

## **SDF Executive Committee Meeting**

Meeting: 03

Date: November 8, 2020

Start time: 7.00pm GMT

End time: 8.30pm GMT

### **Agenda**

1. Prayers;
2. Recognition of attendees;
3. Apologies;
4. Review and adoption of minutes of the last meeting;
5. Report on action points from last meeting:
  - a) *Action point 1: Alieu Cham to report on the outcome of his discussion with Ndemba Kebba*
6. Discuss areas where the SDF Executive needs support and seek to co-opt individuals into those pillars;
7. Select Advisers to the Executive Committee of SDF;
8. Registration of SDF as a Charity in the United Kingdom;
9. AOB
10. Prayers

#### **1. Prayers**

The meeting was opened by the offer of prayers of peace, love and unity between and for all.

#### **2. Recognition of attendees**

Omar Janneh, Bakary J Sonko, Sima Camara, Hoja JAllow, Saikou Lamin Sonko, Lamin Sonko (Nani), Kabiro KS Janneh, P Sanyang

#### **3. Apologies**

Lamin Manjang, Alieu SK Cham, Saikouba Ceesay

#### **4. Review and adoption of minutes of the last meeting**

Omar Janneh apologised for the delay in releasing the draft minutes of the meeting caused by delay in the sharing of the recording of the meeting file.

#### **5. Report on action points from last meeting:**

##### **a) Action point 1: Alieu Cham to report on the outcome of his discussion with Ndemba Kebba**

The meeting agreed to consider the recommending to the members the option to write-off Ndemba Kebba Jaiteh's loan to SDF on grounds of his poor health. However, it was thought best to give chance to Alieu Cham to report to the meeting the outcome of his discussion with Ndemba Kebba Jaiteh before the Executive Committee makes its final recommendations known to the members.

#### **6. Discuss areas where the SDF Executive needs support and seek to co-opt individuals into those pillars**

The meeting agreed that there is need to strengthen certain structures such as the Water Committee and the VDC or seek to work with them in a way that ensures that the work of SDF is strengthened in the village. Examples of areas needing support that were mentioned at the meeting include:

- a) Water Committee – the work done by Lamin Famorro Sonko was recognised in a positive light, but the fact that he needed support to help lighten his load was emphasised;
- b) The urgent need to carry out specific tasks that help in the area of annual fundraising campaigns were underscored;
- c) That there is need to put in measures aimed at strategically reaching out to the Sikankos in the diaspora, the kafo, etc.;

- d) That there is need to improve the membership and participation of women in the life and work of SDF.

The names that were mentioned in this regard include:

- i. Satou Kassama
- ii. Mariama Sawo-Kamara (aka Yamandingho)
- iii. Satang Sanneh
- iv. Manta Barjo
- v. Mariama (Bonto) Jaiteh
- vi. Sainabou Kebbeh (Nfansu)
- vii. Fatou Jatta

Other individuals who were named with potential to help drive the work of the Executive Committee of SDF include:

- i. Pa Ansumana Manneh (Nkiti)
- ii. Lamin Musukebba Sonko (aka Babadinding),
- iii. Borry Janneh
- iv. Solo Demba
- v. Maala Janneh
- vi. Pa Amadou Drammeh
- vii. Bakary Gitte
- viii. Yaya (Binja) Sonko

Omar Janneh told the meeting of the need to try and ensure that any individual co-opted into the Executive Committee be assigned to a pillar so that work of that pillar can be enhanced to help SDF address its challenges more efficiently.

Overall, given that SDF is in dire need of resources, being both human and capital, it was agreed that the Social and Resource Mobilisation pillar of the Executive Committee needs to brainstorm and report to the Executive the needs of SDF.

**Action point 1:** the Social and Resource Mobilisation Secretaries to report to the meeting the outcome of their discussion to help strengthen the Executive Committee of SDF.

## ***7. Select Advisers to the Executive Committee of SDF***

The meeting discussed the need to nominate/select at least 5 advisers to the Executive Committee of SDF. To that end, the following names were proposed:

- i. Kemo Sonko
- ii. Sarjo Gitte
- iii. Mustafa (Sitafa) Sonko

**Action point 2:** Sima Camara volunteered to contact Sitafa Sonko about becoming an Adviser to the Executive Committee of SDF.

## ***8. Registration of SDF as a Charity in the United Kingdom***

Omar Janneh informed the meeting of the need to register SDF in UK. HE reminded the meeting of the draft SDF constitution shared with the members which received comments from a number of people, including Solo Demba who is lawyer.

Bakary J Sonko reminded the meeting of the need to keep the objectives of SDF as clear as possible so that it can have a smooth passage with the Charity Commission. Omar Janneh reminded the attendees of the names of the following suggested as Trustees in the SDF Constitution to be submitted to the Charity Commission:

- i. Omar Janneh
- ii. Solo Demba
- iii. Saikouba Ceesay
- iv. Karima Zitouni.

**Action point 3:** Omar Janneh promised to share the latest version of the Constitution of SDF for the members to read a second time and provide feedback on it ahead of the completion of the application for Charity status with the Charity Commission.

## **9. AOB**

### ***a) Keeping the members informed***

The meeting underscored the need to keep the members informed of the outcome of the work of the Executive Committee on a regular basis. That it was not necessary to report on all of the matters discussed at the Executive level, but that the members need to be informed of the key decisions of the Executive after every Executive meeting. In that regards the members should know how regularly the Executive meets so that they can submit matters they would like the Executive to discuss and report on.

### **a) Need to begin the discussion on the provision of healthcare for Sika – the building of the Community Clinic**

The meeting briefly discussed the need to set up a taskforce that would meet more regularly to discuss the strategic steps that need to be taken to realise the provision of healthcare for the people of Sika.

## **10. Prayers**

The meeting closed with the offer of prayers for good health, and peace and unity.

**Date of next meeting:** November 28, 2020 at 7.00pm GMT.