

MINUTES
OF THE THIRD FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING
OF 6 NOVEMBER 2007

(Geneva, Hôtel Intercontinental, 9:30 to 13:00)

PARTICIPANTS

Founding father:

<p>H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal</p>	<p>Members of the Senegalese delegation Ms Viviane Wade, First Lady Mr Oumar Demba Ba Mr Papa Mohamed Camara Mr Cheikh Bara Cissokho Mr Bruno Diatta Mr Ababacar Diop Mr Amadou Sall Lieutenant-Colonel Mouhamadou Mbengue Mr Babacar Carlos Mbaye Mr Daouda Maliguèye Sene Mr Elhadji Ibou Boye</p>
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Executive Committee:

<p>Mr Guy-Olivier Segond, Chairman of the Board</p>	
<p>Mr Amadou Top, Vice President of the Board</p>	

DSF spokesperson:

<p>Mr Christian Ferrazino, former Mayor of Geneva</p>	
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Governments:

<p>Algeria</p>	<p>H.E. Mr Boudjemaâ Haichour, Minister of Post and Information Technology</p>	<p>Delegation members H.E. Mr Idriss Jazaïry, Ambassador Mr Larbi Djakta, Deputy Permanent Representative Mr Moulfi, Advisor to the Minister</p>
<p>Saudi Arabia</p>	<p>Mr Ali Bahitam, First Secretary Representing <i>H.E. Mr Abdulwahab Abdulsalam Attar, Ambassador</i></p>	

Burkina Faso	Mr Ambroise M Balima, Economic Adviser Representing <i>Mr Moussa B Nebié, Minister Counsellor, Chargé d'Affaires A.I.</i>	Delegation members Ms Elise Balina, Adviser
China	Ms Wang Dan, Minister Counsellor Representing <i>H.E. Mr Li Baodong, Ambassador</i>	
Cuba	Mr Resfel Pino Alvarez, Minister Counsellor Representing <i>H.E. Mr Juan Antonio Fernandez Palacios</i>	
France	H.E. Mr Jean-Baptiste Mattéi, Ambassador	Delegation members Mr Alain Madelin, former Minister of the Economy and Finance Mr Gilles Barrier, Minister Counsellor
Ghana	H.E. Mr Kwabena Baah-Duodu, Ambassador	Delegation members Mr Ernest Lomotey, Minister
Equatorial Guinea	Mr Sisinio Eyebe, Chargé d'Affaires	
Kenya	Ms Jean Kimani, Minister Counsellor Representing <i>H.E. Ms Maria Nozmo, Ambassador</i>	
Morocco	H.E. Mr Ahmed Chami, Minister of Industry, Trade and New Technologies	Delegation members H.E. Mr Mohammed Loulichki, Ambassador Mr Mohamed d'Achgato, Minister Counsellor
Mauritania	H.E. Mr Tall Mamdou, Adviser to President Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi	Delegation members H.E. Ms Mounia Mint Abdellah, Ambassador Mr Mohamed Salem Ould Bedir, General Secretary of the Ministry of Water Supply Mr Taleb Khyar Ould Abdi Salem, 2 nd Adviser
Nigeria	H.E. Mr Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi, Ambassador	Delegation members Mr Ibrahim D Nakande, Minister Counsellor
Dominican Republic	Mr John Gagain, Adviser to President Leonel Fernández	Delegation members Mr Homero Luis Hernandez Sanchez, Ambassador
Tanzania	Mr Baraka Luvanda, First Secretary Representing <i>Mr Matern Y C Lumbanga, Ambassador</i>	

International organisations:

International Organisation of Francophonie (OIF)	Mr Libère Bararunereste, Ambassador Representing <i>H.E. Mr Abdou Diouf, Secretary General of the OIF</i>	
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Cities and regions:

Rhône-Alpes Region	Mr Roger Vioud, Deputy to the Mayor of Annemasse Representing <i>Mr Jean-Jack Queyranne, President of the Rhône-Alpes Region</i>	
Genève	Mr Pierre Maudet, Mayor of Geneva	Delegation members Ms Diwata Hunziker
Lyon	Mr Charles-Henri Malécot, Director of International Relations Representing <i>Mr Gérard Collomb, Senator – Mayor of Lyon</i>	Delegation members Mr Jean Pouly, Director of the World Digital Solidarity Agency

Civil society:

African civil society	Ms Nnenna Nwakanma, Member of the Foundation Board	
Latin American civil society	Ms Mariana Carela Representing <i>Mr Daniel Pimienta, Member of the Foundation Board</i>	

Private sector:

StratXX Holding SA	Mr Kamal Alavi, CEO	Delegation members Mr Volker Eberling Mr Roger Schraepen
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Observers:

The Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC)	H.E. Mr Babacar Bâ, Ambassador, Observer, Permanent Representative of the OIC	
COTECNA	Mr Didier Reymond, Vice President	

DSF Executive Secretariat:

Mr Alain Clerc, Executive Secretary

Mr Ayuba Kadafa, Regional Director for Africa

Ms Elena Ursache, Projects Manager

Mr Cissé Kane, Projects Manager

Mr Mehdy Davary, IT Manager

Ms Hélène Herdt, Management Assistant

Ms Tania Zinoviev, Projects Assistant

Apologies for absence:

Mr Juan José Ibarretxe, President of the Basque Country

Ms Mercedes Bresso, President of the Piedmont Region
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Mr Pape Diop, Mayor of Dakar

Mr Bertrand Delanoë, Mayor of Paris

Mr Roberto Salcedo, Mayor of Santo Domingo
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The Chairman welcomes H.E. Mr Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal and founding father of the DSF, as well as the members of the Board. He greets the Ministers and special representatives who had made the journey to Geneva, and the Cuban delegation which is participating in the Foundation Board meeting for the first time.

Mr Pierre Maudet, Mayor of Geneva, welcomes the participants on behalf of the Geneva and Swiss authorities.

1. AGENDA AND MINUTES OF THE 2nd MEETING OF THE BOARD ON 20 MARCH 2007

1.1 Agenda

The agenda is adopted.

1.2 Minutes of the 2nd meeting of 20 March 2007

The Chairman goes through the minutes of the 2nd Foundation Board meeting of 20 March 2007, page by page. The minutes are adopted with no amendments.

2. ADDRESS of H.E. Mr Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal (see text enclosed herewith – Annex 1)

H.E. Mr Abdoulaye Wade pays homage, on behalf of NEPAD, to the “pioneers” whose efforts resulted in the creation of the DSF, in particular Guy-Olivier Segond, former President of the Council of State and former Mayor of Geneva, Christian Ferrazino, former Mayor of Geneva, and Alain Clerc, Executive Secretary of the DSF. He reminds the participants that, thanks to the work of those men, the DSF now enjoys worldwide recognition. He proposes the election of Mr. Alain Madelin, former Minister of the Economy and Finance of the French Republic, to the presidency of the DSF.

He announces that the draft legislation for the introduction of the 1% digital solidarity contribution in Senegal is soon to be presented to the Senegalese Parliament for adoption. He outlines the achievements of Senegal in the IT sector and presents the prospects for development of the DSF through promising new projects in the field of ICTs.

He informs the participants that at the recent “Connect Africa” Summit in Kigali, support for the DSF was requested from the World Bank. Finally, he announces that a *World Conference on Digital Solidarity* will take place in France in 2008, at the invitation of President Nicolas Sarkozy.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE DSF STRATEGY FOR THE DOHA CONFERENCE (DECEMBER 2008) – (see text enclosed herewith – Annex 2)

After describing the short-, medium- and long-term missions of the DSF (shipping reconditioned computers, development aid and the digital solidarity contribution), the Chairman presents the strategy of the Fund for the International Conference on Financing for Development in Doha (December 2008). The Doha Conference will examine the work undertaken by the international community to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It will discuss innovative mechanisms to supplement current sources of funding for development.

The “1% digital solidarity contribution” is an integral part of the political process of the *Leading Group on Solidarity Levies to Fund Development*, which comprises 54 countries and has the task of identifying new financing mechanisms for development.

Under the presidency of Senegal, the Leading Group will report to the Doha Conference on its work and will present the 1% digital solidarity principle. An important diplomatic process will have to be followed; however this will enable worldwide deployment of the 1% contribution as an innovative financing mechanism for development.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE DSF’S ACTIVITIES IN BURKINA FASO – (see text enclosed herewith – Annex 3)

Ms Elena Ursache, Project Manager, presents the pilot projects in Burkina Faso, which benefit local organisations involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Using the example of the Ouahigouya project, which has been the subject of an evaluation in 2007, she explains the objectives, activities, results obtained, costs and prospects. She describes the stages of implementation and highlights the results in the fields of basic IT training, specialised medical training, telemedicine and income-generating activities (community cybercafé).

Based on the data gathered on the ground and the evaluation of the beneficiaries, the Ouahigouya community project has achieved all its objectives: basic IT training and organisation of advanced training, distance learning in the field of medicine, telemedicine consultations, setting up a community cyber café and building the capacities of the beneficiary organisation.

4.1 Discussion

The discussion introduced by H.E. Mr Abdoulaye Wade, addresses the intervention principle of the DSF and the type of action that the Fund should support. He stresses the importance of targeting the DSF's education-related activities, particularly through more extensive provision of ICTs in schools.

H.E. Mr Abdoulaye Wade also underlines the need for the deployment of second-hand computers, as a means of enabling young people to familiarise themselves with IT tools. He calls for better communication about the projects underway. Finally, he wishes to see regional "project committees" to handle the selection of projects submitted for funding.

Several members express their satisfaction with the work and action of the DSF. The representative of Burkina Faso underlines the positive impact of the DSF action on the local populations of his country.

The Chairman concludes by reminding the participants that the DSF is a foundation governed by Swiss law, under the supervision of the Swiss Confederation, that its accounts – audited by the supervisory body established by law – are public and that the statutes of the foundation clearly define the financing and intervention principles of the Fund. Priorities are defined by regulations adopted by the Board. The same is applicable for the project selection procedure.

5. ELECTIONS

5.1. The Chairman

After a brief introduction presenting the bodies of the DSF and the functions to be filled, in particular those of the President and the two Vice Presidents, the Chairman reads out the letter from H.E. the President of the French Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy, supporting Mr Alain Madelin as candidate for the DSF presidency (*see text enclosed herewith – Annex 4*).

Mr. Alain Madelin is elected by acclamation as Chairman of the DSF for the period from November 2007 to November 2010.

The new Chairman outlines his vision for the future activities of the DSF, which he said should be more targeted and more effective, integrating new financial partners and introducing adapted technical solutions. He highlights the challenges to be overcome in 2008 – which looks set to be a year of diplomacy – with the series of conferences which it is hoped will secure the success of the Fund in terms of both international recognition and financing arrangements. Finally, he praised the experience gained over the past three years of activities, which bodes well for the future evolution of the DSF.

5.2. The Vice Presidents

The outgoing Chairman presents the two candidacies for the Vice President positions, which have been submitted by the specified deadline. The candidates are Ms Nnenna Nwakanma, a Nigerian national and representative of African civil society on the Foundation Board, and Mr John Gagain, who represents the Dominican Republic on the Foundation Board.

Ms Nwakanma and Mr Gagain are elected by acclamation as Vice Presidents of the DSF for the period from November 2007 to November 2010.

5.3. Representative of the DSF founding father

The outgoing Vice President, Amadou Top, is re-elected to the Foundation Board as representative of the DSF founding father, H.E. Mr Abdoulaye Wade.

5.4. President of Honour

At the request of Mr John Gagain, newly elected as Vice President of the DSF, the outgoing Chairman, Guy-Olivier Segond is elected by acclamation as President of Honour of the DSF.

6. MESSAGES

At the invitation of the outgoing Chairman, the guests and special representatives of the founding members took the floor to share information about projects underway, thank the outgoing Chairman and express their support for the newly elected Chairman. The speakers are:

1. Christian Ferrazino, former Mayor of Geneva and spokesperson of the DSF (*text not available*);
2. H.E. Mr Boudjemaâ Haichour, Minister of Post and Information Technology of Algeria (*text enclosed herewith – Annex 5*);
3. H.E. Mr Ahmed Chami, Minister of Industry, Trade and New Technologies of Morocco (*text enclosed herewith – Annex 6*);
4. H.E. Mr Mamadou Tall, Adviser to the President of Mauritania (*text not available*);
5. H.E. Mr Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi, Nigerian Ambassador in Geneva (*text not available*).

After thanking the participants, the Secretariat and the interpreters, the President adjourns the meeting at 13:00.

