorities have not honored their commitments. If the Beninese government had given what it had promised, there would be no debt. The budget was provided for the amount he had to pay. The government gave nothing but agreed to hand over the place of organization of the meeting, the house of teacher training colleges.

- Benin had already paid an advance. A raffle was held in Sweden with the intention of canceling the debt. 836 euros collected. Remains 994 euros to pay. The movement had made the decision to pay more to RIDEF in Quebec.

- The priority of FIMEM is the massification of Freinet Pedagogy. Benin being one of the precursors of FP in Africa, we can grant it this favor.

→ *Proposals made:*

- ASEM proposal: Benin sends a letter to FIMEM, requesting the cancellation of the debt given the current difficulties due to Covid 19 in the world.

- CQEM proposal: proposes to cancel this debt and to use the solidarity money not used at RIDEF Quebec for this.

→ reservations, questions about the cancellation of Benin's debt:

Abusive to take the pandemic as an argument. In 4 years, there has been time to resolve this issue. Have all the steps been taken with the authorities? Has there been a policy change on the part of the government?

Haiti's debt:

→ *arguments in favor of debt repayment*

We have to reimburse because we funded a member and the person who was to come to Benin disappeared in France with the money.

→ *proposals made:*

- For Haiti, it would be better to get the individual in question to reimburse.

- ASEM proposal: The Haitian movement has not reimbursed the contributions. The sanction could be: "The movement does not participate in a RIDEF. "

- CQEM proposal: The CQEM proposes to cancel this debt and use the solidarity money not used at RIDEF Quebec for this. The movement could remain affiliated.

→ *questions, suggestions:*

- What are the responsibilities of FIMEM in these debts?

- Did FIMEM foresee anything in relation to this situation, that of a person who was to come and who did not show up?

- The movement must settle internally before going through the FIMEM.

<p>Membership fees</p>	<p><u>Payment of the contribution:</u></p> <p>→ ASEM-SENEGAL proposal: ASEM-SENEGAL has made a proposal to review the frequency of payments of the annual contribution of movements. It offers two solutions to help movements, especially African ones, to overcome some of their difficulties such as the high bank fees and the fines of which they are often victims:</p> <p>1 / The movements concerned contribute directly when the RIDEFs are held without fines. 2 / For movements that receive a subsidy, FIMEM deducts the equivalent of the contribution directly from the amount allocated to this movement within the framework of solidarity.</p> <p>Sanctions proposal: Any movement that has not honored its 2-year RIDEF membership fee will have its affiliate member status suspended pending payment of its membership fee.</p> <p>→ Proposal for MOUVEN-TOGO: goes in the same direction (amount of bank charges) by proposing payment on site for even years and the deposit of an advance for odd years in combination with RIDEF payments.</p> <p>→ ICEM: Regarding the moment to pay the membership fee, the Board answered this question during GA1. It suffices to inform the Board of the late payment of the contribution. There is no problem there.</p> <p><u>New categorization proposed by Commission IV of FIMEM:</u></p> <p>→ 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.</p> <p>2/3 of the members of some African movements can be considered as sympathizers, which makes it difficult to collect membership fees.</p> <p>→ ICEM: the HDI takes into account non-financial aspects and not the ability to participate in the financial effort of FIMEM. ICEM proposal: that the commission continue to work. We would propose another method of calculation which would lead to a categorization by country. A criterion is common in both proposals: gross income per capita and per country at purchasing power parity. What differs greatly is the consideration of teachers' income: sometimes, in a country a teacher earns much more than the average of the population, sometimes he earns less.</p>
<p><u>FIMEM Board candidacies</u></p> <p>Treasury</p>	<p>Treasurer's post reserved for a European? Should the post of treasurer be reserved for a European (proposal of the Board)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Even if the account remains domiciled in Europe, it can be managed remotely by a non-European board member. The treasurer can be assisted by experts. - This proposal (European treasurer) answers a technical question: account domiciled in Europe and easier to access. - The position of treasurer is not assigned in advance to someone. It is to be discussed within the Board. - Should we entrust the treasury to an expert who is not a board member? - The treasurer is part of the board but has no authority over the accounts. It is the CA that determines the appropriateness of the expenditure.
<p>FIMEM Board mandates extension of 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For ASEM, a 4-year term of office renewable every 2 years should suffice. Exceptionally, particularly dynamic and experienced people may remain on the Board for 6 years on a proposal from the Board, approved by their movement and with the consent of the interested parties.

<p>years</p> <p>The participation of the organising country of the RIDEF in the FIMEM Board</p>	<p>- Antoinette wishes to continue missions on behalf of the Cameroonian movement. This brings credibility to the Cameroonian government. - Make a good balance between what requires a modification of the statutes, the rules of procedure and what can be decided directly in GA.</p> <p>- ASEM suggests to RIDEF organizing countries that would like to submit candidatures for their members' Boards, to do so at their RIDEF's GA but not before because their organizing committee will always need the skills of this member. However, this should not be a law or an obligation. An adversarial debate has arisen for this accumulation. It was proposed to refer to the reports and other texts of FIMEM.</p>
<p>Affiliations</p>	<p>For the Congo, Antoinette asks to understand the question of schools attached to a religion since all public schools are in this case.</p>
<p>Voting and decision taken in this french-speaking group</p>	<p>Do we have any common decisions to report to other language groups? At AG3? Are we voting at this meeting? Shall we move a show of hands at the next meeting? Those who have problems will be able to send their voice to the French speaking group. ICEM-FRANCE asks ASEM if it is possible to have the ASEM positions in writing that could serve as basic texts to be reworked for the French speaking group. ASEM accepts that its document be annexed to the minutes.</p>
<p>Next meeting/list of issues to be discussed</p>	<p>Questions postponed to the next session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • debts and contributions • candidates for the board • points to be voted on at the GA: regulatory points • translators, note taking
<p>Feedback on the meeting</p>	<p>well planned, organized and well conducted meeting. The questions and debates were rich and varied</p>

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



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