

Minutes of the meeting of the IAI Accounts Review Committee

held on 29th March 2012

1. Proposal for the definition of the ToR of the Internal Accounts Review Committee

The proposal is approved and the decision is made to submit it for the consideration of the next CC. It is decided that communication will be carried out by email.

2. Progress on the 2011 balance

Following the analysis of the progress on the 2011 balance the following considerations, proposed by Mariella, were taken into account:

>>> the need to consolidate partnerships (Basque, FPH, Misereor, ENTPE) and develop new ones

>>> the need to source private donations (see document Almazán regarding sustainability)
>>> the need to differentiate between sources (local authorities, etc)

Formal accounts and upcoming external audit:

>>> the need to have an administrative by law. In order to set up this Mariella is proposed.
>>> the need to continue with the standardization of the work

Control of expenditure

>>> the instruments that have been used have proven to be efficient (2011).

3. Observations on the forecast of expenditure and financial flows

The report and forecast of income and expenditure for 2012 was approved. Based upon this, there is a clear need to find new sources of income, in order to avoid a cash flow crisis in future and a lack of coverage to carry out and maintain the activities and operations of IAI.

4. Development of partnerships

Based upon the information presented on projects that are being implemented, have been presented and are in the development stage, it has been agreed that:

- The reports on the Basque project should be submitted by the Antennas on 1st May 2012.
- This Committee will meet in May, once all of the reports have been submitted.
- An exchange should be held on the PUBLICATIONS item, as it is important to set up the ToR on the policy of IAI on this issue, with budgets set for each country and sources of funding.

Information was provided on the progress made in the search for partnerships, in accordance with the Strategic Lines 2011-16:

Misereor: the Popular Fund Project (Latin America, 24 months beginning in May 2012, approximately 70.000 Euros) is in the final stage of approval.

Mission to Spain (February 2012, Cesare Ottolini and Pedro Franco):

- Government of the Basque country: a positive dialogue has been initiated with the aim of establishing a possible partnership-bridge (global, 18 months beginning in 2013, approximately 300.000 Euros).
- University of the Basque Country: a dialogue was initiated with Prof. Angel Elias to set up a working group on the "new social urban territorial pact" to be proposed to the Basque country.

- OSPAAL, IEPALA: a political dialogue has been initiated; the crisis affecting Spain and the current right-wing government, however, appear to be blocking practical developments.
- FAMSI: the political dialogue has continued with the aim of establishing a framework agreement focusing on the proposal of a "new social urban pact" which will make way for improved collaboration in event participation (Rio, June 2012; Africities, Dakar, December 2012; WSF-WAI, Tunis, April 2013)

OAK Foundation: thanks to the contact provided by FPH, preparations are being finalized for the sending of materials that will enable a first meeting. The package includes a few suggestions as to possible projects based on the strategic lines (until 2016) and the 2012 Annual Operating Plan (to be approved by the IAI CC).

5. The sustainability of IAI

In the sphere of partnerships the specificities of the Antennas and members are underscored and specific emphasis is placed on the need to apply transparency and deepen the collaboration between the Antennas and the global Coordination to enable mutual strengthening. In order to articulate the global with the local it is proposed that the document Cristina Almazán "THE SUSTAINABILITY OF IAI" is made available to the CC and the Antennas.