

Minutes of the Executive Committee's Meeting held on 19 August 2020

Present

From the Executive Committee:

Agi Csonka, Chair
 Bettina Bach
 Ibrahim Hakizimfura
 Juliane Marie Neiiendam
 Kim Simonsen
 Peter Kellermann Brandorff
 Rasmus Larsen Lindblom
 Marina Janell, Observer, Chairwoman of DFUNK

From the Secretariat:

Charlotte Slente, Secretary General
 Anne Mette Barfod, CFO

Absent with apology

Sophie Rytter

Agenda

	Items		Content
1)	Approval of the Agenda	Decision	Comments regarding the agenda
2)	ExCom seminar 13 - 14 November /Agi Csonka	Discussion	Oral briefing. ExCom will discuss the main topics suggested by the committee. ExCom will also be briefed about the practical aspects of the seminar to be held on 13 - 14 November.
3)	Board of Representatives' meeting on 19 August. /Agi Csonka	Discussion	ExCom will complete a short run through of the agenda for the Board of Representatives' meeting.
4)	Announcements from the Chair and briefings in writing from committees, if any /Agi Csonka	Briefing	
	AOB		Signatures on a number of documents.

Ad 1) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda could be approved as listed above.

Ad 2) ExCom seminar 13 - 14 November

Agi Csonka presented the seminar topics suggested by the committee. She also presented details regarding seminar times and venue.

It had been suggested that an attempt be made to integrate possible external speakers in the seminar programme.

⇒ **Decision:** *The Executive Committee will process the draft seminar programme at its next meeting on 14 September 2020.*

Ad 3) Board of Representatives' Meeting on 19 August

The Executive Committee completed a short run through of the agenda for the Board of Representatives' meeting.

Ad 4) Announcements from the Chair and briefings in writing from committees, if any.

- **The reorganisation of HQ is underway**
The Secretary General and EMT (i.e. Executive Management Team) have initiated phase 1 of DRC's reorganisation, in which HQ is the sole focus. Phase 2 will look at both country and regional levels. The latter will also be based on the new 2025 Strategy and an analysis of processes within DRC. The aim being to ensure an organisation that is efficient across the board, and which has the necessary economic latitude to ensure the organisation's operative presence and its development /innovation.
- **Beirut, Lebanon – explosion**
DRC's Country Director in Lebanon, Rickard Hartmann, has reported that all DRC staff members are safe following the devastating explosion in Beirut on 4 August. The situation is being followed closely, and DRC has received DKK 2.8 m in funding from DANIDA with a view to providing humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable groups affected by the catastrophe resulting from the explosion.
In particular, DRC will be focusing on the protection of the most vulnerable groups through psycho-social first aid and acute economic grants to cover urgent lifesaving needs through collaboration with DRC's local partners in Beirut. Alongside this, a comprehensive assessment has been completed in the areas of the capital that were most affected by the blast. Here, the focus has been on providing economic contributions to the re-establishment of small shops.
As many are leaving Beirut, work is also being put into expanding the humanitarian assistance in existing programme areas (Beqaa, Akkar, and Tripoli).
Coupled with the existing economic crisis and the consequences of COVID-19, DRC will be focusing on alleviating the secondary significance that the explosion in Beirut will have for Lebanon's refugees and host community.
- **ECHO (i.e. European Commission Humanitarian Aid) Ex-Ante (i.e. Expected) - Approval of DRC continuing as a collaborator**
DRC has achieved a total score of 9/10 and no individual score below 4/10, which is the minimum level. The auditors have therefore concluded that DRC is qualified to enter a partnership agreement with ECHO.

Ad 5) AOB

The Chair, Agi Csonka, thanked Rasmus Larsen Lindblom for his huge involvement in, and contribution to, the activities of both the Executive Committee and the Audit Committee. While Rasmus was voted onto the Executive Committee in 2017, he has chosen to step down from the Executive Committee in connection with having moved on to a new job.

ExCom Meetings in 2020

ExCom /5 14 September from 3 - 6 PM

ExCom /6 13 - 14 November (seminar)

ExCom /7 7 December from 3 - 6 PM