



Report of the Founding General Assembly of the Association “Farmers’ Dialogue International” - FDI

The creation of “Farmers’ Dialogue International” was conducted according to the constitution which describes it (annexe 1) and with the participation of 14 Founding members (annexe 2).

It was run by email communication, step by step as reported in this document.

M. Claude Bourdin acted as convener and secretary of the process.

The creation of FDI had been strongly supported last November by people of different countries meeting at the occasion of the Training of Trainers organised in Nyahururu for our FD teams (annexe 3).

1- Founding Members

The General Assembly of FDI gathered the 14 Founding Members who had signed (annexe 4) the draft of the constitution.

2- Election of the president

The process of electing the president was sent by C Bourdin to the members by email on the 9th of April, with a formal invitation to take part in the process. A reminder was sent on the 15th of May. Then, Jim Wigan, FD-UK’s delegate sent a message to all members to clarify the process and the dates.

The results of the election, once audited by Jean-Pierre Emeriau (French delegate) for the position of President are:

- Number of voting delegates : 14
- Number of expressed votes : 12
- Majority required to be elected : 8

- Votes given to Phil Jefferys : 10
- Votes given to Jean-Pierre Emeriau : 2

The results were sent to all members on the 30th of May and M. Phil Jefferys accepted to become the president in a message of the 31st of May 2013.

3- Decision on the composition of the Committee

The Founding Members accepted unanimously to create a Committee of 7 members (including the president), with the possibility to increase the number to 9 or 11 at the occasion of the GA which will take place in November in Congo (when the international Farmers’ Dialogue takes place).

4- Election of the Committee

The Founding Members were then (31st of May 2013) asked to vote for the Committee to be composed of 6 Members, apart from the President.

On the 7th of June, the results were sent to the 14 founding Members as follows:

- Number of Delegates: 14
- Number of Voters: 13
- Majority : 8

- Number of votes received by :
 - Jamil Ssebalu : 12 Elected
 - Jim Wigan : 11 Elected
 - Jean Pierre Emeriau : 10 Elected
 - Abhay Shaha : 9 Elected
 - Alphonse Bisusa : 8 Elected
 - Martin Simtenda : 8 Elected
 - Julius Khakula : 6
 - Peter Matviy : 4
 - Malgorzata Penda : 4
 - Laurent Munyandilikirwa : 2
 - Milton Lado Melingasuk : 2
 - D. Osman Hashi : 1
 - Luigi Dall'Olivo : 1

After auditing of the results by M. Phil Jefferys, president, and after agreement of each one of the elected Committee members, the Committee was created, composed of:

- Phil Jefferys, president
- Jim Wigan
- Abhay Shaha
- Martin Simtenda
- Jamil Ssebalu
- Jean-Pierre Emeriau
- Alphonse Bisusa

5- Other questions

No other issue was raised!

Phil Jefferys, president, mentioned the need to form now the Board: vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and entrusted C Bourdin with the implementation of the process for this.

The 12th of June 2013

Phil Jefferys, president

Claude Bourdin, in charge of the process


