



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONE 22 / AFRICAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
NETWORK MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PROJECT

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ISSUED AFTER THE LAUNCH OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONE 22 AND AFRICAN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE NETWORK (ACGN) MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON 9TH MAY 2023

1. Rotary International (RI) Zone 22 Africa - African Corporate Governance Network (ACGN) Membership Growth and Development Project was launched on the 9th May, 2023 by the Rotary International Vice President, Nicki Scott to grow membership of both institutions by 50,000 in five years, and to promote Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles in Africa.
2. The objectives of the project are:
 - a. To Promote Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) as social and economic issues are central to RI Zone 22 and ACGN Strategic Focus and Good Governance.
 - b. To Leveraging on RI Zone 22 Network for ACGN African expansion project.
 - c. To Growing Membership of both Institutions.
3. The Vice President of Rotary International applauded the promoters of both Institutions for their visionary leadership.
4. The Promoters of the Project, Mr. Rockson K. Dogbegah representing the ACGN as the Chairman of the Board and Rotary International Director Patrick D. Chisanga called on the members of their respective Institutions to make this project a reality.
5. The event was opened by Rockson K. Dogbegah and closed by RID Patrick D. Chisanga

6. Two Committees were inaugurated as follows;
 - a. Coordinating Committee which will provide the strategic leadership for the Project and will serve for a three-year tenure. This Committee will be Chaired by Rotary International Zone 22 Regional Coordinator Ken Mugisha and Co-Chaired by Mr. Duncan Watta the Past President of Institute of Directors Kenya.
 - b. The Project Management Committee is to provide administrative support for the leadership of the Project. The Committee Chair, Past District Governor Lucie Kasanga and Co-Chair, Mrs Victoria Silutongwe accepted the responsibility and pledged their support for the project.
7. Country level Committees will be inaugurated to ensure the implementation of the project goals at the country level by the Coordinating Committee.
8. There were solidarity messages by several representatives from across the continent from the Rotary International Zone 22 and ACGN as follows;
 - Ms. Vincia Cloete, CEO from the Namibia Institute of Corporate Governance representing the ACGN Southern Africa Region
 - Mr. Meshack Joram, CEO from the Institute of Directors Kenya representing the ACGN Eastern Africa Region
 - Mr. Bamidele Alimi, CEO from the Institute of Directors Nigeria representing the ACGN Western Africa Region
 - Rotary International Zone 22 Region 26, Regional Coordinator Dorothe GOUNON
9. The Event was moderated by RRPIC Mayan Raslan and Ms. Susan Mutangadura, Past Chair of the Institute of Directors Zimbabwe.
10. Resources for implementation of this project may come from either party, depending upon budgetary availability or from donors and sponsors. Funds could be raised from sponsors locally at all Committee level to support the implementation of the project
11. Moving forward, sensitization is to be done by all stakeholders at the country level and ensure collective ownership by all to ensure the successful implementation of the project

12. RI Zone 22 is part of a global network of 1.4 million business and community leaders, who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe and communities. It has a current membership of 40,000 in Africa. The mission of RI Zone 22 is to provide service, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of businesses, professionals, and community leaders to see the world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across Africa and in its communities.

13. The African Corporate Governance Network (ACGN) is a collaborative network of director membership organizations that promotes effective corporate governance on the African continent and now has 29 members from 21 African countries representing over 20,500 senior executives and directors across the continent.

The mission of ACGN is to develop the institutional capacity of ACGN members for enhancing effective corporate governance practices towards building better private and public sector organizations and corporate citizens in Africa.

14. It is expected that if all stakeholders are committed to the project goals, it will lead to increased membership of both organizations, enhanced social and economic and good governance outcomes on the African Continent.

Dated this 19th May, 2023

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