



***International Association of Economic and Social Councils  
and Similar Institutions***  
(AICESIS)

**AICESIS Board**  
**Curacao - March 7, 2019**

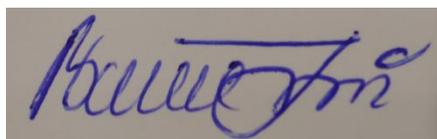
**Summary of decisions**

The Board of Curaçao, held on March 7, 2019 under the Presidency of Mr. Iacob BACIU, President of AICESIS and President of the ESC of Romania, brought together 15 members of the Board, including 3 represented by mandate . The list of the participants is attached.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Agenda</u></b> The agenda has been accepted by the members
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Next Presidency, next CA and next VSG</u></b> - UCESA unanimously presented the candidature of the ESECC of Ivory Coast for the Presidency of AICESIS for 2019-2021 in accordance with Article 8 of the AICESIS Articles, which states the continental rotation of the AICESIS presidency. Thus, the President received the approval of the Board to allow the 2019 GA to choose the ESECC of Ivory Coast for the Presidency of AICESIS. - The SG will initiate the procedures for the renewal of Board members and VSG mandates for 2019-2021 according to the usual procedures.
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Seminar on "The future of AICESIS"</u></b> The working group presents the results of its work in three points. After a debate on certain points, the Board decided that the document presented will serve as a basis for a debate to be held at the next GA. Working group discussions will continue with the assistance of the SG. Board members will send their contributions regarding points of convergence and divergence by May 31st. These notes will be sent to the members of the working group who will summarize them, which will be sent to the AICESIS members before the end of July. A half-day discussion and exchange will be scheduled on this basis at the opening of the GA after which resolutions will be drafted and submitted to the GA.
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Partnership with the ILO</u></b> - The AICESIS-ILO joint international conference will be held on the occasion of the GA 2019 in Bucharest on the theme of <i>good governance in the framework of the 2030 Agenda</i> . An introductory note will be prepared jointly by AICESIS and the ILO to prepare the conference debates. - The international database on ESCs-SI in the world will be expanded and more accessible. Direct discussions between ILO-AICESIS will begin on the methodology. - A methodology will be developed by the ILO with the participation of AICESIS before the end of 2019-beginning of 2020 in several languages for the members as a simple tool to support the decision making process to improve the operation, impact, efficiency of the Institutions. - AICESIS will attend the ILO's centennial conference in June, with the presence of several heads of State and government.
<b>5</b>	<b><u>New memberships</u></b> The Board is informed by the SG of the membership applications of the Tunisian and Guatemalan ESCs as well as the International Francophone of Social Dialogue (as an associate member). This information has received the approval of the Board.

<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>Communication and visual identity</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In addition to the decisions taken at the GA of Paris, the SG presented a document on the communication policy as a basis for the development of a strategic communication plan, targeting objectives, audience, content and developing more intensely aspects of internal communication within 2 months.</li> <li>- The President presented a new visual identity of AICESIS which was approved by the Board.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>Website</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To do this, the starting point is the redesign of the website which will be executed according to the modalities presented to the GA of Paris. For the redesign, the SG will draft terms of reference, which will be sent to the Board members for approval within 15 days (the absence of a response will be considered as an approval). The budget has been set at 10,000 euros maximum. The specifications will be sent by the SG to specialized companies giving a period of 15 days to present the offers that will be sent to the Board members to express their preferences within one week. The company that will collect the most preferences will then be selected. The contract will be drafted with a clear definition of the obligations and the timetable for implementation.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Virtual Office of AICESIS</u></b></p> <p>The same consultation procedure as for the website (point 7) will be applied.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Main working theme</u></b></p> <p>The notes presented to the Board will be sent to all AICESIS members asking them to submit their written contributions to guide the final report. The General Reporter will then make an initial version of the final report which will be submitted with sufficient time to know the opinions of the AICESIS members before the GA of September 2019.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b><u>Other decisions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AICESIS will send a note (attached) to the Government of Brazil to express its regret regarding the suspension of the activities of the Brazilian ESDC.</li> <li>- The Board welcomes the proposal of the ESC of Korea to organize in 2019 the Asian Social Dialogue Forum in cooperation with the ILO.</li> <li>- The Board welcomes the decision of Argentina to establish an ESC and supports the signature by the President and the SG of a working and cooperation agreement between AICESIS and the Ministry of Production and Labor of Argentina. It was decided on the basis of this experience to create a guide to help other countries wishing to set up such an institution at national level with useful information on how to establish an ESC.</li> </ul> <p>- The Board - whereas in special circumstances where more complete information cannot be sent according to usual customs because of various factors (lack of documentation, lack of information, documentation received too late) - entrusts the SG with the development in a period of one month of alternative forms of communication that allow decisions to be taken by the Board. These formulas will be part of a more effective preparation of the Board. The use of a written procedure could be included in this preparation.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Association Articles, the Board members will receive 30 days before the meeting the documents by email on the date set for the meeting. Each board member will receive the draft agenda and the respective documents for each item on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The next AICESIS GA will take place in Bucharest (Romania) on 11-12-13 September 2019.</li> </ul>

**President of AICESIS**



**Iacob BACIU**

**Secretary-General of AICESIS**



**Francisco GONZALEZ DE LENA**



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<b>Argentine (Buenos Aires)</b>	Rodrigo HERRERA BRAVO	Secrétaire Général
	Gerardo LUPPI	Conseiller
<b>Aruba</b>	Felix BIJLHOUT	Secrétaire Général
	Andrina L.F. MSW DIRKS-NICOLAAS	Secrétaire Général
<b>Bénin</b>	Tabé GBIAN	Président
	Micheline GBEHA	Conseillère
	Noël CHADARE	Conseiller
	Alain ZOULIN	Secrétaire Général Adjoint
<b>Cameroun</b>	Luc AYANG	Président
	Zacharie NGOUMBE	Secrétaire Général
<b>Chine</b>	LI Xueming	Secrétaire Général Adjoint
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	Cornelus ROJER	Conseiller
	Johan KUSTERS	Conseiller
	Humphrey MONGEN	Conseiller
	Pablo COVA	Conseiller
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	Liviu APOSTOIU	Vice-Président
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	Roland IGNACIO	Secrétaire Général Adjoint d'ADS
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	Cristian RACAREANU	Interprète



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**AICESIS Statement on the developments in Brazil**

**Recalling that,**

- The Association, created in 1999, is fully respectful of the independence of each of its members;

And that it has the main following missions:

- To help the development of participatory democracy;
- To encourage the creation of Economic and Social Councils (ESCs) and support their sustainable action;
- To contribute to the prosperity and to the economic development of the population in accordance of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**Pointing on that,**

- The ESCs and Similar Institutions are the expression of institutionalized participation of societies and a medium between the sphere of politics and economy and within AICESIS, share their will to support processes for social dialogue institutionalization, in different countries;
- AICESIS can contribute to achieve that objective wherever there is a democratic will for it supported by social partners or by their members-organizations;

**Members of the AICESIS Board,**

- Are seriously concerned about the situation with the suspension of activities of the Economic and Social Development Council of Brazil (CDES); which played an important role reinforcing the space of democracy;
- Call the Authorities of Brazil to consider the possibility of restoring the CDES not only as a part of Brazilian democratic institutions, but also as an effective tool of developing the social network of ESCs in the Latin America and Caribbean Region, where the CDES was particularly active;
- Express the hope that Brazil will participate in the General Assembly of AICESIS to be held on 11, 12 and 13 September in Bucharest (Romania).

Mr. Iacob BACIU  
President of AICESIS  
On behalf of the AICESIS Board Members