



CEO report to General Members meeting

29 August 2007



GOVERNANCE & OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- Launched August 2005
- Council meetings – December 2005; July 2006; May 2007; August 2007
- Executive Committee Meetings: February 2007; May 2007
- 2 Standing committees established & functioning: Finance and Administration; Programmes
- Getting all council representatives identified – North Africa
- Skeleton staff as from Dec/ Jan 2007 and occupying office space in SAMDI
- Legal registration in terms of a Non-profit organisation in terms of RSA laws – March 2007



GOVERNANCE & OPERATIONAL ISSUES (CONT.)

- Opened duly authorised bank accounts – May 2007
- No financial reports for period to end March 2007 – no sources of own
- Reported to all the Ministers Conferences and Bureau meetings that has taken place during the period (5 in all)
- Updating of contact information – Please help growing & maintaining this!!!
- Publicity material
- Membership drive
- Initial fundraising drive – cautious of dependency and capturing



GOVERNANCE & OPERATIONAL ISSUES (CONT.)

- **Future direction & activities:**
- Achieving tax exemption status
- Migrating to a S21 Company
- Setting up of necessary financial and administrative systems
- Registering a multi-donor fund
- Revisiting strategic plan
- Complete medium term operational plan for 2008 - 2011



Capacity development initiatives

- JICA Training of the Trainers programme – March 2007 – 23 participants; October 2007 - 25 participants
- Initial work started re (a) comprehensive policy paper for African MDIs; and (b) raising standards and sharing of experiences
- Together with AU identify innovations awards adjudicators & encourage participation in nominating for innovations awards
- First Heads of Institutions Forum took place
- Two skills building sessions undertaken



Capacity development initiatives

- **Future direction & activities:**
- Three further curriculum development & trainer processes (e/ m-learning; leadership; policy implementation (incl. M&E))
- Case study writing programme
- Needs assessments (consolidate what exists)

Networking

- At the heart of operational approach of AMDIN to facilitate (a) knowledge exchange and (b) development of professional learning communities across our member institutions
- Links and emerging partnerships – AAPAM; CAFRAD; UN; IASIA; CAPAM, World Bank Institute, ACBF, etc.
- Roundtables at other events have been hosted in Australia (Oct 2006) and Tanzania (Dec 2006)
- AMDIN partner of the UN Public Administration Network (UNPAN) – implications for members in terms of benefitting but also obligations for contributing content
- Webpage is an essential tool
 - Philosophy: Membership involvement Interactive; Wiki; Chatrooms; etc
 - Progress & prioritising completion by end 2007