

THE AFRICAN SOCIETY IN DIGITAL SCIENCES

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MINUTES OF THE CONSTITUTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN SOCIETY IN DIGITAL SCIENCES, HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN DSCHANG, CAMEROON BY 2:10 PM

ATTENDANCE

Being a hybrid event, there were a total of one hundred and sixty-seven (167) participants on-site and online at the ASDS constitutive general assembly (On record).

List of those in attendance at the meeting is herein attached to this email.

The main deliberations of the ASDS general assembly are summarised in the table below:

S/N	Deliberations and Decisions	Action By
1.0	Opening	
1.1	The meeting began at 2:10pm with Members both on-site and online via zoom	Members
1.2	Welcome Address The Chairperson welcomed members to the ASDS general assembly and reminded them of the essence of the ASDS. Thereafter she called on Prof Nabil Gmati for a brief presentation of the ASDS	Dr Helene Kirchner
2.0	Presentation of ASDS He highlighted the objectives of the ASDS, some of which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Giving more visibility to African Scientists ii. Providing a database of African Scientists iii. Supporting training programs and research He equally outlined the planned activities of the ASDS	Prof Nabil Gmati
3.0	Presentation of the key partners and flagship collaborative initiatives	
3.1	Presentation by the Director of International Relations,	Dr Cecile Vigouroux

	<p>Inria She emphasized Inria’s willingness to support the ASDS in order to promote the attainment of the goals of the association</p> <p>3.2 Recorded Presentation by the French Academy of Sciences</p> <p>3.3 Presentation on Research Journals</p> <p>3.4 Recorded Presentation on the Research Consortiums (UMMISCO, LIRIMA) and a future MSc Training Programme on Data science and artificial intelligence</p> <p>3.5 Presentation on the Digital Science and Technology Networks (DSTN)</p> <p>3.6 Presentation on the CIRIUS Project (Centre International de Rencontres Inter Universitaires Scientiques)</p> <p>3.7 Call for Proposals from other perspective Members or Partner institutions</p>	<p>Dr Pierre Auger</p> <p>Prof Engineer Bainomugisha</p> <p>Prof Moussa Lo</p> <p>Prof Gaoussou Camara</p> <p>Prof Douada Niang Diatta</p> <p>Dr Helene Kirchner</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Final Decisions</p> <p>At the end of the deliberations, the following were decided:</p> <p>a. The Statutes of the Association were approved</p> <p>b. Presentation and Approval of the Members of the Executive Committee:</p> <p>President: Prof. Maurice TCHUENTE</p> <p>Vice-President Northern Africa: Prof. Mohamed JAOUA</p> <p>Vice-President West Africa: Prof. Moussa LO</p> <p>Vice-President East Africa: Prof. Engineer BAINOMUGISHA</p> <p>Vice-President Diaspora in North America: Dr Rita ORJI</p> <p>Vice-President Diaspora Europe: Prof. Kamel BARKAOUI</p> <p>Secretary General: Dr Vivian O. NWOACHA</p> <p>Treasurer: Dr Paulin MELATAGIA</p> <p>The positions of Vice-Presidents for Southern and Central</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Members</p>

	<p>Africa are yet to be filled.</p> <p>Subsequently, the approved members of the executive committee were requested to address the assembly</p> <p>c. Endorsement of the University of Dschang as the ASDS Headquarters of the ASDS</p> <p>d. Proposals were equally made to have Bilingual Translations and Technical Assistants for the effective coordination of the ASDS activities.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Closing</p> <p>The Chairperson called on the President to make some closing remarks.</p> <p>The President thanked the members for their support and enjoined them to make ASDS the reference continental scholarly society for digital sciences in Africa</p> <p>Subsequently, the chairperson thanked members for their contributions and enjoined them to work towards attaining the goals of the association.</p>	<p>Dr Helene Kirchner</p> <p>Prof Maurice Tchuenta</p>

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Dr. Helene Kirchner

Chairperson

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Dr. Vivian O. Nwaocha

Prof. Samuel Bowong

Secretary