

5. Terms of Reference for Regional Focal Point organisations

5.1 Regional Focal Point organisations are responsible to do the following:

5.1.1 Maintain a bank account into which all funds raised for the regional structure should be deposited, and into which funds from StreetNet International for specific purposes/projects shall be deposited;

5.1.2 Keep an updated list of the StreetNet affiliates in the region and all their contact details;

5.1.3 Establish a suitable co-ordinating structure to support the focal point organisation in the function of regional co-ordination, and keep StreetNet International Council informed regarding the composition, function and activities of such structure;

5.1.4 Take responsibility for communicating with all StreetNet affiliates in the region and ensuring that they are kept informed about developments in StreetNet International – in addition to the normal communications from the StreetNet office to all the affiliates;

5.1.5 Take responsibility, with StreetNet affiliates in the region, for organising regional initiatives (in accordance with StreetNet principles and policies);

5.1.6 Forward recommendations on behalf of the region to the StreetNet International Council and International Congress for consideration and/or adoption;

5.1.7 Forward requests on behalf of the region to the StreetNet International Council and/or Executive Committee for financial or non-financial support for regional activities

5.1.8 When StreetNet International requests feedback or input from the region on any matter, communicate directly with the region's affiliates to solicit their views, compile a consolidated regional response and relay this to StreetNet International;

5.1.9 Convene regional activities of StreetNet in that region, in accordance with workplans and decisions of the StreetNet International Congress and the StreetNet International Council, and submit narrative and financial reports of all regional activities within 2 weeks of each activity;

5.1.10 Keep StreetNet International informed of progress in the region through regular written reports to the StreetNet office.

5.2 The regional structures coordinated by the Regional Focal Point organisations do not have decision-making powers for StreetNet International as a whole. Therefore, when the affiliates in the region wish to propose a policy change or a new policy, it will be the responsibility of the Regional Focal Point organisation to forward such proposal to the StreetNet International Council or the International Congress for consideration and/or adoption.

5.3 The regional structures coordinated by the Regional Focal Point organisations may operate autonomously, but not independently of StreetNet International. Therefore they may take decisions for their region – and these should be forwarded to the StreetNet International Council for ratification.

5.4 The regional structures coordinated by the Regional Focal Point organisations are discouraged from establishing themselves as parallel centres of power to the constitutional decision-making structures of StreetNet International, or creating inter-regional divisions between street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, in contravention of StreetNet's commitment to working class unity.