

**Report of the AUDIS Steering Committee Meeting  
11-13 November 2008  
Saint- Louis/Dakar, Senegal**

**Attendance:** P.Faggi, A. Barry, M. Dekoninck

**Invited:** R. Rasa, project manager

**Excused:** I. Knudsen, Mitiku Haile, A. Macuacua

Mitiku Haile and Angelo Macuacua had confirmed their presence, but one day before departure they cancelled their participation, due to governmental duties.

A. Macuacua was nevertheless present in Senegal to attend an UNESCO conference in Dakar.

A meeting was organised with him on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in Dakar, to present and validate the report of the Steering committee.

**Minutes**

This meeting was not initially foreseen in the project proposal, but considered as essential by the members of the Steering Committee. Therefore since some funds were available for travel, we decided to organize this meeting in Africa.

Its objective, was to make a selection of the project proposals for Phase 3 of the AUDIS-project. A total budget of 50.000€ is available for the implementation of projects within the partner universities of AUDIS.

On 30 October, deadline for submission of the proposals, 5 projects were sent to Anna Quici and Roberta Rasa. On 10 November a 6th proposal was sent by Eduardo Mondlane University.

For most proposals some documents are still missing.

Summary table below.

Applier	Partners	Partner form	Logframe	Budget	activity
Abomey Calavi	Abomey				Renforcement labo langues: formation et logiciel/materiel au Bénin
	Calavi	OK	OK	21.447	
	Ouagadougou	OK			
	Cap Vert	OK			
	Gaston Berger	Ok			
	Lomé	OK			
EMU	UEM	No	No	70.000	Reinforcement of the capacity of the public relations office of EMU  received after deadline and format and budget not conform
UNIKIN	UNIKIN	OK	OK	20.888	Atelier PCM et élaboration Plan stratégique général et spécifique pour les service de Relations internationales à Kinshasa
	UNILU				
	Angola	mail			
	Cap Vert				
	Abomey Calavi				

	Lome Gaston Berger Ouagadougou				
<b>Mekelle</b>	Mekelle Gaston Berger Dar Es Salaam	OK	20.000	Study on languages problems experienced by African students abroad	
<b>Ouagadougou</b>	Ouagadougou Abomey Calavi Lomé	OK	9.990	Organisation mobilité d'étudiants Workshop à Ouaga	
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Zimbabwe VLIR-UOS	OK	4.000	Co-financing for enhancement of regional networking and sustainability of PG programmes	
<b>Total</b>			<b>146.325</b>		

The Steering committee agreed on some principles for the selection process:

1. preference should go to implementation projects, to concrete activities to enhance the IRO's
2. we should include as many as possible partners
3. we need some flexibility
4. administrative costs should be limited to 1.000 EUR for the university that organizes the activity.

Discussion of the individual projects:

### 1. Université d'Abomey Calavi

It is a good project, including all universities of the sub-region.

The expected result is clear and feasible.

A lot of concertation between the partners was done. Padova has been asked to contribute to the project with their technical expertise on language laboratories.

The Steering committee has some remarks concerning the budget which has been communicated to the applier immediately by e-mail.

The new total budget proposed and accepted by the applier is **21.050€**

### 2. University Eduardo Mondlane

The Steering committee decided that this proposal is not eligible because of following reasons:

1. the deadline was not respected
2. the format was not respected
3. the budget is three times higher than the foreseen maximum of 20.000€

### 3. Université de Kinshasa

It is a good project prepared by the universities of Kinshasa and Lubumbashi, but not all proposed partners responded officially, and the budget needs some modifications. The level of the budget that can be allocated to this project is subject to the number of partners that want to participate.

The Steering Committee has some remarks concerning the budget. Those have been communicated immediately by e-mail to the applier.

The new total proposed budget is between **8.000€** and **15.000€** depending on the final number of participants.

#### 4. University of Mekelle

In the opinion of the Steering committee the project submitted by Mekelle does not completely correspond to the objectives put forward.

The Steering Committee proposed to make some adjustments to the proposal and to the budget and suggested to find co-financing. This was communicated immediately by e-mail and accepted by the applier.

The new total budget proposed and accepted by the applier is **4.000€**.

#### 5. Université de Ouagadougou

As the Université de Ouagadougou is already partner of 2 proposals and the partnership forms were not included, the Steering Committee decided not to finance this proposal.

#### 6. University of Zimbabwe

The University of Zimbabwe is asking co-financing for an activity that will be financed in the framework of the phase-out of the VLIR-IUC project. It is about strengthening the capacity for Postgraduate Programs through regional networking.

The Steering committee approved this proposal for co-financing up to an amount of **4.000€** and will further investigate what is the most efficient manner to arrange the financial contribution, taking into account the difficult economic situation in Zimbabwe.

Final conclusion of the selection process will be communicated officially by the AUDIS coordinator, P. Faggi, on behalf of the Steering Committee by the end of November.

The financial guidelines will be communicated to the partners by the manager of the project, R. Rasa.

Saint-Louis, 12 November 2008

P. Faggi



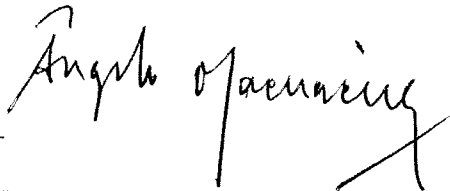
A. Barry



M. Dekoninck



Dakar, 13 November 2008,  
A. Macuacua



After reviewing the minutes of the meeting, I completely agree with the conclusion and decision taken.

VEM will join one of the project approved.

Angela Macuacua  
13/11/08