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(Le Forum d' Afrique d'Enseigner Régulateur Autorités)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Of the

3rd **ROUNDTABLE**

of Africa Forum of

Teaching Regulatory Authorities

(October 28-November 1, 2012 @ Arusha, Tanzania)

1. **THEME**

Uniting Africa for the Internationalisation of the Teaching Profession

2. **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 28, 2012	Arrival of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AFTRA Steering Committee members ● The Federation of East Africa Teachers Union (FEATU) delegates ● EAC Authorities ● Top officials of Ministries of Education in the EAC member states & Education International – Africa Region (EIRAF)
October 29, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAUCUS MEETING of the Federation of the East Africa Teachers Union, EAC Authorities and top officials of Education in the EAC member states and Education International – Africa Region. ● Arrival of AFTRA members from all over Africa ● Arrival of IFTRA special guests from outside Africa
October 30, 2012	3rd AFTRA Roundtable (Opening Ceremony starts 09.00 am)
October 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wrap up of 3rd AFTRA Roundtable ● Tour of some of the following attractions - Serengeti National Game Parks, one of the wonders of the world (the Ngorogoro Crater), Lake Manyara National Park, the Olduvai George (the cradle of mankind), etc. ● Nite of Culture & Dinner
November 1, 2012	Departure of all delegates.

3. HOST

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5. PARENT BODY

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6. BACKGROUN INFORMATION ON IFTRA & AFTRA

The Teaching Regulatory Authorities in all continents (North and South America, Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia) of the world have come together under one umbrella called the **International Forum for Teaching Regulatory Authorities (IFTRA)**. The Headquarters of IFTRA is at the General Teaching Council for Wales, the United Kingdom.

The key aims of **IFTRA** are to promote the professionalisation of teaching globally, set international standards for the profession and facilitate co-operation among member nations for the benefit of the education systems of the various countries. At its 3rd International Conference held in Cardiff Wales, United Kingdom, June 24-26, 2009, **IFTRA** charged member countries to initiate continental/regional conferences, roundtables and other activities that could help the various continents/regions to

contribute effectively to the **IFTRA** agenda. Furthermore, the **IFTRA** noted that there were only two teaching councils in the whole of Africa – The Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) and South African Council for Educators (SACE). Therefore, **IFTRA** charged TRCN and SACE with the responsibility of engaging African countries constructively in order to bring Africa to the frontline of the new movement for the globalization of the teaching profession.

In the pursuit of the responsibility, TRCN and SACE supported by UNESCO Nigeria in October 2010 convened the **1st Roundtable** of the Teaching Regulatory Authorities of African countries in Abuja while the South African Council for Educators in July 2011 hosted the **2nd Roundtable** in the exciting city of Durban. The **3rd Roundtable** is being hosted by the Tanzania Teachers Union. The **3rd Roundtable** promises to be a watershed in the effort to bring the African countries together toward making the Teaching Profession in Africa competitive globally.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF AFTRA

Membership of AFTRA is open to:

- Teaching Councils of African countries;
- National/Federal/Provincial/Regional Educational Ministries and Agencies that control and regulate the Teaching profession (i.e. Teaching Service Commissions, Education Service Commissions, etc) *for countries without Teaching Councils*; and
- National Teachers Unions of African countries (*for Observer status only*).

8. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

Eligible organisations are to send a maximum of three delegates to the Roundtable. The particulars of the delegates must be emailed in advance to the **AFTRA Director of Operations** or **AFTRA Co-Director of Operations** latest by **September 28, 2012**. The particulars sent to AFTRA should include:

- *Name of Teaching Council, Ministry, Agency or Teachers Union.*
- *Street and postal addresses, email and telephone number(s) of the Ministry, Agency or Teachers union.*
- *Name of Delegate(s)*
- *Designation of Delegate(s)*
- *Contact Address, email and telephone number of the delegate(s)*

Upon receipt of the details above, official invitation letters to the Roundtable will be emailed to the delegates.

9. POSITION PAPER

Each participating organisation is required to send a POSITION PAPER to AFTRA on or before October 10, 2012. The position paper should give a brief overview of the way the Teaching profession is currently regulated in the country and suggestions for co-operation/collaboration among African countries and for the internationalisation of the Teaching profession in Africa. The paper should be a maximum of four A4 pages typed 1.5 spacing, in Microsoft Word format and not more than 5 MB.

10. COST OF PARTICIPATION

There is no conference/participation fee. However, delegates are responsible for their travel costs which include transportation/flight, accommodation, feeding and local runs. Tea break and group lunch will be provided by the host for the days of the **Caucus Meeting** of the East Africa Teachers Unions and for **AFTRA Roundtable and Tour**.

11. VISA AND RELATED TRAVEL ADVISORY

Travel Advisory covering visa requirements, flight schedules to Dar Es Salaam/Arusha, likely hotels, cost of hotel accommodation, currency exchange rates, security tips, weather information, etc will be emailed to registered delegates by AFTRA as soon as possible ahead of

the Roundtable. Delegates are however advised to also make enquiries from appropriate organisations and embassies in their countries regarding these issues.

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