



Date of meeting	Saturday October 1st, 2016
Location	GetFam Hotel, Addis Ababa
Subject	Meeting of the New Board of Custodians of the AMC
Participants	<p>Custodians</p> <p>Mohamadou Lamine Cissé (MLC), Stella Ayo-Odongo (SAO), MacBain Mkandawire (MB), Solange Bassinga Traoré (SBT), Lydie Christiane Azab A Boto (LCAAB), Dr Salah Arafa (SA), Prof. Atangcho Akonumbo (AA), Théophane Nikèma (TN)</p>
	<p>1. The New AMC Board of Custodians</p> <p>The first meeting of the New AMC Board of Custodians was held on October 1st, 2016 at Getfam Hotel in Addis Ababa. Three of the five regional representatives elected are entering the Board of Custodians for the first time. These are Dr. Salah Arafa, representing the North African region as well as Ms Solange Bassinga Traoré and Lydie Christiane Azab A Boto, representatives of West Africa and Central Africa regions respectively. Mr. Macbain Mkandawire has been re-elected to represent the Southern Africa region, and Ms. Stella Ayo-Odongo was elected as representative of the Eastern Africa region.</p> <p>Prof. Akonomubo Atangcho, legal advisor and Mr. Théophane Nikyèma, Executive Director, ACPF were co-opted as Custodians of the AMC, as proposed by the President and according to the Constitution.</p> <p>2. Challenges facing the AMC</p> <p>2.1 Need for improved communication</p> <p>Although the AMC has a significant amount of supporters, it also faces challenges. And in an effort to address these, the AMC must be able to improve its ways of operation and communication. Key steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve sharing of information for better coordination and transparency within its members but also between the Custodians and AMC members. • Better communication between board members • Sharing of information and frequent communication with its external partners • Establish national programs that target capacity building for improved advocacy by national AMC members • Identify strong CSOs and NGOs to carry the message of the AMC – expand membership at national level; Establish efficient working relationship with national and regional focal points <p>2.2 Need for improved working modalities of the Custodians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a stronger secretariat to advance the work of the AMC • Organize a Custodians’ meeting urgently in the near future to discuss resource mobilization • Organise monthly meetings of Custodians via Skype from end of November 2016 onwards.

3. Some prospects in the immediate

To achieve the vision that the Board has set, a few avenues are explored:

- Translate key documents in Arabic to enable the AMC to carry the message to CSOs in the region
- Focus on exchange visits to meet the AMC members at national and regional levels
- Update on payment of contributions of members by the end of November 2016
- Stella Ayo-Odongo to present a draft on reflections on resource mobilisation and an action plan
- Strengthen the rigor in the selection of AMC members
- Organise awareness workshops to improve the visibility of AMC
- New Board members to review strategic documents and the Constitution of the AMC for better understanding of roles and responsibilities