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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANTI-CORRUPTION HELD AT KYOTO, JAPAN ON 29 NOVEMBER 2015.

1. PRESENT

1) Eng. Martin Manuhwa - Chairman	Zimbabwe
2) Eng. Dr S Diarra	Zimbabwe
3) K.N Gunalan	U.S.A
4) Yoshiko Isa	Japan
5) David Lapp	Canada
6) Pratarp Singh	Fiji
7) Jianping Wu	China
8) Kim Allen	Canada
9) Xila Liu	China
10) Kate Johnson	U.S.A
11) Yashin Brijmohan	South Africa
12) S.B Saccoh	Sierra Leone
13) N Paul	Lebanon
14) R.R. Browne	Sierra Leone
15) F Koroma	Sierra Leone
16) Mercy Manyuchi	Zimbabwe
17) HMS Alsaba	Kuwait
18) Sara AC Wazzan	Kuwait
19) Qinglin Wang	China
20) F Ogolo	Nigeria /NSE
21) Fawaz Alrashdan	Kuwait
22) Marlene Kanga	Australia
23) Sipho Madonzela	South Africa
24) Julius Riungu	Kenya
25) Bev Nyakutsikwa	Zimbabwe
26) Jafar Abdulrasoul	Kuwait
27) Amadu Bawie	Sierra Leone

2. **IN ATTENDANCE** :Eng. Ben Rafemoyo Zimbabwe

3. APOLOGIES

No apologies were noted.



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4. The Chairman, Engineer M Manuhwa called the meeting to order. In opening remarks, he warmly welcomed those who attended the committee on Anti-Corruption (CAC). He encouraged those that attended to freely participate in the deliberations of the day.
5. Minutes of the 2014 CAC meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and proposed and seconded as a true record of the deliberations of the said meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- Engineering Australia was reported to have made a huge impact towards efforts to stop corruption. On a related matter, the meeting was advised that the new Nigeria Government was taking Anti-Corruption very seriously and will leave no stone unturned to fight it.
- Following the passing on of Jose Medem, the meeting agreed to appoint someone to take his place as a member of the Group of Advisors to the Committee. Bill Henry's name was proposed as one to replace the late Jose Medem. The Chairperson was tasked to officially advise him on the nomination / appointment as one of the members of the Group of Advisors to the Committee on Anti-Corruption.

7. STRATEGIC AND ACTION PLAN

The Chairman encouraged members to visit the Global Infrastructure Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) website and download the guidelines which member countries and their associations can use.

The meeting was advised that a lot of progress had been made towards getting the website interactive and webinars will no doubt find this development as a major milestone. To this end, it was noted with appreciation that the WFEO Secretariat did a good job in coordinating the said development

The Chairman went further to advise the meeting that the Committee has successfully organised several workshops; 2 workshops in Paris, 1 in Portugal , 1 in Livingston Zambia and the most recent one being held in Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Of noteworthy was the presence of the Vice President of Zimbabwe and three Cabinet Ministers during the workshop at Victoria Falls.

8. ISO37001

The meeting discussed the progress in regard to the adoption of ISO 37001 by member countries. Members were encouraged to lobby for positive voting for the ISO37001 by their countries. It was suggested and agreed that the lobbying must be pitched at the correct level of Head of State and or Cabinet Ministers.

It was further pointed out that members may want to log onto the GIACC website, (<http://www.giacc.org>) to access online training on anti-corruption and when done successfully, one can proceed to print a certificate for him / herself.

Members agreed that the Committee should do a proposal / recommendation to WFEO for the adoption of the Anti-Corruption and Bribery as a priority focus area. Related to this was the need for WFEO itself, to be ISO37001 certified.

Member Counties were expected to submit their National Reports on Anti-Corruption. It was pointed out that a plenary session on this subject matter was going to take place during the 2016 Session in Lima, Peru.

9. AFRICA ENGINEERING WEEK

The Chairman briefed the meeting on the 2015 UNESCO Africa Engineering Week that was hosted by Zimbabwe as a huge success. He went on to thank UNESCO, WFEO and WCCE for direct and indirect support rendered towards the hosting of the Africa Engineering Week which was the second such successful event following the first one hosted by South Africa in 2014.

10. CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE COMMITTEE

There was discussion on the need to adopt a new name for the Committee from Committee on Anti-Corruption to Ethics and Transparency Committee. After the ensuing discussions, the members resolved that the name should not be changed. A vote had to be taken on the matter and the "keep the old name" carried the day.

11. MATTERS RELATED TO THE BUDGET AND RELATED ISSUES

The Engineering Council of Zimbabwe had financially supported the work of the Committee. Members were advised that the budget figure of \$50 000 was largely financed by Zimbabwe while a figure of \$1 932.00 budgetary support was received from WFEO. The main costs being meetings and workshops held as well



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as travel and tokens of resource persons. The CAC account is held in the main ECZ accounting statements which are audited annually.

The Committee had made progress on developing its own website and was reported to be active. Any necessary improvements and updates will be done on an ongoing basis. The Chairman went on to thank Engineers Canada as the appointed sub-committee on the important assignment, for the reported progress. Discussion on the Strategic Plan, being an agenda item was deferred until discussion of the same under new business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. Remarks from the President Elect

The Standing Committee was commended for the sterling work carried out during the year under review and the achievement made so far. This view was said to be shared by all members of the WFEO Presidium.

b. Chairman's Report

The CAC Chairman presented his report on the Committee's activities for the year under review. The Committee's Mission was outlined and emphasis was made on the approach of zero tolerance on corruption / bribery. The WFEO, through the CAC are fighting the ills of corruption and bribery head-on. Members were invited to join this crusade as individuals and institutionally to fight this menace.

In his presentation, the Chairman repeatedly hammered on the need for members to stop engaging in corrupt practices and do right. He gave an overview of the poor living conditions in Africa where money to develop houses and other infrastructure end up in individuals' pockets. He gave a detailed synopsis of how the CAC subcommittee was established with a view to fight corruption as well as the milestones achieved to date. Refer to Chairman's presentation – Annexure 1.

c. Strategic Plan

The strategic plan was discussed in greater detail and was approved and adopted. Refer to Annexure 2.

d. REPORTS FROM NATIONAL MEMBERS

- **FAEO**

The incumbent President of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations reported that their organisation is yet to create a standing committee on Anti-Corruption. This was work in progress considering the need to “arrest” this menace. He went further to give a related quotation by the Nigerian President “If you don’t kill corruption, then corruption will kill the county”.

- **USA**

K.N Gunalan reported that an Ethics Report Card was being developed. It is hoped that once its finalised, other member countries will benefit from the document in the fight against corruption and bribery.

- **South Pacific Engineering Association**

It was reported that the Association have developed good partnership with their Government on Anti-Corruption activities. To this end, a joint symposium by the Association and Government Agencies was organised, during which the main focus was anti-corruption. Such efforts are clear testimony of the importance placed on anti-corruption.

- **Canada**

The representative of Canada reported that a number of specific recommendations on anti-corruption have been developed and communicated. These are meant to reinforce the regulation of engineering procurement. Training on ethics has been identified as a key imperative in this regard.

- **Sierra Leone**



Similar structure as reported by Nigeria was reported to be in place. The Engineering sector was reported to be working closely with their Government on efforts towards anti-corruption activities. The Anti-Corruption Commission has helped in providing a platform to enhance awareness.

- **Australia**

It was reported that Australia has taken a strategic approach in regard to the Anti- Corruption standard (ISO 37001). A deliberate thrust to improve awareness currently underway and once this has been achieved; Australia will give a “Yes” vote to the adoption of the standard.

- **Kenya**

In Kenya, the Government has taken a bold stance against corruption. In a show of seriousness in this regard, six cabinet Ministers were recently sacked from Government for corruption related misdemeanours. Students are now being taught Ethics. Further to this, the Kenyan Government has developed and introduced a Code of Ethics. Related to this, a Bribery Bill is being established.

- **CAC Workshop**

Following the feedback from many member countries, the meeting agreed that progress was being made towards reduction and hopefully eradication of corruption. The Action Plan is to start work on a project to teach Ethics at early stages and to review the curricula to include Ethics. Members reiterated the need to ensure that WFEO becomes ISO 37001 compliant once the standard becomes reality.

Zimbabwe will continue to host the Committee and the proposal in this regard, was going to be tabled at the General Assembly session.

e. PRESENTATIONS

- i. Eng. Bev Nyakutsikwa presented a paper on African Platform. The presentation was well received by members, refer to Annexure 3.
- ii. Eng. Yashin Brijmohan, the Chairman of the Capacity Building Standing Committee reported on cooperation between and among committees. He encouraged committees to work closely together as the cross-pollination was going to benefit and enrich sister committees. He



sighted the African Engineering Week as a good example. UNESCO was said to be central to the collaborative initiatives. Resulting from such initiatives, the WFEO Standing Technical Committees chaired by Africa, were invited to address the Africa Union. Engineers Brijmohan and Manuhwa attended the Africa Union meeting in Addis Ababa.

He went further to announce that the Capacity Building Committee offered collaboration on the use of an existing compendium.

A joint conference by STCs was muted and this will include Engineering Education, CAC, Capacity Building etc.

- iii. Eng. M Manuhwa presented on behalf of the GIACC. He reported that progress has been made with the BS10500 which has been successfully adopted while ISO37001 was work in progress. Many counties participated in its development, as either members or as observers. In order for the standard to be published, a minimum of 75% positive vote is required.

Eng. Manuhwa went on to allay fears or concerns by small companies that may find the need to have a full time officer to be custodian of the standard, cumbersome. Small companies need not have a full time official as long as they have someone championing it even on part time basis.

Members had an interactive discourse following the rich presentations. It was resolved that the Committee will continue to spearhead the Anti-Corruption crusade. To this end, the Committee will do everything within its mandate and capacity to arrange workshops and such platforms to enhance awareness on the ills of corruption and unethical conduct.

The Chairman went on to thank all those that attended and actively participated in the CAC meeting and workshop.


Having dealt with all the issues as listed on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12.59 Hrs.



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Minutes Drafted by WFEO – CAC Secretary Eng. Ben Rafemoyo –ECZ

Signature:  Date: 22/12/2015

Approved by the Chairman as the true record of the proceedings

Signature: _____ Date: 3/12/2016