AIST – Executive Board Meeting

Paris – 23 July 2020

REPORT

Due to the measures taken in the context of the current health crisis restricting the movement of people inside each national territory as well as internationally, the Secretariat-General organised a videoconference so that the Executive Board meeting can stand.

Participants :

Mrs. Tetiana SLIUZ (Ukraine), President

Mr. Ekpao ADJABO (TOGO), Vice-President

Mr. Yacoub Ahmed AICHA (Mauritania), Vice-President

Mr. Ihaja RANJALAHY (Madagascar), Administrator

Mr. Noureddine BENSOUDA (Maroc), Administrator

Mr. Cheikh Tidiane DIOP (Senegal), represented by Mr. Papa Sidy NDOYE and Mr. Amadou Birahim GUEYE, Administrator

Mrs Huyen VU (Vietnam), Guest

Mr. Jean-Marc NIEL (AIST), Secretary-General

Mr. Abdessamad KASIMI (AIST), Deputy Secretary-General

Mrs Cristel VOLPI (AIST), Advisor

The meeting was opened at 2:00 pm by the Secretary-General and the President of AIST, Ms. SLIUZ (Ukraine). Everyone warmly thanks the participants for their presence.

Without any comments, the agenda is discussed.

Preamble: during the office meeting of June 2, 2020, the decision to organise the 2020 general assembly followed by a technical seminar by videoconference (in order to allow the greatest number of general managers to be present) had been taken.

1 Holding of the general assembly

It will be held by videoconference on **Monday September 21 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Paris time)**. On this occasion, the Secretary-General will present the activity and financial reports as well as the work outlook.

2 Holding of the technical seminar following the general assembly

The President asked the Secretary-General to recall the working themes for the seminar and invited the participants to express themselves.

The topics discussed at the meeting of June 2, 2020 are as follows: accounting reforms; the contribution of digital technology to accounting management.

The Secretary-General adds that among the possible themes, from his point of view, there is also that of experience feedback on the management of the health crisis in order to share best practices.

Mr. BENSOUDA (Morocco) underlined the interest of the subject but also recalled the importance of focusing on a single theme because of the duration of this technical session which will not exceed half a day.

The members underlined the value of an exchange of experiences around the events that the member countries have just experienced due to the health crisis. The following theme is therefore chosen for the technical session of September 21: “lessons from the Covid-19 crisis for public accounting administrations”.

Following points could be addressed: monitoring of expenditure linked to the crisis; adapting the accountability of public accountants to deal with urgent expenses; the management of funds allocated by donors; adaptation of work processes.

The seminar would be based on presentations of country experiences (3 or 4) followed by a debate.

Ms SLIUZ (Ukraine) asked which countries already are interested. Morocco and Ukraine are volunteers. The representative of Vietnam indicated that she will first ask her hierarchy and will inform shortly the secretariat-general. The Secretary-General suggested to ask a final country to complete the panel. He will then approach the various stakeholders to ensure that the themes raised are diversified as well as to communicate all the useful information to them.

Logistically, the seminar would follow the general assembly and would be held from 12:00 pm to 3 pm (Paris time). The possibility of splitting the seminar from the general assembly was not retained (given the various constraints of the general managers).

In order to continue the organisation of work, it is proposed to convene the Executive Board by videoconference the first week of September.

In the absence of further comments, the President thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting at 3 pm.