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REPORT OF AFTRA ACTIVITIES **SINCE THE LAST ROUNDTABLE** **PRESENTED AT THE 4TH AFTRA ROUNDTABLE HELD IN** **MOMBASA, KENYA, JUNE 28, 2013**

AFTRA had its 3rd Roundtable in Arusha, Tanzania, October 29-November 1, 2012, hosted by the Tanzania Teachers Union. The Roundtable was very successful as the two previous ones held in Nigeria in 2010 and South Africa in 2011. The Attendance of the 3rd Roundtable, the Minutes of Meeting and Communiqué are attached herewith.

A key decision taken at the 3rd Roundtable was that the Roundtable and Conference would henceforth be collocated and the hosting right of the 2013 Roundtable and Conference was granted to the Teaching Service Commission, (TSC) Kenya. AFTRA Secretariat worked with the Chair (SACE), the host which is the Kenya Teachers Service Commission, and the entire Steering Committee to ensure that the Roundtable and Conference not only held but did so "back to back". Haven witnessed both events, AFTRA is in the best position to appraise and appreciate the amount of hard work and devotion exhibited by the AFTRA Chair, AFTRA Headquarters, the host TSC and members of the Steering Committee that led to the success.

At the 3rd Roundtable, AFTRA also enlarged the Steering Committee by adding the Tanzania Teachers Union thus bringing the number of countries in the Steering Committee to five, namely South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. AFTRA also directed that a meeting of the Steering Committee be held as soon as possible to commence implementation of AFTRA decisions. Consequently, a meeting of the Steering Committee was planned to hold in December 2012 but was later postponed due to unforeseen circumstances reported by the Chair. Eventually, the Steering Committee met in April 10-11, 2013 and hosted by the TSC Kenya. The meeting was attended by South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Tanzania with excuse from Uganda. At the meeting, concrete decisions were taken to strengthen the organisation of the 4th AFTRA Roundtable and 2nd Teaching and Learning in Africa Conference. In particular, roles were shared between TRCN and

the TSC while other members of the Steering Committee were urged to assist mobilising their neighbouring countries for the AFTRA events and they were requested to give feedback to AFTRA by middle of May 2013 at the latest. Such report was not received from any of the countries. However, the AFTRA Chair, Mr Rej Brijraj emailed several countries and organisations concerning AFTRA and copied AFTRA Headquarters and TSC was in constant communication with AFTRA Headquarters throughout the period regarding the organisation of the Roundtable and Conference.

Another key decision at the 3rd Roundtable was the upholding of an earlier resolution to domesticate the Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol. SACE has now taken a bold step to lead the domestication of the document and consequently submitted a draft AFTRA Recruitment Protocol which has been printed in the AFTRA Roundtable Brochure for further necessary action.

The 3rd Roundtable also resolved to issue Membership Certificate to Institutions who belong to AFTRA and to give Certificate of Service to officers of AFTRA. These certificates were vetted and approved at the April 2013 Steering Committee meeting and will be presented to beneficiaries at this Roundtable. All delegates at this Roundtable will also receive certificate of participation.

In order to facilitate the organisation of the 2nd AFTRA Conference, conference fee was charged per participant. It is proposed that a percentage of the conference fees collected should go to TRCN and TSC to reduce their financial burden for organising the Conference and Roundtable while some amount should also be used to open an AFTRA domiciliary British Pounds and US Dollar bank accounts. This will enable all future payments to go directly to AFTRA account to facilitate accountability. It is therefore recommended that AFTRA should give necessary directives regarding the opening of the bank accounts in this Roundtable.

Finally, AFTRA Headquarters appreciates the Steering Committee and all other stakeholders for support given it during the period under review and pledge unflinching commitment to the activities of this great Forum.

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