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**MINUTES OF KONO DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KDDA)  
GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

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

**AGENDA**

1. Prayers 5 minutes
2. Introductions 5 minutes
3. Minutes and matters arising from the minutes of the KDDA General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 5 minutes
4. Address by the KDDA Chairman – Dr. Kai Ngegba 10 minutes
5. KDDA Charity status 10 minutes
6. Membership and annual contributions 20 minutes
7. KDDA Annual Dance by the Social Secretary – Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh 20 minutes
8. The London Conference by Mr. David Nyandemo 10 minutes
9. KDDA Elections 15 minutes
10. A.O.B 15 minutes

The meeting started with a Muslim prayer by Mr. Ahmadu Sulaiman Bah at 18:38 hours, followed by a Christian Prayer by Mr. Feais Gbondo Saaquee. Members then introduced themselves.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the KDDA General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 was read by the Secretary General Mr. Aiah Yornie Sodengbe. In the absence of any matter arising from the minutes, Mr. David Sahr Moiforay moved that the minutes be accepted. This motion was seconded by Miss Sia Komba.

**CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

The Chairman Dr. Kai Ngegba welcomed all from the festive break and told the audience that his report will be read in Krio.

At this point, the Chairman received a telephone call from the Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, His Excellency Alhaji Chief Sam Sumana. The Vice President stated that he was aware of the scheduled General Meeting and wanted to reach out to members via the Chairman. He expressed his profound appreciation at the activities undertaken by KDDA and

urged all Sierra Leoneans to contribute positively to the socio-economic development of our country. Chief Sam Sumana also confirmed that he was abreast with our activities and his ears are open to suggestions. He reaffirmed his willingness and availability to work with KDDA in the interest of Sierra Leone. In response, Dr. Ngegba assured the Vice President that his call was much appreciated and the KDDA Executive will keep him posted with developments and look forward to working with him.

The Chairman then informed the audience of his desire to continue moving the association forward to charity status. He urged members to pay their monthly contribution of ten (10) pounds, and stressed the importance of unity which could empower us to face the challenges ahead.

### **KDDA CHARITY STATUS**

The Secretary General informed the meeting that plans are ongoing to prepare for charity status. He confirmed that the new KDDA constitution, which is freely available from the KDDA website, was sent out to some members for their comments. Mr. Komba Wusu Foday suggested that trustees be independent of the Executive. Miss Ezzatu Josiah opined that we should be optimistic as a unified force and that the charity status application must proceed. It was agreed that the application process must proceed.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Financial Secretary, Mrs. Patricia Bondu Saffa, thanked Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh as the only fully paid up member and pleaded to members to honour their commitments. It was agreed by the membership that the annual contribution, effective from January 2014, is ten (10) pounds per member.

### **KDDA ANNUAL DANCE**

The Social Secretary Mr. Aiah Bondowa Tondoneh confirmed that the KDDA Reunion Dance will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014. He clarified that the previous agreed date of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 was changed due to lack of appropriate venue for the occasion. The new date was endorsed by the meeting.

### **THE LONDON CONFERENCE**

The Chairman of the London Conference, Mr. Dingiswayo Nyandemo, confirmed the dates of the conference as 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014. He reiterated that the essence of the conference is to plan the future for Kono District in Sierra Leone. He appealed to members to support the venture and make it a success.

### **KDDA ELECTIONS**

The Secretary General reminded members that the mandate deadline of the executive is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 as authorised in the General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013. He asked the audience to agree on a date for the KDDA elections. After thorough deliberations, three Motions were put forward for voting:

1. To extend the mandate of the KDDA Executive to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
2. To differ the KDDA Elections discussion to the next General Meeting.
3. To conduct the KDDA Elections in March 2014.

Seventeen (17) members voted for Motion 1, one (1) member voted for Motion 2, and four (4) members voted for Motion 3.

*The General Meeting agreed to extend the mandate of the KDDA Executive to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014.*

There were thirty four (34) members in attendance.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 21:04 hours.

Thanks for your attention.



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