

**MINUTES OF KONO DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KDDA)  
GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2011.**

VENUE: Actra Tenant Hall, 375 Old Kent Road, London SE1 5JQ

AGENDA

1. Prayers.
2. Introductions.
3. Minutes of last General Meeting.
4. Chairman's address by Dr. Kai Ngegba.
5. Koidu Holdings Kimberlite Mining Project: Response from the Council of Chiefs in Kono District.
6. KDDA summer outing by Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh.
7. Youth Participation in KDDA.
8. A.O.B

The meeting started with a prayer by Pastor Juliet Samura at 1730 hours. This was followed by the Interim Chairman's address by Dr. Kai Ngegba.

The Interim Chairman started his address with apologies for the conduct of the General meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011. There was some disorder at the end of the meeting though all issues had already been discussed. He welcomed members and thanked them for their support. He then informed members about the response from the Council of Chiefs in Kono District. The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe apologized for coming late and then read the letter from Paramount Chief Sheku Tejan Fasuluku (111).

This was followed by self introductions by each member present. The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe then read the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011. On matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba requested for update regarding funds from the Sierra Leone Embassy staff in London. In response the Interim Secretary informed the audience that all outstanding cash would be collected and updated in the financial report. Mr Sahr D K Nyandemoh suggested that minutes of meetings be emailed to members before the meeting. He was then informed by the Interim Secretary General that minutes have been emailed to members before and the process would be improved. In the absence of any other matters arising from the minutes Mr. Bockarie Marah moved that the minutes be accepted by the house. This was seconded by Mr. Sahr D K Nyandemoh.

On the subject of the Koidu Holdings Kimberlite Mining Project, the Interim Secretary General summarized the letter from Paramount Chief Fasuluku (111) as inadequate. Mr. Sahr Adimoinjae Mafinda was not impressed with the response from the Council of Chiefs. He then said "The Chiefs have not responded to our concerns. This implies they do not care". Mrs Agnes Macauley described the Chief's response as irresponsible and unacceptable. She said she can not understand why the Chiefs dissociate themselves from the issues and refer us to the government. Mr. Bockarie Marah then commented that

sufficient support for pressure groups would be helpful. Mr. Feias Gbondo Saaquee reminded members that Ken Sarawiva of Nigeria died for his course. He stressed that if necessary one of us should sacrifice his life for our course. He further stated that one person can change everything. Mrs. Rosaline Kanu suggested that we focus our approach on seeking help from the House of Commons. Mr. Kai Kpakima suggested we liaise with our people on the ground to seek the way forward. At this point the Interim Chairman then asked Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo to brief the house about his trip to Kono District. He confirmed that he visited some Paramount Chiefs and other dignitaries during his visit. Mr Nyandemo informed the audience that many concerns have been raised in Kono District about the resettlement plan. Among the concerns was transportation as relocated families are about four miles from the Koidu Town centre. Mrs. Sia Nyandemo suggested we work together with our brothers and sisters in United State of America. The Interim Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe informed members that contacts with our counterparts were ongoing. Mr. Sahr Stephen Kabba suggested we take a political direction now to sort out the mining problems in Kono District. The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba then informed members that the Interim team would liaise with other concerned groups, gather information and then approach the Ministry of Mines.

Mr. David Dingiswayo Nyandemo suggested we organized a symposium as the foundation of progress in Kono District. He reminded members that the success of the Israelis is good planning.

Mr. Septimus Lebbie asked the Interim team to prepare the terms of reference for the financial enquiry team to commence work. In response, the Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba informed members that modalities would be prepared as soon as possible.

Various destinations were suggested for the 2011 outing as requested by the Interim Social Secretary Mr Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh. The house decided that the Interim Social Secretary should conduct further enquiries and decide on the venue for the outing.

The youths were urged to liaise with the Interim Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh with suggestions as to their roles.

The date for the second KDDA thanksgiving service was agreed as 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The venue was also agreed as;

Eagle Christian Ministry  
116-118 New Cross Road  
London SE14 5BA

Mr Sahr Gandi-Capio thanked the Interim executive for organizing the service.

The Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba appealed to members to attend the KDDA Vs Opel hearing at the Lambeth County Court on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Under AOB, Mrs Sia Nyandemo informed members of the Sickle cell Disease Awareness mobile clinic to be set up in Kono District. The clinic would be operational between 18<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 in the Jaiama Nimikor and surrounding villages. Both national and international doctors are expected to assemble in Kono district for the duration of the clinic. She appealed to members for support to make the venture a success. Mrs.

Nyandemo also updated members with the Sierra Leone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in London.

Mr. Kai Kpakima enquired about the £5000.00 pounds sent to Mrs. Musa. In response, the Interim Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba stated attempts are being made to contact Mrs. Musa for update. At 2030 hours, Mr. David Morsay moved that the meeting be closed. This was seconded by Mr. Feias Gbondo Saaquee. There were thirty one (31) people in attendance.

Thanks for your attention.

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