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Meeting Agenda

April 28-30

- Arrival of the Leadership, delegates, guest
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Monday May 1st

09.00 am - 13.00 pm

- Marking of the International Workers' Day (venue tbc)
-

Tuesday May 2nd

10.00 am - 17.00

N.B. Document packs to be given to registering participants.

- Training on Outcomes harvesting

REGISTRATION

09h00 – 22h00



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Meeting Agenda

DAY 1 - Wednesday May 3rd 2023

FINAL REGISTRATIONS: 8h00 – 9h00

OPENING SESSION: 9h00 – 12h00 MC

PROGRAMME to be prepared by SYTRIECY hosts (who should inform us who will be the MC) and StreetNet Admin

Group photo

LUNCH 12h00 – 13h30

CLOSED SESSION: 13h30 – 14h30 Chair: Alberto Santana

- **Rules and procedures**
- Establishment of Credentials Commission
- Establishment of Resolutions Commission
- Electoral Procedures* – Electoral Commission
- *Nominations to be confirmed in plenary, withdrawals procedure to be explained as per standing orders, as well as procedures for constitutional challenges on any nominations, to be finalised before 10h00 on Day 2

REPORTS: 14h30 – 17h30 Chair: Alberto Santana

- Credentials report – Credentials Committee
- International Coordinator's report – Oksana Abboud
- Treasurer's report – Annie Diouf
- President's report – Lorraine Sibanda
- Plenary discussion on reports
- Adoption of reports

EVENING ACTIVITIES: 18h00 – 22h00

Resolutions Commission meeting – Commission Convenor



Meeting Agenda

DAY 2 - Thursday May 4th 2023

ELECTION PROCEDURES:

09h00 – 10h00

Electoral Commission

- Final withdrawals
- Final constitutional challenges

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

10h00 – 13h00

Chair: Lorraine Sibanda

- Discussion of report of Commission on Constitutional Reform
- Adoption of constitutional amendments

LUNCH

13h00 – 14h00

Continuity: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 14.00 - 15.30

Chair: Lorraine Sibanda

ELECTIONS:

15h30 – 20h30

Electoral Commission

- Announcement of rulings on constitutional challenges
- Election in plenary
- Counting of votes in plenary
- Announcement of election results

EVENING ACTIVITIES:

20h00 – 22h30

- Dinner

Resolutions Commission meeting – Commission Convenor



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DAY 3 Friday -May 5th 2023

PARALLEL COMMISSIONS: 09h00 – 13h00

1. Rights-based Social Protection: The battle for recognition and labor rights of workers in the informal economy
2. Environmental and climate justice: what is the role of street vendors in a just transition. The right to work on the public space for livelihood: the struggle for inclusive cities and the end of violence towards street vendors
3. Building with collective strength alternatives and solutions to our daily challenges: social solidarity economy and cooperatives building
4. Street vendors at the negotiating table: inclusive social dialogue and participation in policy development processes using the international instrument, such as the ILO Recommendation 204

Resolutions Commission to collect reports from parallel commissions for extracting resolutions to be presented to Congress the following day.

LUNCH 13h00 – 14h30

RESOLUTIONS: 14h30 – 17h00 Chair: Resolutions Commission

- Report of Resolutions Commission on resolutions arising from parallel Commissions
- Presentation of resolutions from affiliates
- Discussion of resolutions and any outstanding Constitutional amendments
- Adoption of resolutions
- Resolutions Commission meeting – Commission Convenor

17h30 - 18h30

EVENING ACTIVITIES: 19h00 – 22h00 CULTURAL EVENING



Meeting Agenda

DAY 4 - Saturday May 6th 2023

Day 4 Newsletter distributed to delegates on arrival in plenary

RESOLUTIONS: 09h30 – 13h00 Chair: Resolutions Commission

- Discussion of resolutions (contd.)
- Adoption of resolutions

LUNCH 13h00 – 14h30

PLENARY SESSION: 14h30 – 16h00 Chair: New President

Facilitators: International Coordinator, StreetNet & WIEGO

- StreetNet sustainability and strategic plan
- Advocacy strategy for the next 4 years - discussion and adoption
- Moving forward in unity and strengthening collecting power

CLOSING SESSION: 16h00 – 18h00 Chair: New ExCo Members

PROGRAMME to be prepared by SYTRIECI and StreetNet Admin

Sunday May 7th- departure of the participants



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LABOUR DAY CELEBRATION

1st May, 2023

DAY AGENDA

Venue: Car Free Zone City Center

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
09h00	Delegates depart from Lemigo Hotel in Buses	SYTRIECI Volunteer Guides
09h00 – 10h00	Arriving at Car Free Zone-City Center	Volunteers & Buses
10h30 – 10h45	Introduction Speech by SYTRIECI	Jeannette Nyiramasengesho
10h45 – 10h55	Remarks by SNI President	Lorraine Sibanda
10h55 – 11h10	Remarks by SNI Vice President	Alberto
11h10 – 12h00	Visiting around the City	SYTRIECI Volunteer Guides
12h00 – 13h00	Delegates return to Lemigo Hotel	Volunteers & Buses
13h00– 14h00	LUNCH	
14h00 – 17h00	Kigali Exposure (<i>visits</i>): 1. Kigali Genocide Memorial 2. Campaign Against Genocide Museum 3. Nyabugogo Modern Market	SYTRIECI Volunteers Guides
17h00-18h00	Return to the Hotel	SYTRIECI Volunteers Guides
DINNER		



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3rd May, 2023

OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE CONGRESS

DAY AGENDA

Venue: Lemigo Hotel Kigali-Rwanda

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
09h00 – 09h30	Arrivals of invited guests Congress Delegates Registration	Volunteers & Protocol
09h30 – 10h00	Rwanda Traditional Dance Presentation	MC Itorero
10h00 – 10h15	Introduction & Welcome remarks <i>(Delegates, Excom, SNI President & Coordinator, Congress Admin & Coord-Team, Members of SYTRIECI)</i>	SG SYTRIECI
10h15 – 10h20	Presentation of Guests <i>(Invited SNI-Guests, Local guests and the Guest of Honor)</i>	MC SG SYTRIECI
10h20 – 10h30	Remarks by SNI - President	MC SNI-President
10h30 – 10h40	Remarks by SNI – Vice President	MC SNI-Vice President
10h40 – 11h55	Rwanda Traditional Dance Presentation	MC Itorero
11h55 – 12h05	Remarks by StreetNet Senior Advisor and former SNI Coordinator	MC Pat Horn
12h05 – 12h15	Remarks by CESTRAR General Secretary	MC CESTRAR SG
12h15 – 12h25	Remarks of the President of TRADE UNION'S FORUM in Rwanda	MC Forum President
12h25 – 12h45	Greetings and speech of the guest/s of Honor and Official Opening of the Congress	MIFOTRA
12h45	Program End – Traditional Dance	MC Itorero
13h00	LUNCH	



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5th May, 2023

CULTURAL NIGHT EVENT

AGENDA

Venue: At Lemigo Hotel Kigali-Rwanda

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
19h00 – 19h30	Cultural Night Opening Speech	SNI – President & Coordinator, SG SYTRIECI
19h30 – 22h30	Countries Presentation of their cultures <i>(Each country use 5 minutes for presentation)</i>	MC
22h30 – 22h45	Closing remarks	SG SYTRIECI
22h45	DJ/ Band	MC
23h00	END	



STREETNET INTERNATIONAL CODE of CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Respect and equality

It is important for members to develop respect and equality between themselves, which will include respecting the leaders they have elected into positions.

Majority decisions and freedom of expression

Freedom of expression is one of the fundamental principles of democracy. This means that all individual members have the right to express their views and organise or canvas in support thereof. However, should they not succeed in having their views adopted by the majority, they should support and recognize the decision of the majority.

The right to freedom of expression does not mean incitement to violence, promoting hatred based on race, ethnicity, gender or religion, which might cause harm to an individual or the organization.

The process of reaching decisions should always be democratic. Members should have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion to enable them to reach decisions.

Therefore it is essential that if the majority of members agree on a particular issue, it should have the blessing of the rest, even if all do not agree with the majority. Majority decisions should be recognized and respected by all in the organisation.

Violence or slander

Individual freedoms and rights are part of democratic principles.

No violence or intimidation should take place within any of the organizations in the alliance. Any form of dispute or disagreement should be subjected to a process of deliberation and airing of different views, and settled through democratic methods.

Suppression of views is anti-democratic, and should not be allowed. Personal or political slander and the spreading of rumours should also be disallowed as undemocratic.

Differences should be subjected to an open debate amongst members and resolved as such.

Discipline

Members should exercise self-discipline as individuals in the organization, because ill discipline leads to organizational dysfunction.

Members should be disciplined in the context of the organization, which shall mean carrying out mandates of the organization as agreed democratically by constitutional structures.

Members as individuals should be self-disciplined in relation to personal behaviour, as it plays an important role as to how people conduct themselves in the treatment of others.

Honesty and loyalty

Members should all be honest and loyal to the organization. This means that members should at all times act or behave in a way that shows they have the interests of the organization at heart.

Corruption either in the workplace or the organization shall mean any act whereby a person or group of persons engages in fraudulent practices or moral deterioration. Members who engage in such actions shall be seen to be dishonest and disloyal to their organization and colleagues.

Members are bound to act according to the policies and uphold the constitution as the supreme law of the organization. Members have the right to defend their organization against any form of process that might lead to the dissolving of the organization.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED LEADERS

Honesty

- Shall mean fair and just in character and behaviour.
- An elected leader must be honest with members and the organization.
- Each and every leader will be expected not to steal or misuse the organisation's funds.
- Each and every leader will be expected not to engage in any fraudulent activity.
- Any money collected on behalf of the organization will be banked and spent in accordance with the purpose intended for, as outlined in the constitution.
- Assets of the organization will be used for organizational purposes and may not be used for personal gain without approval or knowledge of the organization – e.g. hired cars, equipment and buildings (offices).

- Leaders are expected to be truthful to the organization. This will mean giving correct reports and not concealing or manipulating things for their own benefit.
- Leaders are expected to act at all times in the benefit of the organization and not use their positions to benefit themselves.

Loyalty

This means owing allegiance to devote to the organization.

- An elected leader shall be loyal to the organization and the members who elect him/her. A leader will at all times act in the interests of the organization and its members.
- If an elected leader belongs to other organizations or institutions, s/he shall make sure that his/her involvement is not in conflict with the organization.
- Elected leaders are expected not to discuss organizational issues with other organizations or gossip about the organization.
- Elected leaders are expected to be open. If any has problems with someone in the organization, s/he must resolve it with the person or within the organization.
- At certain stages there could be conflicts in terms of loyalty, where an individual is loyal to a particular person or structures within the organization. In such cases the individual must always be guided by what is in the interests of the organisation as a whole.
- Elected leaders should have open attitudes – they should be open to different views and encourage the expression of different views throughout the organization.
- Elected leaders should at all times avoid cliques. They should encourage open discussions and dialogues with a view to resolving differences in a democratic way within the structures of the organization.

Conflicts of interest

Elected leaders should avoid conflicts of interest which make it impossible for them to primarily serve the interests of the members who elected them.

- In the case of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, it is clear that municipal employees, market managers or labour brokers are not in a position to primarily and unambiguously serve the interests of their members at all times – and therefore municipal employees, market managers or labour brokers cannot be eligible to be elected as leaders in the organization.
- In the case of elected leaders who are subsequently appointed to work for any level of government, they will be expected to choose between (1) whether to decline the government position or (2) to resign their elected position.
- In the case of vendors who have their own employees, they need to ensure that they do not intentionally or unintentionally promote the position of more privileged vendors like themselves at the expense of poorer survivalist street vendors, market vendors and hawkers.

- In the case of male leaders, they are expected to always promote women leadership in conformity with the gender policies of the organization, even when this may be at the expense of their own personal ambitions.

Criticism

An elected leader should encourage criticism of him/herself within the organization.

- Criticism can be positive (building) or negative (destructive). A leader will at all times encourage positive criticism. In a case where someone wants to discuss someone in their absence, a leader should insist that the person be given the opportunity to be present.
- Criticism should not be used as a tool to undermine a person's work. Consideration should be given to contributions made by each person.
- Criticism should at all times be specific, so that it may be understood – not vague or general.

Discipline

Discipline shall mean systems of rules to maintain organizational control.

Elected leaders should be self-disciplined, i.e:

- they should not act on their own;
- they should show what they believe to be the correct way to discuss and decide matters according to the structures of the organization;
- they should not make unfounded allegations or spread rumours;
- they will always respect decisions taken by the structures of the organization, whether or not they personally agree with such decisions.

Resolving differences

Leaders should always be willing to do whatever it takes to resolve personal differences between themselves in the broader interests of the organization, no matter what the costs to themselves.

The personal reputation of a leader is always enhanced by selfless behaviour, including willingness to forfeit personal status for the broader good of the organisation.

Personal behavior

Personal behaviour means the way people conduct themselves in the treatment of others – and it plays an important role in an organization.

Personal behaviour of elected leaders is very important to the organization as it could have consequences for the organization.

Abuse of substances while on organizational business should be refrained from or avoided. Even after hours at StreetNet events, leaders are expected to set an example and not induce substance abuse by those of their colleagues who are not accustomed thereto.

Personal relationships should not be detrimental or bring negative effects to the organization. Personal relationships which compromise the personal integrity of women leaders in their organizational and/or personal lives are subtly undermining to StreetNet's gender policies and unacceptable in the organization.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PAID EMPLOYEES

(referred to as “staff”)

This document does not replace staff conditions of service, but is a guide to staff over and above the conditions of service, as to what is expected of them in terms of their conduct in the organization.

Honesty

This means being fair and just in character and behaviour.

- Staff should be honest to the organization in executing their duties.
- Act in a way that maintains the honour and dignity of the organization by not engaging in fraudulent practices or morally degenerative activities.

Loyalty

- Staff have to always work within the policies and constitution of the organisation.
- Staff cannot engage in activities which could adversely affect the organization.

Discipline

- Staff should act in a disciplined manner as they are often the face of the organization to the public – exemplary in terms of how to discuss issues within the organization, showing correct ways of discussing issues within the organisation's structure and context.
- Staff should be self-disciplined in terms of personal behaviour, which means staff should conduct themselves in a manner as set out within the systems of the organization that maintains rules of control.

Implementation

Staff should be objective in the way that they deal with issues. The role of the staff is to further the interests of the organization, i.e. to represent the organization and carry out mandates. In the process of implementation staff should be objective.

Non-discrimination

Staff should uphold the principles of non-discrimination based on sex, race, ethnicity, and disability within the organization.

Professionalism

Staff should carry out their duties in a professional manner, i.e. maintaining high and quality standards in the execution of their duties.

Professional standards should be viewed in the organization context – that is not in a corporate context but a democratic context for the benefit of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers.

This means being reliable, e.g.

- being on time at work and for appointments;
- keeping promises that you make, and not making those that you cannot keep;
- being efficient and getting the work done;
- becoming skilled at all aspects of the work;
- being committed to the job and the objectives of the organization;
- carrying out the tasks related to the job on behalf of the organization or members within the context of authorization and duty obligations as outlined in the job description and conditions of service.

Professionalism does NOT mean looking down on members with a low level of education or literacy. Staff are accountable to the members of the organization no matter how little formal education they may have.

Correct attitude towards street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers

Essentially the organization is an organization for street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, who are often marginalized in society, and therefore it is important for staff to distance themselves from such social attitudes and to develop a correct and respectful attitude towards the members.

Helping members to take decisions and democratic control over their organization and not becoming an authority over them.

Show respect to members on a daily basis. Always remember to be accountable to them.

Being patient, not assuming that they understand issues that were not properly explained.

Do not abuse your position of knowledge and experience to undermine the constitutional authority of the members.

Use of organizational facilities

As part of the work of staff, they use facilities of the organization, such as telephones, faxes, offices (and sometimes vehicles or cell phones). It is therefore important to maintain these facilities in good working order as far as possible.

Property of the organization should be used with care and within the parameters as defined by the organization.

Relations with colleagues (co-workers)

It is important that sound relationships develop between co-workers.

Staff members should not undermine the confidence of other staff members.

Staff should rise above personal issues and act in a manner in which they build and promote sound relations.

Staff members should not take steps, because of animosity or personal advantages, to secure the dismissal of another staff member.

Staff should treat fellow co-workers with respect.

Negative personal relationships should not affect the manner in which staff carry out their work or work together.

Promote good interpersonal relationships.

MINUTES OF SIXTH STREETNET INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan, 9th – 12th April 2019



Day one: 9th April

Opening Ceremony: Chair Damira Dolotaliyeva (Chairwoman Commercial Union Workers of Kyrgyzstan)

Welcome Speeches:

Secretary General of Trade Union Federation – Mirberk

StreetNet International President – Lorraine Sibanda

Kyrgyz Commercial Workers' Union – Damira Dolotaliyeva

Street Net Keynote speaker: Lorraine Sibanda – StreetNet President

Closed Session: After Tea Break

Chair: StreetNet Vice President Aberto Santana

The session was chaired by StreetNet Vice President Alberto Santana. He thanked the local affiliate in Kyrgyzstan for hosting the congress. Shikha Joshi the Treasurer made an announcement that due to a shortage of funds, all delegates would be refunded 50% of their meal allowance and 50% of their out-of-pocket allowances.

The Vice President then explained further why the allowances have been cut to half and thanked the delegates for agreeing to share the responsibility.

Adoption of Standing Rules: The Vice President referred to the rules in the document packs that would govern the meeting and informed the delegates that the same regulations have been used in other congresses. The chair then took the delegates through the “Standing Orders for conducting meetings” and “Standing Orders for conducting Congresses” in the “Regulations to be appended to the constitution” and requested the delegates to approve the regulations. The Regulations were approved by the delegates.

Establishment of Credentials Commission:

Chair asked the congress to approve the following Credentials Commission as proposed by the Executive Committee:

John Shikunzi (*TUICO – East Africa*)

Anne Matondo (*LDFC – Central Africa*)

Maya Gurung (*NEST – Asia*)

Bertha Pena (*SINTRALOC – Americas*)

The Credentials Commission was approved as proposed by the delegates.

Establishment of Resolutions Commission:

Chair asked the congress to approve the following Resolutions Commission as proposed by the Executive Committee:

Tamara Bodnara (*Moldova Business Sind*)

Veronica Lopez (*CTCP – Americas*)

Marcelline Adopo (*FETTEL-CI – West Africa*)

Armindo Chembane (*AEIMO – Southern Africa*)

The establishment of the Resolutions Commission was approved as proposed by the delegates.

The two commissions were requested to report back to the plenary. The chair requested the Credentials Commission to report back after lunch and the Resolutions Commission was requested to report back on 11th April.

Electoral Procedures – Electoral Commission:

Jane Barret from WIEGO, head of the Electoral Commission, introduced herself and also introduced Inna Kudinska from Solidarity Centre, Ukraine, who would assist her in the Electoral Commission.

She informed the delegates that she had been asked to act in an independent capacity to preside over the elections. She reminded the delegates that as per the StreetNet constitution, elections are run by the Election Commission which will comprise of her and Inna. She told the delegates that she would explain broadly how elections will run for the next three days and also introduce the candidates that will run for the elections. The elections procedure would be as follows:

- 9th April introductions and confirmation of nominees
- Between 9th and 10th April, if there are any objections on the nominations based on the grounds that the person has broken the constitution, the delegates are invited to put their objections in writing before 10th April.
- 3rd day of the congress (11th April), the elections will be held in the afternoon through secret ballot.

- The voting will start with the election of the President, then proceed to the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and then the International Council.
- Election results will be done procedurally after every vote/position. Starting with the President, announce elections results and then follow with the Vice President etc.
- StreetNet's Constitution has to be met in terms of making sure that constitutional provisions have gender and regional balance.
- There is no gender specification for the position of President
- The winner of the President's position cannot stand for another position
- If the President is a man, then the Vice President has to be a woman – but not vice versa
- President and Vice President cannot come from the same region or same organization.
- The Treasurer is elected gender free, but cannot come from the same region or organization as President and Vice President.
- If there is no woman among the top 3, the Secretary then must be a woman
- The ballot papers will be printed as per the previous elections (*this would lead to some delays between elections for each position*)
- After the election of the Secretary, the elections of the 11 Council Members will be held
- The ballot papers will have both the name and gender of the candidate.
- Each delegate must vote for a minimum of 6 women. If more men are voted than women, the paper will be taken as a spoilt paper.

The delegates were informed that if an amendment to the constitution in regard to the regional balance of the council members was passed on 10th April, then there would be an additional provisional to be taken into consideration when voting on 11th April. The delegates were asked to think if they need the amendment and if passed, if it should be implemented in the current congress or during the next congress.

Procedure for the 4 Office Bearers

The head of the electoral commission informed the delegates that, according to Clause 4.5.9. in the constitution, if there are more than 2 nominations, the winner must have +50% of votes. If no one out of the 3 gets over 50% votes, then another round of elections will be held between the top 2.

The delegates were also informed that it is important for all the people who have been nominated to be introduced as it was important for them to know their faces. This is aimed to discourage the process where delegates are given a slate of names to vote for, and the process should be as transparent and democratic as possible.

After introduction of all nominees, between 9th and 10th April, all those who previously accepted but later wish to withdraw, will have the opportunity to announce their withdrawal in the congress plenary personally.

Between 9th and 10th, the delegates were requested to put in writing any objections of the nominees, state reasons and make reference to the constitution, and record which clause the nominee has violated. The Electoral Commission would then make a decision on objections presented.

Finalization of Nomination Process

The Electoral Commission informed the delegates that there were some nomination forms which were received late and a question was posed to the delegates if they would accept the late nomination after the deadline as they were the only ones who could make the decision. She said that it is up to the congress to decide whether they should be allowed in the elections or not. The late nominations were for the following positions:

Gossou Miwoto – Benin (*Vice President, Council Member*)

Gilberto Vazquez Muro – Mexico (*President, Vice President, Council Member*)

Martha Garcia Santoyo – Mexico (*Secretary, Treasurer, Council Member*)

Madeleine Davi – Benin (*Council Member*)

Plenary Decision:

Moçambique Delegate: My opinion is to reject the nominations because I consider that this is an important element of the procedures and if people do not respect time, they do not give us the certainty of their responsibility.

Uruguay Delegate: Mexico did earlier nominations the wrong way, I understand that for democratic reasons it is rejected but despite this, I consider we should vote and approve the new nominations.

Venezuela Delegate: From Venezuela we accept the new nominations because perhaps it didn't arrive on time due to problems of communications. We need to re-consider new nominations.

Belarus Delegate: The laws we have are democratic, we have two women and we have only one man proposed for Vice President so I support we have the new candidates

The head of the Electoral Commission clarified to the delegate from Belarus that if the president is a woman, the Vice President can also be a woman.

As there was support for and against additional of the late nominees, the electoral commission resolved to go to vote by show of hands.

Results:

In favour – 22

Not in favour – 45

So, the Electoral Commission accordingly ruled that the late nominated candidates will not be allowed for elections.

The Electoral Commission then introduced all the nominees by their names, organization, and country. The delegates were given the page numbers in the congress documents folder where they could read the profile of each nominee.

The Chair thanked Jane for the guidelines on the Elections Procedure and asked the delegates if they had any queries to ask the Electoral Commission the following day when they would continue with their presentation.

A few announcements were made before the delegates could break for lunch at 13h15Min

Afternoon Session

Reports:

Chair: Alberto Santana

Credentials report – Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee report was submitted by John Msaganzila Shikunzi from TUICO, Tanzania. He was assisted in drafting the report by: Pena Bertha – SINTRALOC Chile, Anne Matondo – LDRC-DRC Kinshasha and Maya Gurung – NEST – Nepal.

The report stated that 51 affiliated organizations were entitled to attend the congress. However, the ones which were present were 47. Four organisations were not able to attend due to various reasons. Hence 92% of all affiliates attended.

The number of official credentials who were present in the congress were 90 participants, of whom 33 were men (36.6%) and 57 (63.31%) were women. The quorum was therefore well above the required level of 50% + 1 and the quota of a minimum of 50% women's participation was far more exceeded.

Apart from the delegates, we had:

1. 9 StreetNet staff members and consultant guests
2. 4 guests from WIEGO
3. 1 guest from ITUC Moscow
4. 1 guest from Oxfam Cambodia
5. 3 guests from Solidarity Centre – Ukraine, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan
6. Translators – Kyrgyzstan, Berlin, Ottawa
7. 1 guest from IUF – Central Asia

The credentials report was unanimously approved by the delegates.

Treasurer's Report

The audited financial report for 2018 was presented by Shikha Joshi, the Treasurer. She noted that there has been change of the auditors and the details are provided in the report. She reported the expenditure of 2018 item by item, and requested the delegates to go through the whole report provided in the delegates documents files.

Plenary Discussions

Chile Delegate: Asked about the currency used in the report. He noted that it was difficult to understand Rands and requested for the use of universal currency in the next for everyone to understand.

Coordinator responded that StreetNet is registered in South Africa and the official local currency is Rands, which is volatile, currently at an exchange rate of R14.8 to the US\$.

A question was raised if StreetNet has any debts currently?

Coordinator responded that StreetNet is not currently in any debt because funds are managed strictly according to agreed budgets.

She informed the delegates that the funds used for organizing the congress was from SIDA and partly from affiliation fees, however, there was a shortfall. The StreetNet Reserve Fund is not allowed to be used by the office. The ExCo has approved R100,000 to be used from the Reserve Fund for the payment of the 50% of meal and out-of-pocket allowances to participants, as they forfeited these allowances altogether in the 2016 Congress, and ExCo felt that they should not be taken advantage of at every Congress.

A question was also raised if all affiliates pay affiliation fees on time?

Shikha responded that sometimes affiliation fees are late.

Coordinator expounded and informed the delegates that at the end of 2018, 2 affiliates were not up to date in terms of affiliation fees payment. There was a high level of payment in 2018 compared to other years and this was due to the hard work of the admin and organisers. Any affiliate in arrears by two years is automatically lapses as an affiliate in accordance with Clause 7.2 of the StreetNet Constitution. The delegates were informed that the deadline for payment of affiliation fees for 2019 is July. However, they were encouraged to pay their affiliation fees during the Congress if they wanted to avoid bank charges.

The Auditor's financial report was unanimously approved by congress.

International Coordinator's report

The report was presented by Pat Horn, International Coordinator. She informed the delegates that this was her last report as the International Coordinator.

Plenary Discussions

Alberto Santana thanked the international coordinator for her report.

Venezuela delegate: She thanked Pat for the report and noted that they have learned a lot from Pat and the respect for Pat will always be there. As leaders this experience has helped us to grow. On the issue of UTERIN, she told the delegates that there was no intention to create any tension but rather the Executive Committee needed to clarify some issues. They never used StreetNet money to create UTREIN and as an organization they were happy with the creation of UTREIN as this would make them grow and move forward. "We are registered as vendors when it would have been said that this is a congress of workers", she lamented. "If we are workers we need to go to ILO with good information. We are workers and we are here to stay, with rights and this is what we need to tell ILO to get the recognition as workers. And we can only get this by organizing in Trade Unions. StreetNet has been very useful, but it is for capacity building and we needed an organization for the defense of rights, and this is why UTREIN was formed. She concluded by saying that, there is nothing to be hidden or feel bad about and asked Pat a question that, if all Latin America is with UTREIN, what will StreetNet do?

Colombia delegate: There was need for more time to look at the report. The initial report we had was that the UTREIN case was closed but from the report, this is not true. The experience in the articulation of the organization that hurt StreetNet was based on 3 criteria: we couldn't be directed by a person who was not a vendor and was giving us orders. That WIEGO would take autonomy from StreetNet, and that StreetNet is not a Trade Union. This is why it was justified, and although there was a discussion and a pity that the Commission is not requesting more information. Now for example, the organizations linked to the organizations, travel and all resources (financial and other) that helped form the strategy. And Oscar Silva being the President made a strategy and tried to use the opportunity and have an additional day to form this organization. I told you last time, this was to create a parallel organization as Pat said a Trojan Horse inside StreetNet. We need to know what will be done, why we are having information and why this topic was closed for the Americas when the report says something different.

Uganda delegate: I would like to thank sister Pat for the report. It has been long but very good. She deserves a very good clap. Second, the report has so many parts, but what touched me most and brought me to stand up was the second organization formed in Spain. We do not have anything to do with them. It is like business. So, this is not our sector.

Benin delegate: If we had some type of qualification to separate the white from the black it would be easy, but want to thank Pat for the report and would like to know if we provide an opportunity to the President, instead of appointing her as Advisor, keep her as Honorary Chair and that would give her more power and suit her better than technical advisor.

Angola delegate: The report was very important and to know from the report and work for the last 16 years. The work that has been done and at this point she wants to leave the organisation as Coordinator it would be important to give someone of her level and have a Constitution. Having someone like her to give advice. Time to ask Congress to have status to have advisory role. To create a movement like this that struggle class is not easy and we don't think we can do good work otherwise. People need to be recognized.

Brazil delegate: To everyone many thanks. I got to know this organization many years ago with Pat and this is the first year we participate in the Congress. I spoke to comrades and this is the best congress I have participated to make a Congress so rich. Despite the fights on many issues that tried to exterminate StreetNet, this organisation is thriving with Pat and 90 delegates and 47 organizations. I want to say all you have done great work and we want to consult with Pat every time we can. To continue the work and leader so that the work continues in moving forward.

South Africa Delegate: This is important, but one thing which is very important to me is that she is going to be available as an Advisor of this organisation, and Pat is not divorcing us, but the time is here for her to leave. She is not deserting. It is not wise to cry when something is not dead or disappearing. Thank you.

DR Congo delegate: I would like to join some of the previous comments and extend appreciation to Pat. I was looking at all people and thinking wow one woman who had the idea to create this organisation has now created something that has become today a global organization. It is not enough to show our appreciation, we need to show her our recognition in her report which was

very informative. She has covered all the aspects of her work and we need to give her an opportunity to continue, perhaps in a different capacity. With her Trade Union experience she has been working at this international level for 19 years, there is one thing I want to say that could complement the rules and regulations think we could extend the mandate and give her an opportunity to continue this mandate. Speaking of those who left the organization, there are situations when families breakup and sometimes they get back. Perhaps they have their own reason, but you have presented the organisations who want to join, and that means that those organisations will move on. The organisation is open to new members and of course we need to keep in touch and support each other.

Burkina Faso delegate: I want to talk about the Coordinator who is leaving us. The report is very good, it speaks of their role and experience. She has done a very good job. Then I want to stress that when she is leaving us, it is very painful because other organisations in our countries have started to recognize us because of her arrival. We are here because of her and our governments are recognizing us for her work. Finally, I want to ask these people in this Congress, what if we give her the chance to advise in the office of StreetNet until we follow the route she has taken already. She has the right to look into her family and her life.

Uruguay delegate: As part of the International Council for elected 2 years ago, I need to say 2 things: Excellent the work Pat has done, not alone but with a team and the organizations that have been since the origins of StreetNet as much as we could. What I want to say that this report has been very proud to work with the International Council, more could have been done, but I want to leave it clear that 15 excellent *compañeros* have worked together and all (except of 2) had experience. Many things were achieved – big applause for Pat and the Council.

Pat's Responses

I think there are two main themes – I will respond in a general way. First, I was asked a direct question from comrade Blanca of what will happen if all Latin American affiliates are affiliated to UTREIN. Glad this question. First, we are democratic and any organisation is free to be part of UTREIN, SWG, international GUF, etc. We are aware and welcome the knowledge of the work you do beyond StreetNet. The issue of continuing to continue to analyze the work after the last Congress re UTREIN funds, to be honest I don't think there is any value in reviving this. Although the Commission did not do a good job, there are Recommendations and it would be useful to look at those Recommendations, close the chapter and move on. I will encourage to be not so retrospective.

In regard to my departure, I am glad you are raising your concerns, especially when you are sitting with the founder of your organisation. No one lasts forever and I hope StreetNet will last much longer. It makes it clear; I am not retiring. I am moving to a different role. When I stop being International Coordinator of StreetNet I will continue working with WIEGO to continue the training of workers. It is not a retirement, although people are wishing me to spend time with my grandchildren, I am a militant and will continue to work. Jalile was correct, it is not a divorce – it is a new role. Thanks everyone for the kind ideas in regard to creating new positions. No democratic organisation should create new positions for individuals, and I would be sad if StreetNet did that. I do appreciate the sentiments and the words of appreciation. We need to work

with the Constitution we have and if you respect my work, please pass resolution #3, which is not a Constitutional position; it is an advisory role. We have spent a lot of time thinking about it and I would request you respect that. I will spend more time training and not running the org. When I'm dead and gone and people look at my legacy – in South Africa we had a legendary President (Nelson Mandela, admired by the whole world) he spent one term only. He is still remembered as a person who played. In our neighbouring country, Zimbabwe, President Mugabe instead overstayed his welcome and had to be removed by the military – so don't make me to be like Mugabe, and allow me to change to a new role. We will still be together.

Mexico delegate: I am the president of street vendors I want to show my appreciation for the StreetNet team. We appreciate the efforts that have been made. We need to recognize the great efforts and be able to participate in this type of congress, we see people from other regions and countries, that is the power of StreetNet, those who are not here will now join later in the next congresses. We have so many things to do, please move away from the disputes and we have the opportunity to build. We all came thanks to StreetNet International and I hope that in 3 or 6 years there will be more members so let's help each other and respect each other and work with each other.

Chairperson: I want to show my admiration and respect for Pat, we must be wise for us, we need to have that learning from the President Mandela, to follow up the mandate, we join the decisions and we hope that the decisions of the council that we are sure we will continue growing There is experience and this is what StreetNet nurtures.

Togo delegate: What I want to say is my appreciation for the StreetNet team, many congratulations we want to appreciate our appreciation for Pat we believe that there is need that Pat sits next to the new team so that the work can to be perceived because there are many resolutions that we are going to adopt and there is a very important point, it is informal cross-border trade, and it is very difficult for many workers, it would be good to emphasize this point.

International Coordinator's report was unanimously adopted by Congress.

DAY 2- 10 April 2019

ELECTION PROCEDURES:

Electoral Commission

Final withdrawals

1. Angelique Katani Kipulu, LDFC Congo – position of Vice President
2. Chodaton Afiavi Anastasie, SYNAVAMAB Benin – position Vice President
3. Maria Emilia Vargas L, FUTTEINCO Dominican Republic – positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Council Member
4. Gabriela Calandria, AFFE Uruguay – position of Vice President
5. Aaron Aiah Boima, SLeTU Sierra Leone – position of Secretary
6. Tonkovyd Leonid, FTUEU Ukraine – position of Council Member
7. Haja Balkisu Faoud Kamara, SLeTU Sierra Leone – Vice President
8. Pedro Luis Ramirez, UGTI-CUT Columbia – position of Council Member

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

Chair Lorraine Sibanda

I – Constitutional amendments developed by the Constitutional Reform Commission appointed by the Third StreetNet International Congress in 2010 and revised by the Resolutions Commission appointed by the Fourth International Congress in 2013, for presentation to the Fifth International Congress in 2016 and finally the Sixth International Congress in 2019

The President, who was chairing the session read the proposed new additional clause after 10.1(a) on Composition of the International Council to the delegates: *“The eleven positions in 10.1(a) above shall be distributed between the existing StreetNet regions in proportion to the number of members represented by the StreetNet affiliates in each region.”*

The proposed new Clause 10.1(b) was re-read by the Chair for discussion. The amendment was seconded by SEWA India, SYTRIECI Rwanda, NEST Nepal, LDFC DR Congo, UGESIN Niger, AFFE Uruguay, ZCIEA Zimbabwe.

CTCP-FNT Nicaragua opposed the amendment and was seconded by CNTS Senegal, FUTRAND Venezuela, FUTTEINCO Dominican Republic.

The amendment was thus taken to vote:

For amendment: 34

Not for amendment: 44

The chair declared the proposed additional Clause rejected by congress.

Amendment to Clause 8 Organisational Structures – additional clause:

“Regional Structures: in each region established by StreetNet, autonomous structures coordinated by Regional Focal Point organisations appointed by the International Congress or the International Council.”

Followed by **New Clause 11** :

(all current subsequent Clauses numbering to be adjusted accordingly)

11. Regional Structures

11.1 Regional structures shall be established by StreetNet as conditions permit and as may be determined by the International Congress or the International Council.

11.2 One focal point country per StreetNet region identified in accordance with Clause 11.1 above, will be identified by the International Congress or the International Council, and the StreetNet affiliate(s) in that country will house the regional structure of StreetNet and co-ordinate the communication between affiliates in the region.

11.3 Only organisations affiliated with StreetNet shall be eligible for membership in a StreetNet regional structure.

11.4 The relationship between StreetNet and its regional structures shall be determined by the International Council in accordance with decisions of the International Congress.

11.5 The regional structures shall be answerable for their actions to the International Council and shall submit annual reports on their activities to the International Council. All questions affecting the general policy of StreetNet shall be referred to the International Council.

11.6 The regional focal point organisations will report to the International Council, and to the Executive Committee and the StreetNet office between International Council meetings.

11.7 Regional focal point organisations will be bound by the provisions of Clause 12.2 of the StreetNet International constitution with respect to fundraising and financial management.

It was noted that this new provision has been in practice in StreetNet, being gradually developed since Second StreetNet International Congress in 2007, but thus far was not yet integrated in the Constitution.

Accordingly seconded by SYNAVAMAB-USTB Benin, FETTEI-CI Cote d'Ivoire.

The combined amendment was unanimously approved by congress.

Addition of constitutional provisions regarding street vendors living with disabilities – two additional sub-clauses under Clause 3:

"To encourage street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers living with disabilities to join StreetNet affiliates organisations and to participate actively in activities and leadership at all levels of the organisation."

"To promote correctional policies aimed at rectifying the environment that denies equality of opportunity to market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers and wastes their productive potential."

Seconded by Eastern Cape Street Vendors Alliance, UMAEU Uganda, KENASVIT Kenya, ASSOVACO DR Congo, Street vendor project USA.

Amendment unanimously approved by congress.

Amendment to Clause 3.10:

“to develop and take forward an International Street Vendors Manifesto”

Seconded by, LAIE Bangladesh, MUFIS Malawi, SINTRALOC Chile, SLeTU Sierra Leone

Amendment unanimously approved by congress.

Addition to Clause 9.7 (International secretary):

“s/he is also responsible for publicity and dissemination of information about StreetNet.”

Supported and seconded by ZCIEA, Zimbabwe, FIWON Nigeria, FAINATRASIT Togo, FENTRAVIG Guatemala, AFFE Uruguay

The amendment was opposed by IHVAG Ghana but got no seconder so the amendment was approved by congress.

Amendment of eligibility for elections to exclude organisers

There were a lot of discussions about this amendment, e.g. regarding the definition of organiser. and a lot needed to be clarified.

The amendment was seconded by, CNTS Senegal, Eastern Cape Street Vendors SA, VMESTE Belarus, FTUEU, Ukraine.

The Amendment was not seconded by FIWON Nigeria, FEPTIWUL Liberia, UMAEU Uganda, SYNAVAMAB-USTB Benin, SLeTU Sierra Leone, UGTI-CUT Colombia.

The chairperson directed that the proposed amendment should go to a vote.

Vote result:

- In support of the amendment: 15
- Opposed to the amendment: 43

It was noted by the chairperson that a number of delegates did not cast a vote.

The amendment was therefore not carried. But the chairperson recommended that given that many people voted against the current wording, the matter should be further discussed within organizations

Regulations to be appended to Constitution

Append the following existing regulations to the StreetNet International Constitution:

- Standing Orders for conducting meetings

- Standing Orders for conducting congresses
- Nominations procedure for elections for International Council members
- Election procedure at StreetNet International Congress
- Terms of Reference for Regional Focal Point organisations
- Terms of Reference for the Youth Committee
- Terms of Reference for the Education sub committee

Seconded by, CNTG Guinee, SYNAVAMAB-USTB Benin

There was no opposition expressed to appending the TORs and the regulations to the Constitution, and this was unanimously approved by congress.

II – Amendment to Clause 10.3 of the Constitution

Amend Clause 10.3 by adding “*held before each congress or may be...*”

Proposed: CNTS Senegal

There was no seconder, so the proposed amendment fell away.

III – Amendments to Clauses 8, 9.2 and 10.1(c) to increase the period between Congress to five years (with the terms of office of office bearers increasing accordingly)

Proposed: AZIEA Zambia

Seconded: SEWA India, NEST Nepal, MUFIS Malawi, FEPTIWUL Liberia.

Opposition to the amendment was indicated by a number of organizations: Eastern Cape Street Vendors Alliance SA, SINTRALOC Chile, AFFE Uruguay. The chairperson directed that the issue should go straight to a vote.

Before the vote was conducted, UGESIN Niger proposed that the issue should be opened for discussion before voting, and he proposed an amendment of the amendment, for a **four-year Congress period and term of office**.

The amendment of the amendment (for four years) was seconded by:

CNTS Senegal, UNICAB Brazil, LDFC DR Congo, FEPTIWUL Liberia, MUFIS Malawi, UMAEU Uganda, SEWA India, FNOTNA Mexico

UGTI-CUT Colombia opposed the extension to 4 years.

Chair directed that the amendment of the amendment be taken to a vote.

Vote result: -

- 59 in favour of the amendment to a four-year term
- 21 opposed to the amendment to a four-year term

A two thirds majority is required for a constitutional amendment. The result was 73% in favour – therefore the Amendments to Clauses 8, 9.2 and 10.1(c) *to increase the period between Congress*

to **four years** (with the terms of office of office bearers increasing accordingly) were passed by Congress.

IV – Amendment of Clause 8 proposing a reduction of the number of meetings of the Executive Committee per annum from four to two.

Proposed: AZIEA Zambia

There was no seconder, and so the proposed amendment fell away.

DAY 3 11TH April

PARALLEL COMMISSIONS: Morning Session

Parallel commissions were held during the morning session.

Topics for parallel commissions:

1. Elimination of Violence and Harassment in the World of Work
2. Future of Work
3. Social Protection and ILO Recommendation 202
4. New Urban Agenda and the City We Want

ELECTIONS: Afternoon Session

Observers were picked from each region before the voting could commence.

- a. West & Central Africa – Badawi Bali Kozon, FAINATRASIT Togo
- b. East & Southern Africa – Sibongile Chakabva, ZCIEA Zimbabwe
- c. Americas – Orlando Jose Mercado, CTCP-FNT Nicaragua
- d. Asia – Maya Gurung, NEST Nepal

President

No	Candidate	Gender	Organization	Votes
1.	Lorraine Sibanda	F	ZCIEA, Zimbabwe	78
1.	Korobka Valentyna	F	FTUE, Ukraine	11

90 votes cast, including one empty ballot.

Lorraine Sibanda was declared elected as President

Vice President

No.	Candidate	Gender	Organization	Votes
1.	Jorge Alberto Santana	M	FUTTEINCO Dom Rep	82
2.	Korobka Valentyna	F	FTUEU, Ukraine	8

90 votes cast

Jorge Alberto Santana was declared elected as Vice President Treasurer

No	Candidate	Gender	Organization	Votes
1.	Shikha Joshi	F	SEWA	36
2.	Annie Diouf	F	CNTA	51

90 votes cast, including 3 spoilt votes

Annie Diouf was declared elected as Treasurer

Secretary

No	Candidate	Gender	Organization	Votes
1	Komi Mensanh Kessouagni	M	FAINATRASIT	-
2	Jamaladdin Ismayilov	M	Xhidmat-ISH Azerbaijan	-

According to the constitution it was no longer possible for Komi Kessouagni to stand for election as Secretary as already one office bearer from the West & Central Africa Region had been elected, thus Jamaladdin won the position of Secretary unopposed.

Jamaladdin Ismayilov was declared elected unopposed as Secretary

Additional Council Members

No	Candidate	Gender	Organization	Votes
1	Angelique KataniKipulu	F	LDFC DR Congo	67
2	Comfort Doryen	F	FEPTIWUL Liberia	65
3	Aaron AiahBoima	M	SLeTU Sierra Leone	65
4	AfiaviAnastasieChodaton	F	SYNAVAMAB Benin	60
5	Gabriela Calandria	F	AFFE Uruguay	60
6	Chet Bahadur Sapkota	M	NEST Nepal	59
7	Jose Herminio Diaz	M	FESTIVES El Salvador	52
8	KenWilliamsMhango	M	MUFIS Malawi	48
9	Iryna Yaskevich	F	Vmeste Belarus	44
10	Kadiato Barry	F	CNTG Guinee	42
11	Jeannette Nyiramasengesho	F	SYTRIECI Rwanda	40
12	Kashiwa Lameck	M	AZIEA Zambia	39
13	JescaMwijuka	F	UMA EU Uganda	38
14	Komi Kessouagni	M	FAINATRASIT Togo	33
15	Theresa SaidaAsina	F	ASSOVACO DR Congo	32
16	Bioh Kwabena Enoch	M	IHVAG Ghana	30
17	JulianoFripp	M	UNICAP Brazil	27
18	KorobkaValentyna	F	FTUEU Ukraine	26
19	DolotalievaDamira	F	Kyrgyzstan	26
20	Joao Nascimento Mateus	M	FENSTACHS Angola	18
21	Elsa Marina Benitez	F	FOTSSIEH Honduras	8

The newly elected President thanked the delegates for a most peaceful and existing congress. She welcomed the new and old council members and thanked WIEGO for supporting StreetNet since inception and requested WIEGO to continue supporting StreetNet even after Pat's departure as International Coordinator.

DAY 4 12TH April

Resolutions:

Chair: Armindo Alexandre Chembane

The International Council members withdrew from the Congress to hold a special meeting, while the Congress continued.

Commission Members:

1. Tamara Bodnari, Moldova Business Sind (Chairperson)
2. Marcelline Adopo, FETTEI-CI, Côte d'Ivoire
3. Armindo Alexandre Chembane, AIEMO Mocambique
4. Veronica Auxiliadora Lopez, CTCP-FNT Nicaragua

The chair explained the procedure, referring delegates to the resolutions for consideration: -

1. Inclusive organising
2. Extension of social protection coverage to informal workers
3. StreetNet international coordinator succession
4. Markets
5. Future of Work
6. Project funds
7. Forced evictions
8. Informal Cross-Border Trade
9. Participation of Regional Focal Points at Executive Committee meetings

1. Inclusive organising

Motion submitted by the International Coordinator, proposed by USYNVEPID Benin, seconded by FTUEU Ukraine.

The chair invited discussion: -

Colombia delegate: The reality is more complicated e.g. in Colombia we did a raffle for kiosks for the poorest. But in the public space where the kiosks are, they then asked for others in the streets to be evicted. The identity of class in relation to solidarity there should be another way to say it. Am not convinced with the proposal but agree with the issue of not bringing spouses to congress to cover the issue of gender.

Venezuela delegate: We are worried about the wording of the resolutions. The concepts are far from the reality. We identify with workers as workers. We are not traders. Traders pay for a license to trade. As workers we pay a contribution to work on the street. The language has to be more uniform, across countries. We are not traders. We do the work of street vending to survive. We are only one class.

Benin delegate: The resolution in its current shape is not bad, but there may be different interpretations. I wish it could be simplified to more understandable language.

Niger delegate: The wording is not clear enough e.g. what does poorest of poor mean? We should not humiliate people. Resolutions should be implementable locally. Resolutions should not touch our autonomy, which is provided by the state.

Ukraine delegate: I am in favour of most of the resolution, but there is a small aspect that is a problem. In the Russian version the text is weird in relation to the use of the term workers, which in Russian refers only to employed workers. There is a different word for the self-employed. Also, the notion of the *petit-bourgeoisie* is not familiar.

South Africa delegate: We should wait for the proposer of the resolution to be present. We should park the resolution for now, so that she can respond to questions about the wording.

DR Congo delegate: Each organization has its own vision. Looking at Social Security some countries are more developed than others. There is need to rephrase the wording of the resolution.

Chair: There are many questions about the terminology so I would rule that we wait for the proposer and ask her for clarifications and answer some questions after lunch.

2. Extension of social protection

Proposed by AZEIA, Zambia. Proposer not present, but the Commission has analysed the resolution and has suggested that we read it in full before debating it.

The resolution was seconded by, CNTG Guinee, FTUEU Ukraine, UGTI-CUT Colombia, IHVAG Ghana, UMAEU Uganda, AFFE Uruguay.

The chair opened for debate.

Colombia delegate: Of course, we all agree that social protection should be universal, but the state must assume responsibility and allocate resources. All StreetNet can do is talk to the institutions. It cannot assume responsibility.

Benin delegate: The resolution is clear. The resolution advocates for poor people.

Uruguay delegate: The resolution is fine except for the proposal at the end to establish a special Social Protection desk. This should take place at country level. We have to fight very hard and write law proposals ourselves, not wait for the government to do this.

Guinee delegate: The resolution is not bad. Coverage of informal workers by social security is expensive because of the contributions required because it is based on insurance. We should talk about this. I support the full text of the resolution.

Ghana delegate: We cannot vote against. Social protection is the first thing we should be asking for in our countries. In relation to the proposed desk, I support the first speaker that the emphasis must be on supporting affiliates to fight for social protection. For example, in Ghana we had to lobby government first before they would change the laws. We managed to change the pension law to create an informal sector pension. StreetNet should support financially and technically in countries, rather than at the centre.

The chair asked further speakers not to repeat previous speakers.

Uganda delegate: I support the resolution with a new idea, that if StreetNet can lobby through tripartite systems internationally for contributions from our taxes, in the same way that is done for formal workers. Individual payments are too difficult, so the deductions should be when taxes are paid.

The chair reported on the Resolutions Committee proposals i.e. that the paragraph proposing a StreetNet Social Protection desk be amended as StreetNet already acts with a main objective of social protection in the strategic plan. Propose that the paragraph be more general, not to create a new desk, but to keep on working on social protection as a priority. The Committee also proposes that the second last paragraph should not use the term “reform” as this is often used to reduce rights. The words “to reform the social security system” to be removed.

Venezuela delegate: We think honestly that the wording of the resolution is not adequate. We should not refer to governments but to the state.

The chair asked if the house would adopt the resolution with the three proposed amendments.

Togo delegate: In some countries there is no social security for anyone, and so there is nothing to reform. We are mostly interested in medical insurance for informal workers in case of injury. Most have insufficient income to buy private insurance so we should put pressure on the state to create systems of social security for informal workers and their family members.

Clarification from the resolutions committee: Delete the paragraph about creating a StreetNet desk for Social protection. The chair asked for a vote on deleting the paragraph. The house indicated unanimous support for deletion.

The resolution was adopted as amended.

3. StreetNet International Coordinator Succession

The resolution was read out in full.

The chair asked for a seconder. Multiple seconders were indicated, AFFE Uruguay, UMAEU Uganda, FENSTACHS.

Resolution opposed by FTUEU Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan

The chair reported on the Resolutions Committee’s view: That the resolution be adopted without amendment.

Uruguay delegate: We have been talking about the succession and the coming of the new Coordinator. The terms of reference are clear, and Pat continued to work voluntarily with StreetNet so we can support.

Ukraine delegate: We will vote against the resolution because of our bad experience of working with Oksana Abboud, especially in these past days our Kyrgyzstan colleagues who have

experienced the same and have said they will quit StreetNet. We will respect the decision of the majority but will vote against the proposal.

Kyrgyzstan delegate: I would like to welcome you here and would like to apologize for any mistakes about the board and lodging. As regards the resolution and Oksana Abboud in particular I will respect the opinion of the delegates. But I have had a bad experience of this young girl who has shown disrespect to the Kyrgyz. She is not in a position to be International Coordinator. We will vote against, and because of her we would like to separate from StreetNet. I have not experienced this much disrespect in my life. We in Kyrgyzstan have a tradition of respecting elders. I am old enough to be her mother. She does not have the right to talk to me with disrespect. I can predict she will create lots of problems if you keep her as International Coordinator.

SEWA: With due respect to the previous speakers it is my plea that they not to take things personally. We know from our own experience that hosting a Congress is not easy, with different expectations. I appeal please discuss with Oksana before taking any decision.

President: The President entered the discussion, coming from the special International Council meeting. She said this is not how things are done. If we have a problem those parties should sit down and resolve the problems as mature leaders. I have great respect for the Kyrgyzstan leadership as well as for StreetNet staff. We do not do things in this manner. This morning I spoke to both Pat and Damira and I facilitated that they have a meeting after lunch. I do not understand and I condemn this ambush approach. Currently the International Council is in a meeting to amicably resolve issues and we now get this ambush. That is not proper. We shall not address any of our staff members or delegates in this matter. We are not enemies, but comrades. If we managed to go to congress and elections and still work together, what can stop StreetNet and an affiliate from continuing to work together. The conversation stops now. StreetNet has put resources to train Oksana, if she needs help then we must capacitate her. I give the Resolutions Committee Chair to move on and discuss other resolutions. Viva StreetNet! Viva Unity!

4. Markets

Proposed by USYNVEPID Benin

The resolutions committee reported that the committee's view does not add to the existing resolution on markets. The proposers of the resolution should justify why a new resolution should be adopted.

Benin delegate: Motivated for the construction of child care facilities, for the standardization of selling prices, for sanctions against wholesalers when they default, and in favour of insurance for all vendors and traders.

Venezuela delegate: The resolution should be a project. The ILO has already done one in Paraguay, where a multiple services centre was established. Within this centre solidarity credit was established, child care created and so on, including medical service, policy service, a place to eat etc. This is related to the resolution. You can have better assistance for the proposals if you go the ILO to ask about the project.

Côte d'Ivoire delegate: The resolution is a draft document, use best practices that have been done in other countries through the resolution

Uruguay delegate: The concerns expressed in the resolution are shared by everyone, but the issues are already covered in other documents of StreetNet. For example, child care is covered by the resolution adopted on social protection. About the wholesalers and competition this is a problem to be solved in every market. We can give this as a very broad proposal but we have to fight in our countries. Regarding an insurance, this is also covered by existing resolutions. I am not against the content, but it is already covered elsewhere.

Chair: The committee recommends that the submitters re-write the resolution and submit it to the international council.

The house indicated support for this proposal.

5. Resolution on the Future of Work

Proposed by CNTS Senegal

Notes from the Parallel Commission: The Commission was facilitated by Sally Rover, the International Coordinator of WIEGO. It was conducted in English, Spanish and French. The Commission had 23 participants.

Sally explained the purpose of the Commission, which was to produce a report on the Future of Work to be presented to the Congress plenary. It was agreed that Blanca would report back to the plenary.

Participants introduced themselves by name and country.

Sally spelt out the objectives of the Commission: -

1. To develop a basic understanding of the future of work, and how this will affect street vendors
2. To develop a basic understanding about the ILO Centenary campaign on the Future of Work
3. To consider ways in which StreetNet affiliates should start organising around the issues of future of work, and develop the basis of a StreetNet resolution on this

Sally further explained the four tasks of the Commission: -

1. To listen to a short presentation on WIEGO's participation in the development of a report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work (in commission plenary)
2. On a flipchart to list all the ways in which street vendors are affected by the changes in the world of work (in commission plenary)
3. To discuss the ways in which street vendors can prepare better for the future (in language groups)
4. To pull together recommendations of the Commission to the resolutions committee

Sally Rover input on the ILO Report on the Future of Work – participants were referred to a printed summary of the Report in all three languages.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is celebrating its centenary this year. The ILO wanted to identify what are the challenges for workers for the next 100 years. WIEGO made efforts to influence the content of the Report to include reference to informal workers. WIEGO submitted comments on the draft report and then supported SEWA, who had been invited to be part of the Commission. The support was to advise on content, based on four arguments: -

1. The report should not focus too much on high level technology such as robotics, artificial intelligence etc, it should not focus too much on northern countries, and it should not focus too much on wage employment
2. The report should focus on the quality of employment from the viewpoint of informal workers
3. The report should take into account and reinforce Recommendation 204 on Formalization

The final report was an improvement on the draft report, in that it made more mention of informal workers and their organisations. However, the report is still very focused on formal workers and wage employment.

The three biggest challenges in the future of work that were identified in the report were as listed below. It is important for vendors to consider if these are their own most important challenges: -

1. Technology Advances: - automation, robotics and artificial intelligence will create new jobs, but the people who lose their jobs will be the least able to take advantage of the new opportunities
2. The greening of the economy, especially through reducing the burning of coal for energy production: - this will create millions of new jobs, but impact on mining and current energy production
3. Demographic changes: - the growing number of young people in the population (although some countries have a higher proportion of older people), because there are not enough jobs for them to go into to.

Biggest challenges for street vendors

1. National governments won't create jobs and local governments make by laws that destroy jobs.
2. There are no jobs to accommodate young graduates, who then enter the informal economy with training that is inappropriate and they don't have the necessary skills
3. Internet sales are going to squeeze out street sales
4. There remains no official recognition of street vendors
5. Increasing numbers of street vendors, especially cross border migrants, for whom there is no accommodation and who work outside of permit systems. This creates conflict with the municipality and between local and migrant street vendors.
6. Lack of social protection

7. Concentration of retail in shopping centres, which takes away jobs from the smaller traders.

The participants then “voted” on the first and second priorities, using different colour stickers. It emerged that each language group voted for different top priorities, reflecting regional differences in which two global challenges are manifesting themselves i.e. the increasing role of private capital in property investment and services, and the increasing withdrawal of the state from responsibility for the people.

- The Latin American group identified the concentration of retail in shopping centres as its priority, followed by no official recognition of street vendors.
- The Anglophone Africa group identified governments’ distancing themselves from job creation combined with inappropriate by-laws for informal workers, followed by no official recognition for street vendors
- The Francophone Africa group identified the lack of social protection and no official recognition as equally important

The language groups met to elaborate proposals on their top two issues. The chairpersons of each group then met to bring the proposals together into one resolution.

Resolutions committee report:

It was noted that there is a proposed resolution on file and that there was also a discussion in a Commission on the previous day which resulted in a resolution. The resolution committee recommended that the house adopt the Commission resolution as it makes more explicit reference to the existing situation and the challenge of changes we are facing in our national economies.

Nigeria delegate: It would have been better to have printed copies of the Commission resolution so that the outcomes could be better considered. The sentiment was shared by a number of other delegates. The committee explained that it was impractical given the time constraints to translate and print the resolutions.

The chair asked for indications of who would be in favour of the resolution presented by the resolutions committee. A majority of delegates indicated in favour, CNTS Senegal, IHVAG Ghana, KENASVIT Kenya, MUFIS Malawi

Resolution by Parallel Committee adopted by congress.

Return to Resolution on inclusive organising

Pat was asked to explain the resolution. She referred to the Founding Resolution of StreetNet on Class and Gender. We now need to assess how far we have got in implementing our own class and gender resolution, which refers to StreetNet as an organisation for the poorest vendors. In practice we sometimes forget this. Some of us earn higher incomes than others, who cannot get permits, licenses or who are migrants who cannot get recognised. The resolution commits StreetNet to looking after those on the bottom. Those on the top, including many of you, may be entitled to be in the organisation and to be leaders in it. We are not all Marxists, but we all agreed to prioritise

the poorest vendors irrespective of how we theorise our political work. We have only talked about the working class and the poorest of the working class. If we analyse the class position of our leaders we find that we have less who represent the very poor, i.e. a distorted class balance. We now have a bigger number who are more secure. The resolution is intended to make us more aware and conscious, and it provides some practical steps to strengthen our consciousness about building membership and leadership within our working-class base.

Senegal: It would be important for the International Coordinator to clarify the role of StreetNet in bringing together all layers of vendors and also all other informal workers, like construction workers

The chairperson asked for an indication of support for the resolution by show of hands. The majority indicated support. Seconded by TUICO, AZIEA, FAINATRASIT, Uruguay.

The resolution was adopted by Congress.

6. Resolution on project funds.

The resolution was dismissed.

7. Resolution to fight the savage eviction of street vendors around the world and to work for the exercise of their trading activities in better conditions.

Proposed by SYNAVAMAB-USTB Benin

Commission's analyses: The resolution is talking about issues on already existing resolutions. StreetNet cannot do this, but can help to guide the affiliate. The language used is not appropriate though the resolution has a few good ideas but they need to be elaborated and presented to next Congress or the International Council.

The Commission concluded that the proposer of the resolution uses the previous resolutions from StreetNet and propose a better resolution for next Congress.

8. Resolution of Cross-BorderTrade

Propose by, FIWON Nigeria, SLeTU Sierra Leone and FEPTIWUL Liberia

Commission's Report: The commission could not understand the objective of the resolution. The commission requested the organisations that drafted the resolution to explain further or simplify the resolution.

The proposers explained the resolution.

The resolution was approved by congress.

9. Resolution on representation of Regional Focal Points in ExCo meetings

Proposed by CTCF-FNT Nicaragua

Commissions Report: The commission did not object the resolution if it has no monetary implications to StreetNet. As membership increases, so does the work of the Regional Focal Point increase. StreetNet should do capacity building for Regional Focal Points.

The resolution was adopted by congress.

10. Resolution on migrant workers from Venezuela

Proposed by Venezuela

Supported by FIWON Nigeria, SINTRALOC Chile and FNOTNA Mexico

The resolution was adopted by congress.

11. Resolution on New Urban Agenda

Proposed by the parallel Commission

Needs of Informal Economy Workers:

1. Access to working space gazetted and affordable and regulated with sanitation, day care centres etc.
2. Informal economy workers rights should be respected
3. Forced evictions should be stopped
4. Informal economy workers should be fully represented to participate in decision making
5. Support to capacity building of informal economy workers

The resolution was adopted by congress.

CLOSING REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT LORRAINE SIBANDA

The newly elected President Lorraine Sibanda thanked everyone for a successful congress. She thanked the outgoing council members for the great work they have done and welcomed the new council members.

ANNEXURE 1

CREDENTIALS

ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	NAME	Gender
AFFE	URUGUAY	Gabriela Calandria Alvarez Fernando Gallardo	F M
AEIMO	MOCAMBIQUE	Julieta Francisco Nducula	F
		Armindo Alexandre Chembane	M
ASSOVACO	D.R. CONGO	Thérèse Saidi	F
		Bernadette Musombwa Mwavita	F
CNTG	GUINEE	Kadiatou Barry	F
		Badara Conte	M
CNTS	SENEGAL	Annie Diouf	F
		Ndagou Dia	F
CTCP-FNT	NICARAGUA	Veronica Auxiliadora Lopez	F
		Orlando José Mercado	M
Eastern Cape Street Vendors' Alliance	South Africa	Fundile Jalile	M
		Tembisa Ngcwabane	F
FAINATRASIT	TOGO	Komi Mensah KESSOUAGNI	M
		Badawi Bali Kozon	F
FENSTACHS	ANGOLA	Mariquinha Dambi Rafael	F
		Nascimento João Mateus	M
FENTRAVIG	GUATEMALA	Mario Guzman Peralta	M
		Yesenia Judith Monzon	F
FEPTIWUL	LIBERIA	Comfort T. Doryen	F
		Hannah P. Tarpeh	F
FESTIVES	EL SALVADOR	José Herminio Diaz Guevara	M
		Besy Esmeralda Rodriguez	F
FETTEI-CI	COTE d'IVOIRE	Chiadon Marcelline Adopo	F
		Boris Kone Klossioh	M
FIWON	NIGERIA	Olugbenga E. Komolafe	M
		Bamidele Frances Onokpe	F
FNOTNA	MEXICO	Gilberto Vazquez Muro	M
		Martha Garcia Santoyo	F
FOTSSIEH	HONDURAS	Miguel Angel Gonzalez	M
		Martha Miriam Ramos	F
FTUEU	UKRAINE	Valentyna Korobka	F
		Leonid Tonkovyd	M
FUTRAND	VENEZUELA	Blanca Llerena Gonzalez	F
		Ramon Antonio Marcano	M

FUTTEINCO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Jorge Alberto Santana Suero	M
		Maria Emilia Vargas Luzon	F
IDEA	CAMBODIA	Vorn Pao	M
IHVAG	GHANA	Deborah Temotele Quaye	F
		Enoch Kwabena Bioh	M
KENASVIT	KENYA	Mary Njoki Ngugi	F
		Ronald Abuga Nyamiaka	M
KHATHANG TEMA	LESOTHO	Tsolo Lebisa	M
		Matseliso Leretholi	F
KYRGYZSTAN COMMERCIAL W.U.	KYRGYZSTAN	Damira Dolotalieva	F
		Dinara Turbaeva	F
		Ziyabidin Maksutov	M
LAIE	BANGLADESH	Kamal Siddiki	M
LDFC	D.R. CONGO	Angelique Kipulu Katana	F
		Anne Matondo	F
MOLDOVA B.SIND	MOLDOVA	Tamara Bodnari	F
MUFIS	MALAWI	Dygress Mphande	F
		Ken Williams Mhango	M
NEST	NEPAL	Maya Gurung	F
		Chet Bahadur Sapkota	M
SEWA	INDIA	Shikha Joshi	F
		Champa Patni	F
SINTRALOC	CHILE	David Peña Rojas	M
		Berta Abigail Peña Rojas	F
SLeTU	SIERRA LEONE	Aaron A Boima	M
		Haja Fourd Balkisu Kamara	F
Street Vendor Proj	NY, U.S.A	Sophia Laskaris	F
SYNAVAMAB-USTB	BENIN	Afiavi Anastasie Chodaton	F
		Mochebolatan Louise Ladekan	F
SYNAVFL	BURKINA FASO	Alizeta Koanda	F
		Zara Congo	F
SYTRIECI	Rwanda	Jeannette Nyiramashengesho	F
		Rachetee Dorcas Ishimwe	F
SYVEBU	BURUNDI	Alice Nkuzimana	F
		Nadine Gankunzi	F
TUICO	TANZANIA	John Msaganzila Shikunzi	M
		Tatu Shamte Masoud	F
UBUMBANO	South Africa	Simphiwe Bethwell Msolo	M
		Mankinto Ngcobo	F
UGSEIN	NIGER	Zada Fomakoye	M
		Tata Cheikou Diara	F
UGTI-CUT	COLOMBIA	Pedro Luis Ramirez Barbosa	M

UMAEU	UGANDA	Jescah Mwijuka	F
		Ruth Namugyga	F
UNICAB	BRAZIL	Juliano Fripp	M
		Maria de Lourdes do Carmo	F
		Andrade da Silva de Assis	F
USYNVEPID-CSPIB	BENIN	Madeleine Davi	F
		Gossou Miwoto	M
VMESTE	BELARUS	Iryna Yaskevich	F
XHIDMAT-ISH	AZERBAIJAN	Jamaladdin Ismayilov	M
		Zilfira Nabiyeva	F
ZCIEA	ZIMBABWE	Lorraine Sibanda	F
		Sibongile Chakabva	F
TOTAL		90	57 F 33 M

OBSERVERS (*non-voting*)

NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	GENDER
Zamira	Satkeyeva	Kyrgyzstan Commercial Workers Union	Kyrgyzstan	F
Kubanych	Joldoshev	Kyrgyzstan Commercial Workers Union	Kyrgyzstan	M

GUEST LIST

NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	GENDER
Sally	Roever	WIEGO	Italy	F
Jane	Barrett	WIEGO	South Africa	F
Sofia	Trevino	WIEGO	Canada	F
Laura	Morillo	WIEGO	Germany	F
Anna	Salnikova	ITUC	Moscow	F
Visal	Turn	Oxfam	Cambodia	M
Markhaba	Khalmurzaeva	IUF	Central Asia	F
Charles	Buxton	INTRAC	Bishkek	M
Anara	Moldosheva	INTRAC	Bishkek	F
Inna	Kudinska	Solidarity Centre	Ukraine	F
Sambath	Chan	Solidarity Centre	Cambodia	M
Maral	Mambetalieva	Solidarity centre	Kyrgyzstan	F

STREETNET STAFF

NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	GENDER
Pat	Horn	STREETNET	SOUTH AFRICA	F

Oksana	Abboud	STREETNET	UKRAINE	F
Sibailly Maximilien	Douhoure	STREETNET	COTE D'IVOIRE	M
Maira	Vannuchi	STREETNET	BRAZIL	F
Jane	Masta	STREETNET	KENYA	F
Amar	Kharate	STREETNET	INDIA	M
Annelene	Shahbaz	STREETNET	SOUTH AFRICA	F
Liziwe	Mkhulisi	INDEPENDENT	SOUTH AFRICA	F
Baptiste (Bobby)	Marie	INDEPENDENT	SOUTH AFRICA	M

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	GENDER
Jane	Barrett	WIEGO	SOUTH AFRICA	F
Inna	Kudinska	Solidarity Centre	UKRAINE	F

INTERPRETERS

NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	GENDER
Sambath	Chan	Solidarity Centre	CAMBODIA	M
Laura	Morillo	WIEGO	PERU/GERMANY	F
Sofia	Trevino	WIEGO	MEXICO/OTTAWA	F
Irene	MESTRE	<i>Hired</i>	Kyrgyzstan	F
Aisuluu	KUTUKEEV A	<i>Hired</i>	Kyrgyzstan	
Dmitrii	KONOV	<i>Hired</i>	Kyrgyzstan	
Nurdin	KAZAKBAEV	<i>Hired</i>	Kyrgyzstan	
Zhoodat	MURATALI YEV	<i>Hired</i>	Kyrgyzstan	
Amar	KHARATE	StreetNet	INDIA	M
Maira	VANUCCI	StreetNet	BRAZIL	F

ANNEXURE 2

RESOLUTIONS

CONSTITUTION
of
STREETNET INTERNATIONAL
("StreetNet")

*As amended at the First International Congress on 17 March 2004,
Second International Congress on 22 August 2007, Fifth International Congress on
6 October 2016 and Sixth International Congress on 10 April 2019.*

1. **NAME**

The NAME of the organisation shall be **StreetNet International**.

2. **SCOPE**

2.1 StreetNet shall be open to the following types of organizations, provided that they represent not less than 500 members:

2.1.1 National alliances of membership-based organisations of market vendors, street vendors and/or hawkers such as unions, co-operatives, and any other type of associations;

2.1.2 Regional alliances of membership-based organisations of market vendors, street vendors and/or hawkers such as unions, co-operatives, and any other type of associations;

2.1.3 City-based alliances of membership-based organisations of market vendors, street vendors and/or hawkers such as unions, co-operatives, and any other type of associations;

2.1.4 National trade unions organising market vendors, street vendors and/or hawkers among their members.

2.2 Where StreetNet has more than one member organisation from the same country, region or city, such member organisations will be encouraged to merge with each other where appropriate, in order to work towards one united alliance per country.

2.3 Individual membership-based organizations of market vendors, street vendors and/or hawkers wanting to join StreetNet will be encouraged and/or assisted to group together with other similar organisations into national alliances or city alliances which can affiliate directly to StreetNet.

3. **AIMS AND OBJECTS**

The aims and objects of StreetNet shall be:

3.1 to expand and strengthen market and street vendor networks at the international, regional and national levels;

3.2 to build and strengthen the capacity and leadership of women market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers at all levels of organization;

3.3 to build an information base on the numbers and situation of market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers in different parts of the world, disaggregated by gender;

3.4 to document and disseminate information on effective organising strategies for promoting and protecting the rights of market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers;

- 3.5 in recognition of the class differences which exist between market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers, StreetNet should prioritise the upliftment of the poorest market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers;
- 3.6 to prioritise the interests of low-income market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers, StreetNet should focus on stopping exploitation of such vendors by high-income vendors, intermediaries and wholesalers;
- 3.7 to encourage street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers living with disabilities to join StreetNet affiliates organisations and to participate actively in activities and leadership at all levels of the organisation;
- 3.8 to promote correctional policies aimed at rectifying the environment that denies equality of opportunity to market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers and wastes their productive potential;
- 3.9 to encourage young street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers between the ages of 18 and 35, especially young women, to participate actively in activities and leadership at all levels of the organisation;
- 3.10 to encourage all StreetNet affiliates who do not already have established youth structures, to establish youth structures in their own organisations;
- 3.11 to bring market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers into the mainstream of policies and laws which affect their livelihoods, such as urban policies;
- 3.12 to represent street vendors, market vendors and mobile hawkers in the international arena;
- 3.13 to help StreetNet member organizations to represent street vendors, market vendors and mobile hawkers at national and regional levels;
- 3.14 to develop and take forward an International Street Vendors' Manifesto;
- 3.15 members should gain an understanding of common problems of market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers, develop new ideas for strengthening their organising and advocacy efforts, and join in international campaigns to promote policies and actions that can contribute to improving the lives and opportunities of market vendors, street vendors and mobile hawkers;
- 3.16 to work in partnership with international federations and centres of trade unions;
- 3.17 to work in social partnership with NGOs, Universities and research institutions who work with and in support of market vendors, street vendors and/or mobile hawkers and who support the goals and constitution of StreetNet.

4. INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The international office of StreetNet shall be located in Durban, South Africa, or at such place as the International Council shall determine from time to time.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 All organisations as envisaged in Clause 2 above shall be eligible for membership of StreetNet.
- 5.2 The number of votes of a member organisation will be determined by the principle of proportional representation, based on the number of paid-up market vendor, street vendor and/or hawker members belonging to the organization or its affiliates (paid-up according to the practices and policies of the respective organizations).
- 5.3 Application for admission or re-admission to membership shall be lodged in writing on a prescribed form with the International Council, which shall have

authority to accept or refuse any application for any reason deemed to be necessary.

- 5.4 An organisation which has disaffiliated or been suspended or expelled from StreetNet but which is still engaged in the interests set forth in Clause 2 may be re-admitted to membership on such conditions as the International Council may determine.
- 5.5 An organisation to whom admission to membership is refused shall be entitled to a refund of any monies paid by the organisation on application.
- 5.6 Every organisation shall notify the International Co-ordinator of its address and contact details and changes thereto, within fourteen days on which the change took place.

6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 A member organization may resign by giving four (4) weeks notice to the International Secretary or Co-ordinator, which shall be committed to writing.
- 6.2 A member organization may be suspended or expelled, according to due process, by the decision of International Council for acting against the aims and objects of StreetNet, but this should be endorsed later by the International Congress.
- 6.3 A member organization which has been expelled from StreetNet shall not be entitled to participate in the affairs of StreetNet and shall have no claim to any benefits provided by StreetNet. Such organization shall further have no claim on the general funds of StreetNet nor be entitled to a refund of any monies or affiliation fees paid to StreetNet.
- 6.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Constitution, any member organization whose situation changes to the extent that it no longer falls under StreetNet's scope as defined in Clause 2, shall relinquish membership of StreetNet and shall forfeit any entitlement to benefits provided by StreetNet.

7. AFFILIATION FEES

- 7.1 All members shall pay an affiliation fee on joining StreetNet and annual fees thereafter. The amounts of this joining fee and these annual fees to be determined from time to time by two-thirds majority ballot of the International Council.
- 7.2 Any member who falls behind in respect of two (2) years' annual fees shall not be in good standing as a member of StreetNet, and their membership will be regarded as having lapsed.

8. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

StreetNet consists of the following structures:

- International Congress: meets at least once every four years, consisting of representation by delegates from International Council and all member organisations, based on membership size.
- International Council: meets annually, consisting of representation by eleven (11) elected members in addition to the International President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, of whom at least (50%) must be women.
- Executive Committee: a sub-committee of the International Council consisting of seven, which meets quarterly.

- **Regional Structures:** in each region established by StreetNet, autonomous structures coordinated by Regional Focal Point organisations appointed by the International Congress or the International Council.

8.1 The organization shall:

- 8.1.1 exist in its own right, separately from its members;
- 8.1.2 be able to own property and other possessions;
- 8.1.3 be able to sue and be sued in its own name.

8.2 The organization shall continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers.

9. **INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS**

The supreme governing body of StreetNet shall be the International Congress.

9.1 **Composition**

(a) The International Congress shall consist of the following delegates:

- (i) the members of the International Council;
- (ii) delegates elected by each member organization which shall be entitled to the following number of delegates based on the number of paid-up members the organization (and its affiliates, where applicable) represents:

500 - 1000 members:	1 delegate
1001 – 10 000 members:	3 delegates (at least 1 woman)
10 001 – 50 000 members:	5 delegates (at least 2 women)
50 001 members or more:	10 delegates (at least 5 women)

- (iii) Only those delegates present at the International Congress will have a vote, on the basis of one vote per delegate present.

(b) The number of delegates per member organisation shall be fixed, in accordance with Clause 9.1(a) above, and their credentials approved, by decision of the Executive Committee prior to an International Congress. Only delegates whose credentials have been so approved shall be entitled to vote at an International Congress.

9.2 **Meetings**

(a) The International Congresses shall ordinarily meet at least once every four years on a date fixed by the International Council. Special meetings of the International Congress may be called by decision of the International Council.

(b) Members shall be invited in writing and informed of the time and place of the International Congress by the Secretary and/or the International Co-ordinator at least ninety (90) days before the date of the International Congress provided that shorter notice may in the discretion of the International Council be given in respect of Special International Congresses.

(c) The business of the International Congresses shall be:

- (i) to consider and decide on reports presented;

- (ii) to formulate policy for StreetNet and decide on resolutions submitted to the International Congress by members and by the International Council;
- (iii) to consider and approve amendments to StreetNet's Constitution;
- (iv) to review and decide on the financial position and progress of StreetNet;
- (v) to deal with any matter which in the opinion of the International Congress is in StreetNet's interest and which merits the consideration of the Congress, including establishing working groups and sub-committees (which would report to the International Council) to work on particular issues of relevance and interest to members of StreetNet;
- (vi) to formulate strategic plans.

9.3 **Quorum**

The quorum for International Congresses shall be 50% + 1 of the total number of delegates who have completed all requirements for representation in the International Congress. If within twenty-four (24) hours of the time fixed for an International Congress, a quorum is not present, the Congress shall stand adjourned to such place and time as the International Council shall decide.

9.4 **Election of office-bearers**

- 9.4.1 Ordinary International Congresses shall elect from their member organizations from the sector of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, or organizers of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, an International President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, whose terms of office shall, subject to Clause 9.10 below, expire upon election of the succeeding incumbents to office at every ordinary International Congress. Incumbents shall be eligible for re-election for up to three terms.
- 9.4.2 Two or more of the four International office-bearers elected must be women.
- 9.4.3 No two international office-bearers elected may come from the same region.
- 9.4.4 A nominated candidate may be elected in absentia. Elections shall be by secret ballot except that if no more than the required number of nominations is received, the candidates so nominated shall be declared duly elected without a ballot being taken.
- 9.4.5 In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, further rounds of balloting shall be held until one candidate receives a majority of the ballots cast. In each round of balloting the candidate who received the least votes shall be eliminated from the next round of balloting. The results of each round of balloting shall be disclosed to the Congress before the following round is commenced.

9.5 **International President**

The President shall preside at the International Congress, International Council and Executive Committee meetings at which s/he is present, enforce observance of this Constitution, sign minutes of such meetings after confirmation thereof and generally exercise supervision of the affairs of StreetNet between such meetings and perform such other duties as by custom and usage pertain to the office.

9.6 **International Vice-President**

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the functions of the President.

9.7 International Secretary

The Secretary shall receive requests for meetings of the International Council and prepare agendas for meetings in consultation with the President. S/he should also take the necessary steps to ensure that a register of members is maintained, all correspondence of StreetNet is properly conducted, minutes of the proceedings of all meetings are recorded, and perform such other duties as be custom and usage pertain to the office. S/he is also responsible for publicity and dissemination of information about StreetNet.

9.8 International Treasurer

The Treasurer shall generally exercise supervision over the financial affairs of StreetNet, take all necessary steps to ensure that proper books of account of StreetNet are kept, to have such books audited and to prepare consolidated annual balance sheets and statements of income and expenditure, to submit or make available such information to members and perform such other duties as by custom and usage pertain to the office.

9.9 International Co-ordinator

The International Co-ordinator will be engaged by and accountable to the International Council for the purposes of management, and have the following duties:

- 9.9.1 to receive requests for meetings of the International Council, to issue notices of such meetings in consultation with the President and the Secretary, to conduct all correspondence of StreetNet in consultation with the Secretary, to keep originals of letters received, copies of those despatched and at each meeting of the International Council and Executive Committee to table such correspondence as has ensued since the previous meetings; to attend all meetings of the International Congress, International Council and Executive Committee and record minutes of the proceedings; to ensure the issuing of official receipts for all monies received by StreetNet; to prepare and present a half-yearly financial report to meetings of the International Council and Executive Committee; to ensure that a register of members is maintained; to enter into lease and other agreements on behalf of StreetNet and to perform such other duties as are imposed by the Constitution or as the International Council or Executive Committee may direct. S/he shall attend all meetings of the International Congress, International Council and Executive Committee but shall have no voting powers at such meetings.
- 9.9.2 to take all necessary steps, in consultation with the Treasurer, to ensure that proper books of account of StreetNet are kept, to have such books audited, and to prepare a consolidated annual balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure, and to submit or make available such information to the office-bearers and members.
- 9.9.3 to encourage and assist organizations with mergers, and to carry out activities of StreetNet as decided by the International Congress and the International Council.

9.9.4 The International Co-ordinator may resign on giving two (2) months' notice in writing to the International Council, and her/his services may be terminated on a similar period of notice being given to her/him by the International Council. If there is no possibility of a meeting of the International Council within two months, the Executive Committee will exercise the power on behalf of the International Council but it is to be endorsed later by the International Council. S/he may be summarily discharged by the International Council or Executive Committee for a serious neglect of duty or misconduct. In the event of the office becoming vacant, the International Council shall appoint a new incumbent.

9.10 Removal from office of Office-Bearers

The International President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall vacate office in any of the following circumstances:

- 9.10.1 on resignation, suspension or expulsion from membership of StreetNet or any of its member organizations, or on suspension or expulsion from office for misconduct on a two-thirds majority of the International Council;
- 9.10.2 on absenting her/himself without the permission of the International Council from three (3) consecutive meetings of the International Council;

9.11 Provisional Office-Bearers

- 9.11.1 In the event the office of an International Office-Bearer becomes vacant in between International Congresses, the International Council shall elect, by ballot, by two-thirds majority vote, from among the members of the International Council, a person in an acting capacity until the next ordinary International Congress.
- 9.11.2 A member elected to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the period of office of her/his predecessor.
- 9.11.3 All such elections shall be on nomination proposed, seconded and voted on by majority ballot.

10. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Management of StreetNet shall be vested in the International Council between meetings of the International Congresses.

10.1 Composition

The International Council shall consist of an International President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and delegates and alternates as follows:

- (a) Eleven (11) representatives elected from among member organisations from the sector of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, or organizers of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers (as envisaged in Clause 2 above) at the International Congress, of whom at least six (6) shall be women.
- (b) No affiliated organisation shall have more than one member on the International Council.
- (c) In the event of principal delegates being permanently or temporarily unavailable to attend meetings of the International Council, alternates from the elected organisations will be recognised provided that they are elected and presented to the International Council by the organisation concerned.

- (d) Delegates (*and alternates*) shall, subject to Clause 10.2, hold office for four years and they shall be eligible for re-election on termination of their period of office.
- (e) International Council members must declare any conflict of interest in regard to being a funding recipient, on a salary or payment, or having a relationship with a national government or any political party that may cause them to influence or have a negative effect on another StreetNet member or an organisational decision. Failure to declare a conflict of interest may result in suspension of membership, right to attend meetings and/or vote on issues.

10.2 A member of the International Council shall vacate her/his seat in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) on resignation, suspension or expulsion of him/herself or her/his member organisation from membership of StreetNet;
- (b) on absenting him/herself without the permission of the International Council from three (3) consecutive meetings of the International Council;
- (c) on the member organisation of which s/he is a member ceasing to be a member in good standing.

10.3 The International Council shall ordinarily meet at least once every year on a date to be fixed by the President in conjunction with the Secretary and International Co-ordinator insofar as this is possible. Special meetings (physical meetings or teleconferences) of the International Council shall be called by the President whenever s/he deems it advisable or by a requisition signed by not less than eight (8) of the members of the International Council in which event the meeting shall be called within one (1) month of the receipt of the requisition by the President.

10.4 Members of the International Council shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the meetings by the Secretary or International Co-ordinator at least one (1) month before the dates of such meetings, provided that shorter notice being not less than seven (7) days' notice may in the discretion of the President be given in respect of extraordinary meetings. The Agenda of the meeting shall be attached to the notice of the meeting, failing which it shall be circulated to delegates in writing not less than two (2) weeks before the meeting, except in case of an extraordinary meeting.

10.5 The quorum for meetings of the International Council shall be 50% + 1 (i.e. 8 members). If within twenty-four (24) hours of the time fixed for any meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned indefinitely and may be resumed only after due notice has been given to all members of the International Council.

10.6 **Powers and duties**

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the International Council shall have the power:

- (a) to plan, authorise and monitor activities of StreetNet;
- (b) to authorise and ensure direct representation of StreetNet members at international forums;

- (c) to engage and dismiss, except where otherwise provided for in this Constitution, any employees of StreetNet, including the International Co-ordinator, to fix their remuneration and to define their duties;
- (d) to appoint from time to time such sub-committees as it may deem necessary or for the purpose of investigating and reporting on any matter referred to such sub-committee by the International Council;
- (e) to institute or defend legal proceedings by or on behalf of or against StreetNet or individual member organisations in relation to their work or in furtherance of any of the objects set out in Clause 3 provided same is not inconsistent with any matter specifically provided for in this Constitution.
- (f) to invest assets of StreetNet and to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, any movable or immovable property and to hold same on behalf of StreetNet and to sell, let, mortgage or otherwise deal with or dispose of any movable or immovable belongings of StreetNet, provided that no immovable property shall be acquired or sold, nor shall it be mortgaged, let or leased for a period of longer than five (5) years unless six (6) weeks of notice of intention to do this has been given to each member organisation. If during this period any member or region objects, the matter has to be determined by a meeting of the International Council, where a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote will be required to ratify the proposed action;
- (g) to open and operate banking accounts in the name of StreetNet, and to appoint auditors to complete financial audits in terms of 11.5 below;
- (h) to initiate, authorise and undertake activities which lead to financial self-sufficiency of StreetNet;
- (i) to establish regional offices and regional secretariat structures of StreetNet in order to facilitate greater co-operation between member organizations in any region (and to close down such offices and secretariat structures) and to define the areas of jurisdiction of regional offices;
- (j) to convene when deemed necessary, a Special International Congress, which shall perform such functions and duties as may be referred to it by the International Council;
- (k) to appoint from among the members and staff of StreetNet those authorised to sign agreements on behalf of StreetNet. Such authority shall be restricted to those aforementioned persons;
- (l) to establish and fund projects and activities in accordance with the aims and objects of StreetNet;
- (m) to approve the annual audited financial statement and balance sheets of StreetNet;
- (n) to decide on matters of procedure on which this Constitution is silent;
- (o) to do such things as may in the opinion of the International Council appear to be in the interests of StreetNet and which are not inconsistent with the objects or any matter specifically provided for in this Constitution.

10.7 Executive Committee

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be an implementing body of the International Council consisting of the following:

- President
 - Vice-President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Co-ordinator (*ex-officio* with no vote)
 - the two Members' Auditors from two different StreetNet regions, elected in terms of Clause 11.1(e) below.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly in order to consider the following:
- (i) financial statements;
 - (ii) correspondence;
 - (iii) review strategic plans;
 - (iv) other pressing and urgent matters involved in the management of StreetNet, between meetings of the International Council.
- (c) Decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee will be subject to ratification by the International Council or the International Congress.

10.8 Youth Committee

- 10.8.1 The Youth Committee is a sub-committee which reports to the StreetNet International Council and the Executive Committee, composed of two members from each StreetNet Region (one woman and one man) to be elected by the young members between the ages of 18 and 35 years in each region for a term of no longer than three years.
- 10.8.2 Only youth between the ages of 18 and 32 years old are eligible for election to the Youth Committee.
- 10.8.3 The Youth Committee shall meet once per year, contingent upon the availability of the necessary funds.
- 10.8.4 The Terms of Reference of the Youth Committee shall be determined by the International Council from time to time..

11. REGIONAL STRUCTURES

- 11.1 Regional structures shall be established by StreetNet as conditions permit and as may be determined by the International Congress or the International Council.
- 11.2 One focal point country per StreetNet region identified in accordance with Clause 11.1 above, will be identified by the International Congress or the International Council, and the StreetNet affiliate(s) in that country will house the regional structure of StreetNet and co-ordinate the communication between affiliates in the region.
- 11.3 Only organisations affiliated with StreetNet shall be eligible for membership in a StreetNet regional structure.
- 11.4 The relationship between StreetNet and its regional structures shall be determined by the International Council in accordance with decisions of the International Congress.
- 11.5 The regional structures shall be answerable for their actions to the International Council and shall submit annual reports on their activities to the International

Council. All questions affecting the general policy of StreetNet shall be referred to the International Council.

- 11.6 The regional focal point organisations will report to the International Council, and to the Executive Committee and the StreetNet office between International Council meetings.
- 11.7 Regional focal point organisations will be bound by the provisions of Clause 12.2 of the StreetNet International constitution with respect to fundraising and financial management.

12. **FINANCE**

12.1 **Accounts**

- (a) All fees from member organisations shall be remitted to the Co-ordinator on behalf of the Treasurer, and shall be deposited within fourteen (14) days of receipt at a bank decided on by the International Council. This bank account shall be called the StreetNet International Account.
- (b) All donations to StreetNet shall be remitted to the Co-ordinator on behalf of the Treasurer, and shall be deposited within seven (7) days of receipt at a bank decided on by the International Council. This bank account shall be called the Donations Account.
- (c) Funds allocated from the StreetNet International or Donations Accounts for the purpose of administering any office of StreetNet shall be deposited to its credit at a bank decided upon by the International Council. Such account shall be called an Office Account.
- (d) The signatories of the accounts of StreetNet shall be the International President, Treasurer, Co-ordinator and two other individuals easily accessible to the head office appointed for the purpose by the International Council, any two of whom shall jointly sign each transaction.
- (e) The financial transactions of StreetNet shall also be supervised and checked by two Members' Auditors. These auditors shall be elected by Congress from amongst the delegates of affiliated organisations located within a reasonable distance of the head office. If an Auditor resigns this position between two Congresses, the International Council shall designate an acting Members' Auditor..
- (f) The Members' Auditors, acting together or individually, shall have constant access to the books, and to all financial documents, deeds and certificates of StreetNet. They shall satisfy themselves that all expenditures are reasonable and in accordance with the decisions of the International Council of StreetNet or were made with its approval. The Members' Auditors shall submit yearly a report on their findings which shall be sent to all affiliated organisations. The Co-ordinator shall submit these reports to the International Council of StreetNet for its consideration.
- (g) The financial year of the organization ends on 31 December each year.

12.2 **Regional finances**

- 12.2.1 Regional offices of StreetNet shall manage their own fundraising and finances. However, funds raised by StreetNet for such regional offices shall be managed by means of written contracts to be determined by the International Council and signed between designated representatives of the International Council and the recognised regional secretariat structures.
- 12.2.2 Regional offices shall be required to have their accounts audited annually, and to make their audited reports available to StreetNet.
- 12.2.3 If any regional office of StreetNet is disestablished while still holding funds from StreetNet, such funds shall devolve back to StreetNet.
- 12.3 The funds of all accounts of StreetNet shall be applied to the payment of expenses connected with the administration of the affairs of StreetNet, the acquisition of property and/or towards the attainment of the objects specified in Clause 3 of this Constitution and such other lawful purposes as may be decided upon by the International Council or by the member organisations of StreetNet voting by ballot.
- 12.4 Statements of income and expenditure and the financial position of StreetNet are to be prepared half-yearly by the International Co-ordinator and submitted to the Executive Committee, who shall in turn submit them to the International Council.
- 12.5 All accounts of StreetNet shall be audited annually by a person/company registered as an accountant and auditor in terms of the relevant national and international legislation, appointed by the International Council. True copies of the consolidated audited accounts of StreetNet together with the auditor's report shall be made available to members of StreetNet.
- 12.6 The consolidated audited financial statements, balance sheets and auditor's reports for StreetNet shall be confirmed by the International Council and presented to member organisations.
- 12.7 The auditor's report contemplated in Clauses 11.4 and 11.5 above shall state whether:
- (i) she/he has satisfied herself/himself of the existence of the securities and has examined the books of account and records of StreetNet;
 - (ii) proper books of accounts have been kept;
 - (iii) she/he has obtained all the information and explanation required;
 - (iv) in her/his opinion the statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet audited by her/him have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct reflection of the state of affairs of StreetNet according to the best of her/his knowledge and according to the explanations given to her/him and as shown by the books of StreetNet as at the date of the balance sheet;

(v) in her/his opinion, the provisions of the Constitution of StreetNet in so far as they relate to financial affairs, have been complied with.

12.8 A member organisation which resigns or is expelled from StreetNet shall have no claim on the funds of StreetNet.

12.9 Members or office bearers of the organization do not have a right over things that belong to the organization.

12.10 The organization may not give any of its money or property to its members of office bearers, except as payment for work that a member or office bearer has done for the organization. In such cases, the payment must be a reasonable amount for the work that has been done.

13. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION

13.1 The responsibility for the interpretation of the terms of this Constitution or any matter arising in connection therewith shall be vested in the International Congress, and its decision shall be final and binding provided that between International Congresses the International Council shall be empowered to make an interim ruling subject to a final decision by the International Congress.

13.2 In the event of any difference of meaning between different versions of this Constitution, the English version shall prevail.

14. AMENDMENTS

The International Congress may repeal, amend or add to the provisions of this Constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) majority provided that at least sixty (60) days' notice of any proposed alteration shall have first been given to members by notice.

15. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICE-BEARERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

The office-bearers, Council members and employees of StreetNet, provided that they have acted in good faith in a manner which furthers the interests of StreetNet, shall be indemnified by StreetNet against all proceedings, costs and expenses incurred by reason of any omission, negligence or other act done in performance of their duties on behalf of StreetNet or its members, and they shall not be personally liable for any of the liabilities of StreetNet or any of its members.

16. DISSOLUTION

16.1 StreetNet may be dissolved at any time by resolution carried by two-thirds (2/3) majority of a International Congress or (only in extreme situations) by resolution carried by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the International Council, if for any reason StreetNet is unable to continue functioning, provided that no such resolution shall be taken unless a (postal and/or electronic) ballot of members of StreetNet shall have been conducted and more than sixty per cent (60%) of the members in good standing and participating in the ballot so approve.

16.2 If a resolution for the dissolution of StreetNet has been passed as provided for in Clause 15.1 above, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) The available members of the last appointed International Council of StreetNet shall appoint a liquidator to carry out the dissolution. The liquidator shall not be a member of StreetNet and shall be paid such fees as may be agreed upon between her/him and the aforementioned available members.
- (b) The liquidator so appointed shall call upon the last office-bearers and officials of StreetNet to deliver to her/him the books of account, showing the assets and liabilities of StreetNet together with the register of members showing for twelve (12) months prior to date as from which StreetNet was unable to continue functioning, hereinafter referred to as date of dissolution, the fees paid by each member as at date of dissolution. The liquidator shall also call upon the said office-bearers and employees of StreetNet to hand her/him all unexpended funds of StreetNet and to deliver to her/him the assets of StreetNet and the documents necessary in order to liquidate the assets of StreetNet.
- (c) The liquidator shall take the necessary steps to liquidate StreetNet's debts from its unexpended funds and any other monies realised from StreetNet's assets.
- (d) After the payment of all debts in accordance with Clause 15.2(c) above, the remaining funds, if any, shall be disposed of by transfer of all or part of the assets to any other named organisation with similar aims and objectives, or to be kept in trust until such time as another organisation is established embracing all or part of the area and scope of the one dissolved and open to all organisations working in such area and scope.

DATE ADOPTED: 10 April 2019

SIGNED:

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY:

Regulations

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1. Standing Orders for conducting meetings

1.1 Presiding officer (chairperson)

Presiding officers chairing all StreetNet meetings will be responsible for the following, to ensure the productive outcome of each meeting:

- Ask the meeting to adopt the agenda at the outset of the meeting;
- Stick to the agenda which has been adopted;
- Prevent the meeting being side-tracked onto other matters;
- Ensure delegates are free to express their opinions on all matters under discussion;
- Encourage less self-confident delegates, particularly women, youth, and those disadvantaged through language, disability, or lower levels of formal education, to express their views freely in the meeting;
- Discourage the domination of meetings by individuals;
- Ensure that clear decisions are reached on each matter discussed before proceeding to the next item on the agenda;
- Each motion under consideration needs to be proposed, seconded, and opportunity given for amendment or counter-motion, before adoption.
- Ensure that all agenda items are dealt with, either in the meeting or referred to another structure with the agreement of the meeting.

1.2 Speakers and Time Limits

- Guests may be allowed speaking rights in meetings by official invitation or by arrangement with the Standing Orders Committee where applicable;
- Speaking time shall be at the discretion of the person chairing the meeting. All other speakers shall be limited to five minutes. With approval of the meeting, the chairperson may fix a shorter speaking time than 5 minutes.

1.3 Motions concerning Procedure or Order

- Motions concerning procedure or order of business may be moved by any delegate without notice and at any time other than when a speech is in process. Such motions shall have precedence over other business. The President may allow one delegate to speak for and one to speak against the motion and then put the motion to the vote. Motions falling under this category include proposals to adjourn the discussion or the session, motions to take the vote and challenges to the chairperson's ruling.
- A point of order, other than a procedural motion, shall be taken immediately. The chairperson shall then give a ruling on the point of order, which, unless successfully challenged, shall be final.

1.4 Voting Procedures

- Only accredited delegates shall have the right to vote. Voting shall normally be done by show of hands.
- Decisions on votes shall be on the basis of a simple majority of those voting, except in the case of proposals to delete, add to or amend the Constitution or Regulations, proposals to suspend one or more of the Standing Orders or in respect of challenges to the chairperson's rulings, when there shall be not less than two-thirds majority of those present and voting, for the proposal/challenge to be carried.

2. **Standing Orders for conducting Congresses**

2.1 Standing Orders Committee

The StreetNet Executive Committee shall act as the Standing Orders Committee and subject to Clauses 9.2 – 9.4 of the Constitution, shall issue a report dealing with the arrangements for the International Congress including proposals for the order of business and debates, and any other matter requiring a decision for the proper conduct of business.

2.2 Conference President and Vice-President

2.2.1 The President and Vice-President for the International Congress shall be the President and Vice-President of StreetNet.

2.2.2 The President shall declare the opening and close of the International Congress and direct its proceedings in accordance with the StreetNet Constitution and Standing Orders for conducting congresses.

2.2.3 In the absence of the President, International Congress shall be presided over by the Vice-President as directed by the Standing Orders Committee.

2.2.4 The Vice-President while acting as President shall assume the same rights and responsibilities as the President.

2.2.5 In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the Standing Orders Committee shall propose another person for Congress to designate to preside over the International Congress and assume the same rights and responsibilities as the President while so doing.

2.3 Election of Congress Committees

At its first working session International Congress shall elect a Credentials Committee consisting of three members, and a Resolutions Committee, the membership of which shall not exceed five. The International Coordinator shall appoint a Secretary for each Committee.

2.4 Credentials Committee

2.4.1 The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of all delegates to the International Congress.

2.4.2 There shall be no substantive vote taken until the report of the Credentials Committee has been approved by International Congress.

2.4.3 No delegate whose credentials are under question by the Credentials Committee shall participate in the vote upon the Credentials Committee report.

2.4.4 The decisions of the International Congress in regard to delegates' credentials shall be final.

2.5 Resolutions Committee

2.5.1 The Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for examining motions and amendments submitted in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9 and Clause 13 of the StreetNet Constitution, including any motions received which are considered by the Standing Orders Committee to be of an emergency nature.

2.5.2 The Resolutions Committee shall, where necessary, composite, re-draft and/or delete part or all of motions and amendments (but shall not introduce any new subject matter which was not originally present) with the aim of expediting the business of the International Congress.

2.5.3 Subject to any advice received from the Standing Orders Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee to present to the International Congress a written report in respect of all motions and amendments and the Committee may also recommend that certain motions/amendments be remitted to the International Council. Where practicable, a brief indication of the reasons for each decision will be given.

2.5.4 The report shall be put before the International Congress for approval.

3. Nominations procedure for elections for International Council members at StreetNet International Congress

3.1.1 Nominations for Congress elections are sent to the StreetNet office by affiliate organisations one month prior to the Congress, on standard StreetNet Nomination Forms signed by two authorised representatives duly mandated by the organisation. The deadline to send nominations is clearly specified in writing, and all affiliates are informed of such well in advance of the specified deadline.

3.1.2 No more than two nominations per organisation will be accepted, and in the case of two nominations from the same organisation these will have to be different genders. This will require affiliated organisations to spend sufficient time in advance gaining consensus among their members in democratically selecting the one or two leaders they wish to put forward as international leaders for the next four-year constitutional mandate in StreetNet.

3.2 Standing Orders for withdrawal of nominations:

- Nominations for Congress elections may be withdrawn up to one week before the date on which the Congress begins
- Withdrawal of nominations must be in writing and signed by an authorised officer of the nominee's organisation.
- Withdrawal of nominations after that date must also be in writing and will only be permitted by a resolution of the Congress.

4. **Election procedure to be followed at StreetNet International Congress**

- 4.1 A credentials list of delegates will be compiled at the outset of the conference. These will be the delegates who will be entitled to vote, in accordance with Clause 9.1 (a)(iii) of the StreetNet constitution.
- 4.2 The person(s) conducting the election (Electoral Commission) will receive a copy of the credentials list when they arrive to conduct the elections.
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of nominating organisations to obtain a seconder for their nominations, and to notify the Electoral Commission of such.
- 4.4 Objections to any of the nominations on grounds of perceived contravention of the StreetNet constitution must be lodged in writing with the Elections Commission, stating the reason(s) for the objection and specifying the constitutional Clauses allegedly breached.
- 4.5 Prior to the commencement of voting by congress delegates, there will be an agenda item for plenary consideration of any resolutions for the withdrawal of any nominations, after which no further withdrawals will be considered.
- 4.6 The elections will be conducted in plenary. Prior to the commencement of voting by congress delegates, the Electoral Commission shall announce their rulings in respect of any objections lodged with them as per 4.4 above.
- 4.7 The votes will be counted in plenary, and the results will be announced in plenary immediately thereafter.
- 4.8 The following fifteen (15) positions are to be elected, in accordance with Clauses 9.4 and 10.1 of the StreetNet constitution:
- President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - + eleven (11) additional members
- 4.9 A quota of a minimum of 50% of women members of the International Council will apply, as per Clauses 8/9/10 of the Constitution. This means a minimum of **eight (8)** women.
- 4.10 Each candidate should be nominated and seconded by two different organisations. Nominations are motivated by means of nominee profile sent by nominating organisation and circulated in advance to all affiliates. If there is no seconder, the nomination falls away. If only one candidate is nominated for any position, (s)he shall be considered duly elected.
- 4.11 As nominations are made by affiliate organisations in advance, with a mandate from their members who are not able to attend the congress, only nominations received in advance can be considered. Nominations of individuals who are not present are permissible in terms of Clause 9.4.4 of the StreetNet constitution.

- 4.12 The elections should be conducted by secret ballot. Empty ballot forms will be prepared in advance by the person(s) conducting the elections.
- 4.13 The President should be elected first, followed by the Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary (in that order) and then the eleven additional members are elected simultaneously.
- 4.14 The procedure to be followed shall be:
- the position of **President** shall be voted freely without regard to the candidate's gender;
 - if the person voted to be President is a man, then all male nominations for the position of **Vice-President** will be automatically disqualified as the Vice-President will then have to be a woman – if the person voted to be President is a woman, the Vice-President shall be voted freely without regard to the candidate's gender;
 - any nomination for Vice-President coming from the same organisation or the same region as the elected President shall also be disqualified in accordance with Clause 9.4.3 of the StreetNet constitution;
 - the position of **Treasurer** shall be voted freely without regard to the candidate's gender – however any nomination for Treasurer coming from the same organisation as the elected President or Vice-President shall be disqualified in accordance with Clause 9.4.3;
 - if there are not already two women elected in the three afore-mentioned positions, then all male nominations for the position of **Secretary** will be automatically disqualified as the Secretary will then have to be a woman in accordance with Clause 9.4.2 – if there are already two women elected in the three afore-mentioned positions, the Secretary shall be voted freely without regard to the candidate's gender;
 - any nomination for Secretary coming from the same organisation as the elected President, Vice-President or Treasurer shall also be disqualified in accordance with Clause 9.4.3 of the StreetNet constitution;
 - the minimum number of women required from the eleven positions for **additional members** is 6 (six) in accordance with Clause 10.1(a) of the StreetNet constitution;
 - **each ballot paper** (which will be for eleven positions) completed will have to comply with the required minimum – i.e. every voter will have to vote for six or more women and five men or less – and the eleven persons with the highest number of votes will be selected (with this method the required quota will then automatically be fulfilled)

- **any ballot papers which do not fulfil the required quota of at least 6 (six) women nominees for the eleven additional members will be regarded as a spoilt paper;**
 - if only 6 (six) women or less are nominated, they will be regarded as elected unopposed, and only the remaining 5 (five) will be elected if there are more than 5 male nominations;
 - if LESS than 6 (six) women are nominated, then the balance of positions for women will **remain vacant** until they are filled by women by the International Council, as required by the constitution.
- 4.15 For each position, the number of votes received by each candidate shall be read out and the successful candidate announced.
- 4.16 The elected office bearers and council members of StreetNet International shall be awarded with a StreetNet certificate signifying their positions in the Council. The International Coordinator and Electoral Presiding Officer shall append their signatures on the certificate.

5. Terms of Reference for Regional Focal Point organisations

These Terms of Reference apply in conjunction with proposed new Clause 11 of the StreetNet Constitution on Regional Structures.

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 additional 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, after consultation with all the affiliates in 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, after consultation with all the affiliates in 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 not entitled to establish themselves as parallel centres of power to the constitutional decision-making structures of StreetNet International, and are discouraged from creating inter-regional divisions between street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, in contravention of StreetNet’s commitment to working class unity.

6. Terms of Reference for Youth Committee

These Terms of Reference apply in conjunction with proposed new Clause 10.8 of the StreetNet Constitution on the Youth Committee.

6.1 The Youth Committee is responsible to do the following:

- 6.1.1 Communicating with the youth in all StreetNet's affiliates 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;
- 6.1.2 Forward recommendations to the StreetNet International Council and International Congress for consideration and/or adoption;
- 6.1.3 Forward requests to the StreetNet International Council and/or Executive Committee for financial or non-financial support for youth activities;
- 6.1.4 Convene youth activities of StreetNet, in accordance with workplans and decisions of the StreetNet international Congress and International Council, and submit narrative and financial reports of all activities within 2 weeks of each activity;
- 6.1.5 Submit annual written reports to StreetNet International Council meetings.

6.2 The Youth Committee should endeavour to add value to the work of StreetNet in the following ways:

- 6.2.1 Develop organisational strategies that are appropriate to the situation of young street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers;
- 6.2.2 Encourage young workers to develop their leadership skills and self-confidence and encourage members of StreetNet affiliates to nominate and elect youth into the leadership of the organisation at all levels, in order to strengthen the leadership of youth (especially young women) in the informal economy;
- 6.2.3 Organise educational and recreational events for young street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers;
- 6.2.4 Develop policy proposals for the work of StreetNet International with the youth;
- 6.2.5 Develop national and international strategies with the purpose of strengthening the influence of the youth of our sector in the broader society, nationally and globally;
- 6.2.6 Manage the creation of cultural groups, sports teams and StreetNet events for enhanced participation by young members in StreetNet's affiliates.

7. Terms of Reference for Worker Education Committee

- 7.1 The Worker Education Committee is a sub-committee of the StreetNet International Council in accordance with Clause 10.6(d) of the StreetNet constitution.
- 7.2 The Worker Education Committee chairperson has to report to the StreetNet International Council every 6 months.
- 7.3 Worker Education Committee recommendations have to be ratified (or overturned where applicable) by the International Council.
- 7.4 The tasks of the Worker Education Committee are to guide and work with the relevant staff members responsible for worker education to ensure that the following are done:
 - 7.4.1 Come up with modules on different trainings for affiliates, e.g. business training, advocacy & dealing with authorities
 - 7.4.2 Develop training materials
 - 7.4.3 Developing way of framing issues to governments
 - 7.4.4 Identify national & international organisations which provide training to workers, for affiliates
 - 7.4.5 Publish & print innovative training materials, put up on StreetNet website
 - 7.4.6 Record best practices among affiliates
 - 7.4.7 Exposure programmes & exchange visits
 - 7.4.8 Assess gaps in capacity-building
 - 7.4.9 Build data-base from materials from affiliates

STREETNET INTERNATIONAL		RESOLUTIONS	
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2004 1st Congress		2007 2nd Congress	
1: Development of Promotional Policies for Street Vendors by National States 2: Promotion of Informal Women Workers of the World 3: Loans 4: Foreign and migrant street vendors 5: Child labour 6: Our fight against harassment and government crack-downs 7: Street children 8: Fund-raising Sub-Committee		9: Informal economy workers 10: Fight Against Poverty 11: HIV-AIDS in the informal economy 12: Worker Education in the informal economy 13: Exchange visit criteria 14: Creation of regional structures in StreetNet 15: Fund-Raising Sub-Committee	
2010 3rd Congress		2013 4th Congress	
16: Privatisation of Markets 17: Commission to work on the organizational structure to strengthen internal democracy and level of representation of StreetNet International 18: Fund-Raising 19: The Social Solidarity Economy 20: Globalisation and the informal economy 21: Climate Change and Recycling 22: Inclusion of Street Vendors in New Urban Policies		23: International Informal Economy - Street Vendor's Day 24: Class and employment relationships in the Informal Economy 25: World Trade 26: Anticipation and warning of health problems	
2016 5th Congress		2019 6th Congress	
31: The creation of UTREIN 32: The creation of a Mechanism of Training of StreetNet International 33: The creation of a Mechanism of Supervision and Discipline 34: Privatisation of Markets 35: Corruption		36: Inclusive organising 37: Extension of Social Protection Coverage to Informal Economy Workers 38: StreetNet International Coordinator succession 39: Informal Cross-Border Trade 40: Participation by Regional Focal Points in meetings of the ExCo 41: Support for the workers of Venezuela who have migrated in recent years to other countries as a result of the ongoing economic crisis 42: New Urban Agenda and The City We Want 43: The Future of Work	

EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS
FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AT THE UPCOMING CONGRESS
IN RWANDA- 3-6 MAY, 2023.

FORMATION OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES

NOTING that good governance system has been a core agenda of StreetNet international as it requires the involvement or participation of members at all levels of the organization in the development, service delivery, decision-making, and serving member needs through interaction.

OBSERVING the gap that has existed for some time in terms of members interaction, coordination and group problem solving system due to absence of a decision making structure which has made regional coordination problematic

REALIZING the importance of having a structure (committee) and system that is transparent and offer credible opportunity for proper coordination and group problem-solving and that become a forum for presenting multiple points of view with the authority to make decisions.

The region,

RESOLVES the inclusion in the constitution of regional committees which should be a subcommittees of the executive council consisting of a sizeable number of representatives from some members of the region which should be meeting for regional developments and problem solving agendas with the power to make decisions and recommendations.

ENGENDERING THE FOUR OFFICE BEARERS
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REALIZING that gender equality also encompass human development approach, in terms of social welfare that includes definition of Development as the process of enhancing capabilities for all members of a society which marks a distinct break from other approaches

in that it treats human beings as ends in themselves, rather than instruments for other ends. This approach enables us to deal with gender issues in a more holistic manner as men and women are considered valuable in themselves.

OBSERVING that gender equality in many institutions including StreetNet has been misinterpretation and implemented biased women only,

REALIZING that if this trend continues will demoralize male members who will feel of no importance in the organisation

ALSO NOTING that High human development does not necessarily translate into an equal share of benefits for men and women but gives importance to opportunities rather than mere attainments and hence opens up the discussion to various dimensions that lead to empowerment of men and women

This region,

RESOLVES that the four office bearers, (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) be shared equally by the two genders. This means if the president is a woman the vice automatically be a man. The same goes with Secretary and Treasurer) .Engendering the first 4 positions. (4 Nominees, 2 men and 2women)

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR
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NOTING that StreetNet like any other international organization work revolves on an executive officer, in this case the International coordinator whose workload requires a deputy for efficiency and can reduce mental distress,

OBSERVING the delay in some cases on actualization of activities because due to late authorization of activities

REALIZING that a human being is bound to sickness and other eventualities that can prohibit a person to perform his/her duties and also that sharing of responsibilities

minimizes such unplanned delays and lightens up the load in a working environment especially in bigger organizations like StreetNet International,

This Region,

RESOLVES that, the constitution be amended to include a Deputy International Coordinator to share roles with the International Coordinator. This position should preferably be filled by an African candidate. The Deputy international coordinator can either be full or part time depending on the availability of funds.

STREETNET INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS/POLICIES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

- At the Regional meeting in Dakar (attended by West and Central African Affiliates), the following constitute proposals put across concerning the constitution of StreetNet International. At the Regional Focal Point virtual meeting in January, 2023, affiliates agreed to put forward same for consideration by 7th SNI Congress:
 - **Review the SNI constitution to amend the articles in relation to the elections of the Executive Committee:**
- The Chair and Vice-Chair cannot come from the same region
 - Include the youth dimension in the structures of the SNI
 - Taking into account people living with disabilities.

Resolutions suggestion:

- Item 38 of the resolutions to be deleted
- Item 41 if it is still relevant with the Venezuelan people we would not remove it but add the Ukrainian people;
- Establishment of a support fund in case of a pandemic
- Continued support for measures related to the cross-border trade project
- Support for the formalization of workers in the informal economy
- Obligation for all SNI affiliates to celebrate the International Day of Informal Economy Workers
- Establish resilience and coping strategies for Informal Economy workers in the event of disasters

*Facilitator of the group work: Komi KESSOUAGNI, Regional Focal Point

Proposed amendments to the constitution of StreetNet International

To delegates of the 7th Congress of StreetNet International.

Since the first International Congress on March 17, 2004, we have been working with the same constitution, even though StreetNet has expanded throughout the world in Asia, Europe, and America. It is thus necessary to make amendments to it.

The Regional Focal Point of America and its member organizations propose the following amendments.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.5 An organization to whom admission to membership is refused shall be entitled to a refund of any monies paid by the organization on application.

Proposal:

Remove this point, because if the organization has not been accepted, it should not contribute any fee to StreetNet.

6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6.2 A member organization may be suspended or expelled, according to due process, by the decision of International Council for acting against the aims and objects of StreetNet, but this should be endorsed later by the International Congress.

6.2 A member organization may be suspended or expelled, according to due process, by the decision of the International Congress, with 50% plus 1 of its members, for acting against the aims and objectives of StreetNet.

9. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The supreme governing body of StreetNet shall be the International Congress.

The delegates present at the congresses must be self-employed, not executives hired by the organizations.

7. AFFILIATION FEES

7.1 All members shall pay an affiliation fee on joining StreetNet and annual fees thereafter. The amounts of this joining fee and these annual fees to be determined from time to time by two-thirds majority ballot of the International Council.

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8. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

Regional Structures: in each region established by StreetNet, autonomous structures coordinated by Regional Focal Point organizations appointed by the International Congress or the International Council.

Regional Structures: in each region established by StreetNet, the autonomous structures are coordinated by the Regional Focal Point organizations which will choose from among their affiliated organizations who will represent them and report to the International Council.

8.1 The organization shall:

- exist in its own right, separately from its members;
 - be able to own property and other possessions;
 - be able to sue and be sued in its own name;
- The organization shall continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers.
- exist in its own right, separately from its members;
 - be able to own property and other possessions;
 - be able to sue and be sued on your behalf;
 - The organisation shall continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers;
 - be able to possess legal status granted by the competent authority.

9.1 Composition

(iii) Only those delegates present at the International Congress will have a vote, on the basis of one vote per delegate present.

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9.4 Election of office-bearers

9.4.1 Ordinary International Congresses shall elect from their member organizations from the sector of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, or organizers of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, an International President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, whose terms of office shall, subject to Clause 9.10 below, expire upon election of the succeeding incumbents to office at every ordinary International Congress. Incumbents shall be eligible for re-election for up to three terms.

9.4.1 Ordinary International Congresses shall elect, from their member organizations from the sector of street vendors, an International President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, Auditor, and a Spokesperson, whose terms of office shall, subject to Clause 9.10 below, expire upon election of the succeeding incumbents to office at every ordinary International Congress. Incumbents shall be eligible for re-election for up to three terms.

9.4.4 A nominated candidate may be elected in absentia. Elections shall be by secret ballot except that if no more than the required number of nominations is received, the candidates so nominated shall be declared duly elected without a ballot being taken.

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9.9 International Coordinator

The International Coordinator will be engaged by and accountable to the International Council for the purposes of management, and have the following duties:

The International Coordinator will be appointed by the International Council and approved by the International Congress and will be responsible to it for the administration, and will have the following obligations:

9.11 Provisional Office-Bearers

9.11.1 In the event the office of an International Office-Bearer becomes vacant in between International Congresses, the International Council shall elect, by ballot, by two-thirds majority vote, from among the members of the International Council, a person in an acting capacity until the next ordinary International Congress.

9.11.1 In the event that the office of an International Office-Bearer becomes vacant in between International Congresses, the International Council shall elect, by vote, the spokesperson in an acting capacity until the next ordinary International Congress.

10.1 Composition

International Council shall consist of an International President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and delegates and alternates as follows:

The International Council shall consist of an International President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Spokesperson and delegates and alternates as follows:

10.4 Members of the International Council shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the meetings by the Secretary or International Coordinator at least one (1) month before the dates of such meetings, provided that shorter notice being not less than seven (7) days' notice may in the discretion of the President be given in respect of extraordinary meetings. The Agenda of the meeting shall 9 be attached to the notice of the meeting, failing which it shall be circulated to delegates in writing not less than two (2) weeks before the meeting, except in case of an extraordinary meeting.

10.4 Members of the International Council shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the meetings by the Secretary or International Coordinator at least one (1) month before the dates of such meetings, provided that shorter notice being not less than ten (10) days' notice may in the discretion of the President be given in respect of extraordinary meetings. The Agenda of the meeting shall 9 be attached to the notice of the meeting, failing which it shall be circulated to delegates in writing not less than two (2) weeks before the meeting, except in case of an extraordinary meeting.

10.7 Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall be an implementing body of the International Council consisting of the following:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Coordinator (*ex-officio* with no vote)

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Auditor
- Spokesperson
- Coordinator (*ex-officio* without vote)

12. FINANCE

12.1 Accounts

(a) All fees from member organizations shall be remitted to the Coordinator on behalf of the Treasurer, and shall be deposited within fourteen (14) days of receipt at a bank decided on by the International Council. This bank account shall be called the StreetNet International Account.

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1. Regional Finances

12.2.1 Regional offices of StreetNet shall manage their own fundraising and finances. However, funds raised by StreetNet for such regional offices shall be managed by means of written contracts to be determined by the International Council and signed between designated representatives of the International Council and the recognized regional secretariat structures.

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13. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION

13.2 In the event of any difference of meaning between different versions of this Constitution, the English version shall prevail.

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Election of Congress Committees

At its first working session International Congress shall elect a Credentials Committee consisting of three members, and a Resolutions Committee, the membership of which shall not exceed five. The International Coordinator shall appoint a Secretary for each Committee.

At its first working session the International Congress shall elect a Credentials Committee consisting of three members, and a Resolutions Commission, the membership of which shall not exceed five. Each commission shall appoint a Secretary from among its members.

Election procedure to be followed at StreetNet International Congress

- The following fifteen (15) positions are to be elected, in accordance with Clauses 9.4 and 10.1 of the StreetNet constitution:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
+ eleven (11) additional members

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Auditor
Spokesperson
+ eleven (11) additional members of the Council

- Each candidate should be nominated and seconded by two different organizations. Nominations are motivated by means of nominee profile sent by nominating organization and circulated in advance to all affiliates. If there is no seconder, the nomination falls away. If only one candidate is nominated for any position, (s)he shall be considered duly elected.
- Each candidate should be nominated by the organization they represent. The nominations are motivated by means of nominee profile sent by a nominating organization and circulated in advance to all affiliates.
- if the person voted to be President is a man, then all male nominations for the position of **Vice-President** will be automatically disqualified as the Vice-President will then have to be a woman – if the person voted to be President is a woman, the Vice-President shall be voted freely without regard to the candidate's gender;
- if the person voted to be President is a man, then all male nominations for the **Vice-President** will be automatically disqualified as the Vice-President will then have to be a woman – if the person voted to be President is a woman, the position of Vice-President must be held by a man.
- if there are not already two women elected in the three afore-mentioned positions, then all male nominations for the position of **Secretary** will be automatically disqualified as the Secretary will then have to be a woman in accordance with Clause 9.4.2 – if there are already two women elected in the three afore-mentioned positions, the Secretary shall be voted freely without regard to the candidate's gender;
- if there are not already two women elected in the three afore-mentioned positions, then all male nominations for the position of **Secretary** will be automatically disqualified as the Secretary will then have to be a woman in accordance with Clause 9.4.2 – if there are already two women elected in the three afore-mentioned positions, the position of Secretary must be voted for men

5. Terms of Reference for Regional Focal Point organisations

- The regional structures coordinated by the Regional Focal Point organizations 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 organization to forward such proposal to the StreetNet International Council or the International Congress for consideration and/or adoption.
- Regional Focal Points 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 organization to forward such proposal to the StreetNet International Council or the International Congress, so that they are informed.
- The Regional Focal Points elect within their member organizations the secretaries of:
 - 1- Secretary of Migrant Affairs
 - 2- Secretary of Social Security

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9.9 International Coordinator

9.9.2 to take all necessary steps, in consultation with the Treasurer, to ensure that proper books of account of StreetNet are kept, to have such books audited, and to prepare a consolidated annual balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure, and to submit or make available such information to the office-bearers and members.

Define the relationship between the Treasurer and the Financial Administrator in the constitution

10.1 Composition

The International Council shall consist of an International President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and delegates and alternates as follows:

(a) Eleven (11) representatives elected from among member organisations from the sector of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers, or organizers of street vendors, informal market vendors and hawkers (as envisaged in Clause 2 above) at the International Congress, of whom at least six (6) shall be women.

Isn't it time to increase the number of members to allow more affiliates to participate in the board?

(b) **No affiliated organization shall have more than one member on the International Council.**
See if there is any confusion between this point (b) of the council and point 3.1.1 of the convention rules

11. REGIONAL STRUCTURES

11.2 One focal point country per StreetNet region identified in accordance with Clause 11.1 above, will be identified by the International Congress or the International Council, and the StreetNet affiliate(s) in that country will house the regional structure of StreetNet and co-ordinate the communication between affiliates in the region.

11.3 Only organisations affiliated with StreetNet shall be eligible for membership in a StreetNet regional structure.

1 What is the status and composition of the members of the regional office and the term of office of the regional office?

Congress regulations

3. Nominations procedure for elections for International Council members at StreetNet International Congress

3.1.1 **No more than two nominations per organization will be accepted, and in the case of two nominations from the same organization these will have to be different genders**



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San Pedro Sula, Department of Cortes, February 15, 2023.

FOTSSIEH valuations, based on what is established by the constitution of StreetNet.

Focal Point of the Americas.

Dear Colleagues,

The Federation of Organizations of Workers of the Social and Informal Sector of the Economy of Honduras, FOTSSIEH, hereby makes its recommendations and observations so that they can be assessed on the constituent and regulatory document of StreetNet. Through these assessments, carried out by the National Executive Committee, we found some deficiencies. For this reason, we consider that the proposed amendments should serve to strengthen the democratic, institutional, and representative organizations affiliated with StreetNet, and we hope that these amendments are considered as basic elements for the development of the informal economy sector organized at the national and international levels.

In section 2.1.1, regarding which organizations are allowed to affiliate to StreetNet, we appreciate that it is very limited, since it does not incorporate workers and workers in rural areas, who are independent self-employed workers and there are trade union organizations. Also, we do not support the incorporation of cooperatives since these entities are for-profit.

In section 2.2, in relation to the operation of different organizations in the same country, we find it unacceptable since the objectives and principles are not the same even though they are established in its internal regulations, but its practice is not the defense of workers but the exploitation of the leadership (Corruption).

In section 7.1 – affiliation fees, FOTSSIEH proposes that the affiliation fees and annual fees must be reviewed, defined, and approved every four years by the international congress, which is the highest authority.

STRUCTURES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

In relation to regional structures, FOTSSIEH proposes that these organizations must have the recognition of the state through their legal status.

Section 9.2 – Meetings.

In the second paragraph, it mentions that the members will be invited in writing. We propose that instead of using the word guests, they are summoned since they are part of the organizational structure of StreetNet and have the duty and obligation to participate.

In section 9.4.1 – re-election of incumbents, FOTSSIEH states that, due to issues of democracy, participation and representation, there should not be more than two periods, and may be continuous or alternative re-election.

In section 9.4.4, where it says that a nominated candidate can be elected in absentia, we don't find it acceptable that someone absent can be elected. The nominees must be present.

In section 11 – regional structures focal point. FOTSSIEH proposes the review of the operation of the focal points, what is the strategic role that they must play based on the constitution of StreetNeet. According to section 5.1.1, the focal point organizations must present before the international council annual reports on their activities, fundraising and financial management. We believe that all this process carried out by the regional coordinators should be analyzed, discussed, and endorsed by the member organizations of each region. In addition, we believe that a more leading role should be played in strengthening, politically, economically and socially.

The regional structures must promote and respect the appointments made officially by each organization with respect to the appointment of each organization, respecting the autonomy and independence that characterizes each organization.

In the same way, we propose that the focal points remain on the sidelines and remove themselves from the internal conflicts of each organization at the regional level.

Section 6 – terms of reference for the youth committee.

In section 10.08, in relation to the integration of two members for each region, according to our interpretation this integration is very limited, since the participation of youth does not establish how many are integrated, and the participation and integration of young men and women should be promoted in all organizations affiliated with StreetNeet.

To the President of the StreetNet International

Lorraine Sibanda

To the StreetNet Executive Committee Members

To the StreetNet Affiliates

Dear StreetNet President, Leadership and all Affiliates,

On behalf of the StreetNet International Disciplinary Commission, I ask you all - the affiliates to consider the proposed amendments to the StreetNet current Code of Conduct and to discuss them during the upcoming 7th StreetNet Congress:

- to number all the paragraphs of the Code of Conduct document (as proposed);
- to insert a Chapter on Disciplinary Responsibility for violation of the provisions of the Code of Conduct, into a current edition of the Code of Conduct.

Proposed amendments to the StreetNet Code of Conduct:

To add the following paragraphs:

10. Disciplinary responsibility for violation of the provisions of the Code of Conduct

10.1. If the leader of an affiliate in the course of his/her work grossly violates the requirements of the Code of Conduct of StreetNet International, then the Disciplinary Commission, after the proceedings, may apply one of the following penalties to the leader:

- severe reprimand followed by a warning to violators of the provisions of the Code;
- refusal to register a candidate for the Congress election process for elected positions in the top leadership of StreetNet International to those who violate the Code of Conduct;
- a member organization is expelled from StreetNet International or can be temporary suspended if a disciplinary violation of the leader/s of the member organization has led to a serious conflict and/or split in the labor collective and/or within the organization itself.

11. Disciplinary action is carried out by the StreetNet International Executive Committee on the basis of the submission of the decision of the Disciplinary Commission of StreetNet International.

With regards,

Signature

Jamalladin Ismayilov

StreetNet International Secretary

StreetNet Chair of the Disciplinary Commission



Motion for a resolution by Côte d'Ivoire affiliates

After exchanges and meetings, we, the undersigned members of FETTEL-CI, affiliates of Streetnet International in Côte d'Ivoire, wished that a resolution be taken within the framework of prevention of safety and health at work.

1/ Convention 155 was made a fundamental law for the fight against occupational diseases in all sectors of activity by the International Labour Conference of June 2022.

While conducting our various OHS activities, we have observed several cases of occupational diseases among market and street vendors and hawkers and have identified the following risks they are exposed to:

Risks identified

- ***Chemical risks***

Exposure to liquids, solids, dusts, vapors and gases;

- ***Physical risks***

Such as noise, vibration, poor lighting, radiation and temperature extremes;

- ***Biological risks***

Such as bacteria, viruses, infected waste and infestations;

- Psychological risks: stress and difficult customers;

- ***Risks related to ergonomics,***

Unsuitable seats and workstations or poorly designed working methods.

Consequences of occupational diseases

- suffering due to injury or illness;
- loss of income;
- the risk of losing their job;
- the cost of medical treatment.

In view of all this, we, the workers of Côte d'Ivoire, stand for the imperative adoption of a resolution that will allow the affiliates to create committees within their organization to guarantee the safety and health of our members. For that, we hope that StreetNet will introduce worker education training in OHS prevention in the informal economy with modules adapted to our activities.

2/ Although our country has not yet ratified Convention 190, we have seen instances of workplace violence involving informal workers.

3/ We propose that the resolutions for action to be taken by affiliates in each country on the specified date include the 16 days of activities against gender-based violence with regard to women and girls, which start on November 25 (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and end on December 10 (Human Rights Day).

Done in Abidjan on January 23, 2023

On behalf of the FETTEI-CI

The National President



FETTEI-CI
Fédération des Travailleuses, Travailleurs
dans l'Economie Informelle de
Côte d'Ivoire

Mrs. DOUAI Marcelline

Nomination List 2023

As of 4 April 2023

POSITION	NAME	GEN	ORGANISATION	FORM Y/N	PROFILE Y/N
PRESIDENT	Lorraine Sibanda	F	ZCIEA Zimbabwe	Y	Y
	Annie Diouf	F	CNTS Senegal	Y	Y
	Deborah Freeman	F	UNIWA Ghana	Y	Y
	Gilberto Vazquez Muro	M	FNOTNA Mexico	Y	Y
VICE-PRESIDENT	Alberto Santana	M	FUTTEINCO Dom Rep	Y	Y
	Juliano Fripp	M	UNICAB Brazil	Y	Y
	Gilberto Vazquez Muro	M	FNOTNA Mexico	Y	Y
	Anthony Kwache	M	KENASVIT Kenya	Y	Y
SECRETARY	Jamaladdin Ismayilov	M	Xhidmat-ISH Azerbaijan	Y	Y
	Jose Herminio Diaz	M	FESTIVES El Salvador	Y	Y
	Jorge Antonio Peralta	M	FENTRAVIG Guatemala	Y	Y
	Evelia Diaz Martinez	F	FNOTNA Mexico	Y	Y
TREASURER	Jeannette Nyiramasengesho	F	SYTRIECI Rwanda	Y	Y
	Martha Garcia Santoyo	F	FNOTNA Mexico	Y	Y
	Jorge Antonio Peralta	M	FENTRAVIG Guatemala	Y	Y
COUNCIL MEMBER	Annie Diouf	F	CNTS Senegal	Y	Y
	Jeannette Nyiramasengesho	F	SYTRIECI Rwanda	Y	Y
	Martha Garcia Santoyo	F	FNOTNA Mexico	Y	Y
	Yaskevich Iryna	F	Vmeste Belarus	Y	Y
	Mwijuka Jesca	F	UMAEU Uganda	Y	Y
	Haja Balkisu Faoud Kamara	F	SLeTU Sierra Leone	Y	Y

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	Jamaladdin Ismayilov	M	Xhidmat-ISH Azerbaijan	Y	Y
	Afiavi Anastasie Chodaton	F	SYNAVAMAB Benin	Y	Y
	Kadiatou Barry	F	CNTG Guinea	Y	Y
	Tamara Bodnari	F	MBS Moldova	Y	Y
	Gbenga Komolafe	M	FIWON Nigeria	Y	Y
	Adopo Chiadon Marcelline	F	FETTEI-CI Côte d'Ivoire	Y	Y
	Alberto Santana	M	FUTTEINCO Dom Rep	Y	Y
	Ndagou Dia	F	CNTS Senegal	Y	Y
	Kashiwa Lameck	M	AZIEA Zambia	Y	Y
	Zara Congo	F	SYNAVFL Burkina Faso	Y	Y
	Juliano Fripp	M	UNICAB Brazil	Y	Y
	Jose Herminio Diaz	M	FESTIVES El Salvador	Y	Y
	Mariela Vasquez	F	UGTI-CUT Columbia	Y	Y
	Alice Nkuzimana	F	SYVEBU Burundi	Y	Y
	Deborah Freeman	F	UNIWA Ghana	Y	Y
	Anthony Kwache	M	KENASVIT Kenya	Y	Y
	KenWilliams Mhango	M	MUFIS Malawi	Y	Y
	Jorge Antonio Peralta	M	FENTRAVIG Guatemala	Y	Y
	Zada Foumakoye	M	UGSEIN Niger	Y	Y
	David Pena	M	SINTRALOC Chile	Y	Y
	Maya Gurung	F	NEST Nepal	Y	Y
	Hannah P. Tarpeh	F	FEPTIWUL Liberia	Y	Y
	Kipulu Muanza Marie Louise	F	LDFC DRC	Y	Y
	Mamolise Lawrence	F	KTB Lesotho	Y	Y
	Mpho Mateldah Matoteng	F	BOISA Botswana	Y	Y
	Feza Rusumba	F	ASSOVACO DRC	Y	Y

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LIST of LATE NOMINATIONS (*received after 22 March, deadline*)

POSITION	NAMES	GEND	ORGANISATION	FORM Y/N	PROFI LE Y/N	Date received
Council Member	Lata Ben	F	SEWA India	Y	Y	4/04/2023

Synthesis report of affiliates' global situation 2022

Received reports

Region	Received	Total
Americas	8	14
Central Asia and Europe	6	7
Asia	3	5
East and Southern Africa	13	13
West and Central Africa	17	18
Total	46	57

Membership information

Current and previous membership as per 2022 country and regional reports.

	Current numbers	Numbers 2021
Global membership	656 264	664 244
West and Central Africa	244745	271092
Eastern and Southern Africa	225299	230550
Asia	37748	34044
Europe and Central Asia	38743	35983
Americas	109729	92 575

Maintaining internal democracy

Internal democracy, as in democratic governance of organizations is one of the key elements required to join StreetNet as an affiliate. Below you will find information - organized by region, about the last and next Congresses held by affiliate organizations:

- In Central Asia and Europe, no organization held their general assembly or Congress in 2022. The closest among the ones upcoming are set to be held in 2024 (In Belarus, Azerbaijan and Ukraine). Of course, this has to take into account the fact that the whole region was disrupted in its normal functioning by the war in Ukraine.
- In Asia only NEST held their Congress in 2022. In March 2023, LIE in Bangladesh held their Congress
- In Eastern and Southern Africa, from the 8 affiliates in the sub-region who had reported in the previous year that they would hold their General Assembly / Congress in 2022 only 3 affiliates managed to do so. Half of the affiliates in the sub-region are planning to hold their general assembly / congresses in 2023.
- In West and Central Africa, 5 out of the 17 respondents held their congresses in 2022; and nine are looking forward to do so in 2023
- In The Americas region, among the reports received regarding the year 2022 (8 in total), 5 organizations held their Congresses in 2022 and one in February 2023 (FESTIVES).

Affiliates cited financial constraints among the reasons why the Congresses or General Assemblies were not held.

Gender aspect

Women make up the majority of StreetNet membership, with percentages close to 70% in all the sub-regions. Looking at the percentage of women leaders, however, the percentage of leadership held by women in all the regions is often lower, showing that the work to get more women into leadership positions is still a priority..

Percentages of women leaders per region:

- Asia: 40%
- Europe & Central Asia: 71% on average - with high internal variation (from 90% in Georgia to a little over 30% in Azerbaijan).
- Americas (data 2021): 49,30%
- East and Southern Africa: average of 51%
- West and Central Africa: 60% but compared to almost 80% of the total membership

Youth

A lot of the organizations, it was noted by organizers, as per report from the regions, did not have disaggregated data on youth. The percentages reported by affiliates vary a lot between regions and even within the same region (from 51% in West Africa to 20% in Asia). Youth empowerment is an aspect that needs to be better tackled by all organizations and by StreetNet itself, both in terms of initiatives and in terms of better data collection practices.

Types of goods traded in the sub-regions

- In the region of Southern and East Africa, 62% are re-sellers of second hand clothes.
- In West and Central Africa, the goods more frequently traded are cooked meals, food, clothing, livestock, electrical gadgets and in some cases, vegetables.
- In Asia, the most common goods sold are: street food, meat, fruit, and vegetables with some vendors also trading in used clothes and general merchandise
- In Europe and Central Asia there is a more mixed situation, but the majority of the affiliates reported their members to sell non-food products, such as second-hand clothes and goods (e.g. AMELIOR, France)

Main recruiting strategies

The recruiting strategies for the affiliates vary from region to region, but some common strategies are:

- Field trip to markets and direct communication with workers, also through leaflets & other materials
- Organization of sensitisation events to increase workers awareness on issues
- Partnership with media outlets such as radio programs
- Training on specific issues like social protection and international cross border trade
- Organization of initiatives during national celebrations
- Partnerships with NGOs or other local actors
- Informal gatherings and discussions

Main challenges

Some of the main challenges reported by the affiliates in 2022 include:

- Lack of social/labor protection
- Lack of childcare facilities and support
- Harassment by public officials
- Rising inflation rate
- Political interference with the operation of the unions
- Lack of trading space
- Fire incidents and other safety issues

Policy improvements at national level

All affiliates continue to work both at local and national level on their specific advocacy strategies, which reflect their main challenges and priorities. Collectively, our affiliates have made advancements in the following areas:

- Dialogue with public power (negotiations, meetings)
- Improvement of street vendors rights, national and/or local laws and policies
- Progress regarding ILO instruments that affect street vendors such as R204 (transition from informality to formality), R206 and C190 (on violence and harassment in the world of work)
- Licensing processes for street vendors or inclusive urban planning processes/policies
- Activities and advocacy work on social protection

We highlight several of these examples of notable progress below:

- In Nepal, there has been an opening from the government to register the “self employed” in the social security fund (SSF), which, according to our affiliate, is an achievement following their efforts to be included in the registration process.
- In Monrovia (Liberia) our affiliate reports significant help from the mayor to provide a safe haven for vendors, away from violence and harassment.
- In Burundi, a small trade registry for street vendors has been established by the Ministry of Commerce. This represents a good opportunity, however, the affiliate reports, the insecurity for street vendors continues to be a reality.
- Again in Burundi, the new Labour Code and Social Protection Code includes informal economy workers.
- The Rwanda government has helped construct selling points on main roads.
- In Senegal there have been public initiatives to encourage the formalization of street vending activities through social solidarity economy schemes.
- In Kenya there has been a surge of registration of informal economy workers with the National Hospital Insurance Fund.
- In Tanzania members of TUICO (StreetNet’s affiliate) have been enrolled with the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and also with the Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) for loans.
- In Belarus, our affiliate VMESTE became a member of the public advisory council of the Vitebsk region.
- In Uganda UMAEU recruited 150 new members into the union. Through dialogues with authorities, they managed to get spaces for street vendors in the newly constructed government market and also to obtain the reinstatement of former vendors in the newly constructed markets.
- In El Salvador, C190 was ratified in 2022.

- In Honduras, our affiliate is planning to hold a tripartite and regional meeting to promote the initiative of an inclusive law for the informal economy sector within the framework of social protection.
- In Brazil, it was established a “Parliamentary Federal Front in Defense of Labor in the Informal Economy”, which, according to the information emerged during the 2022 regional meeting, was a result of advocacy efforts by Unicab (SNI affiliate in the country).

These are only a few examples of policy advancements made with the contribution and work of our affiliates. Each sub-region and country experiences different challenges. Notably, in 2022 Eastern Europe has been affected by the war initiated by Russia against Ukraine. In many countries the rising prices have influenced the trading activities. Other countries have also been affected by crackdowns against street vendors at the municipal level, as well as political instability. In other regions, there is a shrinking democratic space affecting our affiliates’ capacity to organize and mobilize resources.

Informal cross border trade

Informal cross border trade continues to constitute a core activity for many members. This is true particularly in West Africa, where a specific project has been managed by StreetNet. The best practices and knowledge acquired by West & Central African affiliates has been translated into a course aimed at affiliates from the Americas, who have expressed their interest in undergoing a similar project.

Specifically in the West and Central Africa region, all the organizations have reported that their members engage in this type of trade. Specific challenges include: over taxation, lack of proper procedures in documentation, different forms of harassment (including those related to sexual harassment) loss of goods, exploitation, high cost of forex exchange, language barrier, and many others that have been aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in closure of borders, lack of tests and the contagious risk.

Some of the achievements of the affiliates in this regard, include (but are not limited to):

- The Government of Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, through bilateral negotiations, have agreed on a list of products to be traded duty free on the ReCoS.
- In Nigeria, the ban on the selling of petroleum products on the border has been lifted.
- The Ambassador of Guinea paid visit to SLeTU leadership to discuss ways of improving cross-border trade between Sierra Leone and Guinea
- Recently a “one stop center” has been officially opened by the presidents of Zambia and Malawi at the Malawi/Zambia border which may help fast movement for the cross border informal economy workers.

- In Lesotho, our affiliate KTB has been carrying out the review and approval of the implementation measures of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Climate change effects on members' activities

Several affiliates report ways in which climate change has affected their operations and their members work.

Climate change is also a cause for social instability: in Nigeria, for example, a lot of rural communities have been badly affected by the increased incidence of violence, a result of farmer/herder clashes. The herdsmen are under increased pressure as a result of drying pastures and water bodies. Rural communities are composed of vendors who deal with food and supplies from the country to the city. This economic cycle is under stress because of climate change. In Bangladesh, another country majorly affected by climate change, our affiliate reported an increment of forced migrations.

In other countries the roads are blocked because of heavy rains, and traders are exposed to long hours in the sun. In Zambia, affiliates report some tropical diseases to have increased as a result of climate change.

The produce flow is often unpredictable because of prolonged droughts and this affects the economic turnover of the vendors, and, as a result, the sustainability of their lives.

The effects of climate change on street vendors cannot be underestimated and we ought to reflect on their role in addressing this as well as defining clearer demands and strategies to address these.

In 2023 the countries of Malawi and Mozambique were hit by Cyclone Freddy, which caused half a million people to be displaced from their homes and killed around 500 people (UN Migration data, March 2023). Extreme heat and extreme weather events have significant impacts on street vending activities.

The role of StreetNet: activities performed by affiliates with the support of StreetNet

The majority of the affiliates maintain they are happy with the work StreetNet has done in their regions. They commend the celebration of the 20th anniversary in November, the training courses and the support that has been given in forming cooperatives. Also the campaigns for negotiation in cross border trade are generally viewed as a positive initiative. Some of them, notably in Southern and Eastern Africa, note that the work done by SNI has helped them in

creating better working conditions and construct better relations with government officials. Affiliates also appreciate regional meetings and exchange visits and the training for leadership.

How to improve: Initiatives proposed

- Organizing a training on recruiting new members to the unions at the regional level;
- Improve data collection at regional level
- Support in the creation and operation of savings and credit cooperative
- Logistical and methodological support
- Exchange best practices on childcare support
- Support in holding Congresses

**STREETNET INTERNATIONAL
(PBO number 930030585)
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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General Information

Nature of business and principal activities	International federation promoting and protecting the rights of street vendors	
International Council members	Ms Lorraine Sibanda Mr Alberto Santana Mr Jamaladdin Ismayilov Ms Annie Diouf Ms Angelique Katani Kipulu Ms Jeannette Nyiramasengesho Ms Hannah Patin Tarpeh Mr Aaron Aiah Boima Ms Afiavi Anastasie Chodaton Ms Gabriela Calandria Mr Jose Herminio Diaz Mr Ken Williams Mhango Ms Iryna Yaskevich Ms Kadiatou Barry Ms Maya Gurung	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Member Auditor Member Auditor
International Coordinator	Mrs Oksana Abboud	
Registered office	Unit 101 Dinvir Centre First floor 123 Joe Slovo Street Durban 4001	
Business address	Unit 101 Dinvir Centre First floor 123 Joe Slovo Street Durban 4001	
Postal address	P.O Box 61139 Bishopsgate Durban South Africa 4000	
Bankers	Nedbank Limited	
Auditors	Mazars Registered Auditor	
PBO number	930030585	
Tax reference number	9473629161	

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International Council's Responsibilities and Approval

The International Council are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The International Council acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the organisation and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the International Council to meet these responsibilities, the International Council sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the organisation and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the organisation business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the organisation is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the organisation.

While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the organisation endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The International Council is of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The International Council has reviewed the organisation's cash flow forecast for the year to 31 December 2023 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the organisation has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the organisation's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the organisation's external auditors and their report is presented on pages 5 to 7.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 8 to 21, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the International Council on 02 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms Lorraine Sibanda

Ms Annie Diouf

Practitioner's Compilation Report

To the International Council of StreetNet International

We have compiled the accompanying annual financial statements of StreetNet International based on information the international council have provided. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position of StreetNet International as at 31 December 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

We performed this compilation engagement in accordance with International Standard on Related Services 4410 (Revised), Compilation Engagements.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to assist you in the preparation and presentation of these annual financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities. We have complied with relevant ethical requirements, including principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care.

These financial statements and the accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them are the international council responsibility.

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information the board of governors have provided to us to compile these annual financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on whether these annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

Mazars
MJ Cassan
02 May 2023
Durban

Independent Auditor's Report

31 December 2022

To the International Council of Streetnet International

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Streetnet International set out on pages 10 to 21, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Streetnet International as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small to Medium-sized Entities, the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities* for the *Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors* (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide for our opinion.

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Other Information

The International Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled "Streetnet International Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022", which includes the International Council's Report as required by the Companies Act of South Africa and the supplementary information set out on pages 22 to 26. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the International Council for the Financial Statements

The International Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small to Medium-sized Entities, the Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the International Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the International Council is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the International Council either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the International Council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the International Council use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the International Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Mazars
Partner: S Doolabh
Registered Auditor
29 April 2023
Durban

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International Council's Report

The International Council has the pleasure in submitting their report on the annual financial statements of StreetNet International for the year ended 31 December 2022.

1. Nature of business

The organisation continued its operations as an international federation promoting and protecting the rights of street vendors, and to increase their voice and bargaining powers throughout the world.

There have been no material changes to the nature of the organisation's business from the prior year.

2. Aims and objectives

- Promote local, national and international solidarity between organisations of street vendors, and to stimulate the development of national alliances in different parts of the world;
- document and disseminate information of effective organising strategies for promoting and protecting the rights of street vendors;
- encourage cities around the world to adopt and implement street vendor friendly urban policies.

There have been no material changes to the nature of the organisation's business from the prior year.

3. Review of financial results and activities

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

The organisation recorded a deficit for the year ended R 7,847,104 (surplus 2021: R 6,868,260)

4. International Council

The International Council in office at the date of this report are as follows:

International Council	Position	Nationality
Ms Lorraine Sibanda	President	Zimbabwe
Mr Alberto Santana	Vice President	Dominican Republic
Mr Jamaladdin Ismayilov	Secretary	Azerbaijan
Ms Annie Diouf	Treasurer	Senegal
Ms Angelique Katani Kipulu	Member Auditor	DR Congo
Ms Jeannette Nyiramasengesho	Member Auditor	Rwanda
Ms Hannah Patin Tarpeh		Liberia
Mr Aaron Aiah Boima		Sierra Leone
Ms Afiavi Anastasie Chodaton		Benin
Ms Gabriela Calandria		Uruguay
Mr Jose Herminio Diaz		El Salvador
Mr Ken Williams Mhango		Malawi
Ms Iryna Yaskevich		Belarus
Ms Kadiatou Barry		Guinee
Ms Maya Gurung		Nepal

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5. International Coordinator

Name

Oksana Abboud

6. Property, plant and equipment

There was no change in the nature of the property, plant and equipment of the company or in the policy regarding their use.

At 31 December 2022 the company's investment in property, plant and equipment amounted to R3,986,431 (2021: R346,826), of which R3,719,577 (2021: R78,790) was added in the current year through additions.

7. Events after the reporting period

The International Council are not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report.

8. Going concern

The International Council believe that the organisation has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly the annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The International Council has satisfied themselves that the organisation is in a sound financial position and that it has access to sufficient borrowing facilities to meet its foreseeable cash requirements. The International Council is not aware of any new material changes that may adversely impact the organisation. The International Council is also not aware of any material non-compliance with statutory or regulatory requirements or of any pending changes to legislation which may affect the organisation.

9. Auditors

Mazars continued in office as auditors for the company for the 2023 financial year.

10. Date of authorisation for issue of annual financial statements

The annual financial statements have been authorised for issue by the International Council on 02 May 2023. No authority was given to anyone to amend the annual financial statements after the date of issue.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022

Figures in Rand	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	<u>3,986,431</u>	<u>346,826</u>
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	3	51,200	47,784
Cash and cash equivalents	4	6,443,923	17,991,290
Other asset	5	<u>23,032</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>6,518,155</u>	<u>18,039,074</u>
Total Assets		<u>10,504,586</u>	<u>18,385,900</u>
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Retained income		<u>10,321,053</u>	<u>18,170,429</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	183,533	215,471
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u>10,504,586</u>	<u>18,385,900</u>

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Figures in Rand

	<u>Notes</u>	2022	2021
Revenue	7	9,377,004	15,669,979
Other income	8	108,788	49,806
Operating expenses	9	(17,736,784)	(9,090,261)
Operating (deficit) surplus		(8,250,992)	6,629,524
Investment revenue	11	401,616	238,982
Finance costs		-	(246)
(Deficit) surplus for the year		(7,849,376)	6,868,260

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Figures in Rand	Retained income	Total equity
Balance at 01 January 2021	11,302,169	11,302,169
Surplus for the year	6,868,260	6,868,260
Balance at 01 January 2022	18,170,429	18,170,429
Deficit for the year	(7,849,376)	(7,849,376)
Balance at 31 December 2022	10,321,053	10,321,053

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Statement of Cash Flows

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	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash (used in) /generated from operations	13	(8,206,374)	6,745,516
Interest income		401,615	238,982
Finance costs		-	(246)
Net cash from operating activities		(7,804,759)	6,984,252
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	2	(3,719,576)	(78,790)
Advances of loans receivable		(23,032)	-
Net cash from investing activities		(3,742,608)	(78,790)
Total cash movement for the year		(11,547,367)	6,905,462
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		17,991,290	11,085,828
Total cash at end of the year	4	6,443,923	17,991,290

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Accounting Policies

General information

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historic cost basis and incorporate the principal accounting policies, set out below, which are consistent with those of the previous year. The annual financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

1. Basis of preparation and summary of significant accounting policies

The annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. They are presented in South African Rands.

These accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

1.1 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment to write down the cost by equal installments over the useful lives as follows:

Item	Depreciation method	Average useful life
Buildings	Straight line	50 years
Furniture and fixtures	Straight line	6 years
IT equipment	Straight line	2 - 3 years

1.2 Tax

Tax expenses

The organisation has been approved by the South African Revenue Services as a public benefit organisation in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act. The organisation is exempt from income tax.

1.3 Donation income

Income comprises revenue from donations received from foreign-based donors. Revenue is recognised on the date of receipt of donations from the foreign-based donors, and is translated into Rands using the spot rate applicable on the date in which the money is received from the foreign donors.

1.4 Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions

Transactions in currencies other than Rand are initially recorded at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in such currencies are translated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. Profit or losses arising on exchange are recognised in the income statement.

1.5 Revenue from investments

Interest income is earned from positive balances on the Nedbank Money Market account.

1.6 Financial instruments

Initial recognition

The organisation recognises financial instruments, or their component parts, on initial recognition as a financial asset, a financial liability or an equity instrument in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

Classification and initial measurement

Financial instruments are measured initially at fair value plus direct transaction costs (if applicable).

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables, excluding where applicable VAT and prepayments, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables, excluding where applicable VAT and amounts received in advance, are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents i.e. cash on hand and bank balances are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Impairment of financial assets

At each reporting date the organisation assesses all financial assets to determine whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets has been impaired.

For amounts due to the organisation, significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy and default of payments, are all considered indicators of impairment.

The organisation uses a bad debt provision to recognise impairments on trade receivables. The impairment loss recognised through the bad debt provision is recognised in profit or loss within operating expenses. When these trade receivables are written-off, the write-off is made against the bad debt provision. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written-off are credited against operating expenses.

1.7 Impairment of assets

The company assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that property, plant and equipment or intangible assets or goodwill or investment property on the cost model may be impaired.

If there is any such indication, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or group of assets) in prior years. A reversal of impairment is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1.8 Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

The cost of short-term employee benefits, (those payable within 12 months after the service is rendered, such as leave pay and sick leave, bonuses, and non-monetary benefits such as medical care), are recognised in the period in which the service is rendered and are not discounted.

1.9 Post employment benefits: Defined contribution plan

Payments to defined contribution plans are charged as an expense as the employee renders the related service.

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2. Property, plant and equipment

	2022			2021		
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying value
Buildings	3,950,129	(46,068)	3,904,061	250,000	(28,388)	221,612
Furniture and fixtures	21,475	(7,754)	13,721	21,475	(4,198)	17,277
IT equipment	196,913	(128,264)	68,649	177,466	(69,529)	107,937
Total	4,168,517	(182,086)	3,986,431	448,941	(102,115)	346,826

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2022

	Opening balance	Additions	Depreciation	Closing balance
Buildings	221,612	3,700,129	(17,680)	3,904,061
Furniture and fixtures	17,277	-	(3,556)	13,721
IT equipment	107,937	19,448	(58,736)	68,649
	346,826	3,719,577	(79,972)	3,986,431

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2021

	Opening balance	Additions	Depreciation	Closing balance
Buildings	226,612	-	(5,000)	221,612
Furniture and fixtures	1,636	16,500	(859)	17,277
IT equipment	86,933	62,290	(41,286)	107,937
	315,181	78,790	(47,145)	346,826

Details of properties

Unit 11 in scheme 157, SS Dinvir Centre held under ST 11195/2016 located in Durban, KwaZulu Natal

- Cost at year end

250,000 250,000

ERF 833, Registration Division FU held under T 863/913 located in Durban, KwaZulu Natal

- Cost at year end

3,650,000 -

- Capitalised expenditure

50,129 -

3,700,129 -

3. Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables	11,618	14,253
Deposits	8,400	8,400
SARS Refund: PAYE	31,182	25,131
	51,200	47,784

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
4. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Bank balances	6,446,195	17,991,290
Other cash and cash equivalents	(2,272)	-
	<u>6,443,923</u>	<u>17,991,290</u>
5. Other asset		
WIEGO - Mexico Logistica	<u>23,032</u>	<u>-</u>
The above loan is unsecured and has no fixed terms of repayment. No interest has been charged thereon.		
6. Trade and other payables		
Accrued expense	178,213	-
Employee reimbursements	-	18,660
Homebase worker: WIEGO	5,320	196,812
	<u>183,533</u>	<u>215,471</u>
7. Donation income		
City Alliance	-	343,941
Ford Foundation	4,045,108	5,923,924
OSF - Exit Grant	-	4,416,750
OXFAM	(52,667)	336,844
Open Society - EJP	-	1,085,760
Sida	3,465,942	3,146,099
The GivenGain Foundation	121,192	-
WIEGO - Echidna Giving Project	339,207	-
WIEGO - Open Society	-	267,425
WIEGO - Other funds	-	149,236
WIEGO - Social Protection Program	1,458,221	-
	<u>9,377,003</u>	<u>15,669,979</u>
8. Other income		
Affiliation fees	73,028	19,266
Rental income	35,760	30,540
	<u>108,788</u>	<u>49,806</u>

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9. Operating expenses		
Operating expenses for the year is stated after accounting for the following:		
Bank charges	158,427	99,870
Communications	365,316	76,482
Consulting fees	813,007	191,292
Defined benefit funds	-	21,686
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	79,972	47,145
Employee costs	6,683,211	4,260,558
International Council Fees	1,326,830	134,280
Loss on exchange differences	34,818	127,087
OSF - Communication cost	-	99,449
Training and project costs	684,594	3,492,206
Translation	629,062	388,822
Travel	954,691	112,181
	<u>98,168</u>	<u>98,168</u>
10. Auditor's remuneration		
Fees - prior year	74,752	45,677
11. Investment revenue		
Interest revenue		
Interest income	<u>401,616</u>	<u>238,982</u>
12. Taxation		
Non provision of tax		
No provision has been made for 2022 tax as the organisation is exempt in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act.		
13. Cash (used in) generated from operations		
Net (loss) profit before taxation	(7,849,376)	6,868,260
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	79,972	47,145
Interest received	(401,615)	(238,982)
Finance costs	-	246
Changes in working capital:		
Trade and other receivables	(3,416)	(20,520)
Trade and other payables	14 (31,939)	89,367
	<u>(8,206,374)</u>	<u>6,745,516</u>

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15. Going concern

The International Council believe that the organisation has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The International Council has satisfied themselves that the organisation is in a sound financial position to meet its foreseeable cash requirements. The directors are not aware of any new material changes that may adversely impact the company. The International council is not aware of any material non-compliance with statutory or regulatory requirements or of any pending changes to legislation which may affect the organisation.

16. Events after the reporting period

The International Council are not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to date of this report.

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17. Financial assets by category

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

2022

	Financial assets at amortised cost	Total
Trade and other receivables	11,618	11,618
Other assets	23,032	23,032
Cash and cash equivalents	6,446,195	6,446,195
	6,480,845	6,480,845

2021

	Financial assets at amortised cost	Total
Trade and other receivables	14,253	14,253
Cash and cash equivalents	17,991,290	17,991,290
	18,005,543	18,005,543

18. Financial liabilities by category

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

2022

	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Total
Trade and other payables	183,533	183,533

2021

	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Total
Trade and other payables	215,472	215,472

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	2022	2021
Donation Income		
City Alliance	-	343,941
Ford Foundation	4,045,108	5,923,924
OFS - Exit Grant	-	4,416,750
OXFAM	(52,667)	336,844
Open Society - EJP	-	1,085,760
Sida	3,465,942	3,146,099
The GivenGain foundation	121,192	-
WIEGO - Echidna giving project	339,207	-
WIEGO - Open Society	-	267,425
WIEGO - Other funds	-	149,236
WIEGO - Social protection program	1,458,221	-
	9,377,003	15,669,979
Other income	108,788	49,806
Operating expenses		
Affiliation fees	6,465	6,465
Auditors remuneration	74,752	45,677
Bad debts	21,559	-
Bank charges	158,427	99,870
Child care project	765,903	-
Communication costs	365,316	76,482
Computer expenses	4,508	30,349
Consulting fees	813,007	191,292
Country activities	1,675,340	-
Depreciation	79,972	47,145
Donations	-	976
Employee costs	6,683,211	4,282,244
Fines and penalties	10,588	-
General expenses	900	3,540
Insurance	7,853	6,498
International congress	34,113	-
International council meetings	1,326,830	134,280
Levies	-	(124,109)
Loss on exchange differences	34,818	127,087
Municipal expenses	45,398	33,715
OSF - Communications cost	-	99,449
Ogranising workshop	284,494	-
Printing and stationery	3,900	5,483
Regional office admin	29,200	18,955
Regional workshop	1,884,206	-
Social protection program	456,135	-
Solidarity expense	137,263	-
Street vendors day celebration	549,733	-
Telephone and fax	12,274	11,654
Training and projects costs	684,594	3,492,206
Translation costs	629,062	388,822
Travel	956,963	112,181
	17,736,784	9,090,261
Operating (loss) profit	(8,250,993)	6,629,524
Investment income	401,616	238,982
Finance costs	-	(246)
	401,616	238,736
(Deficit) / Surplus	(7,849,377)	6,868,260

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1. International meetings

	2022	2021
International council meetings	1,326,830	134,280

2. Organisational support

	2022	2021
Regional office admin	29,200	18,955

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3. Supplementary schedule to the annual financial statements

Income	Sida	Ford Foundation	The GivenGain Foundation	Open Society- Emergency grant	WIEGO- Echidna Giving Project	Wiego - Open Society	Open Society - EJP	OXFAM
Income	3,465,942	4,045,108	121,192	-	339,207	1,458,221	-	-
Income carried forward from previous year	2,113,050	5,923,924	-	1,548,555	-	-	1,420,795	68,850
	5,578,992	9,969,032	121,192	1,548,555	339,207	1,458,221	1,420,795	68,850

4. Expenses

Programme activities	Sida	Ford Foundation	The GivenGain Foundation	Open Society- Emergency grant	WIEGO- Echidna Giving Project	Wiego - Open Society	Open Society - EJP	OXFAM
Child care project	-	-	-	-	765,903	-	-	-
Communication costs	293,176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants	189,019	814,277	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country activities	-	1,703,179	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	121,192	-	-	-	-	19,447
International cross broder trade	-	-	-	-	-	-	296,987	-
OSF economic recovery plans	-	-	-	-	-	-	327,693	-
Regional office admin	29,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regional workshop	-	1,856,157	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social protection program	-	501,775	-	-	-	391,409	-	-
Street vendors day celebration	-	704,664	-	-	-	-	250,028	-
Travel	-	182,231	-	-	-	-	-	-
Workshops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,441
Youth Reporter on the Ground	24,287	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	535,682	5,762,283	121,192	-	765,903	391,409	874,708	44,888

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5. Expenses

Media and Communication	Sida	Ford Foundation	The GivenGain Foundation	Open Society-Emergency grant	WIEGO-Echidna Giving Project	WIEGO - Open Society	Open Society-EJP	OXFAM
Website Development and Communication	293,176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	293,176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

6. Core expenditure

Personnel costs	Sida	Ford Foundation	The GivenGain Foundation	Open Society-Emergency grant	WIEGO-Echidna Giving Project	WIEGO- Open Society	Open Society-EJP	OXFAM
Salaries	926,783	4,113,155	-	1,302,353	-	340,920	-	-
	926,783	4,113,155	-	1,302,353	-	340,920	-	-

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7. Core expenditure

Meeting costs	Sida	Ford Foundation	The GivenGain Foundation	Open Society-Emergency grant	WIEGO-Echidna Giving Project	WIEGO-Open Society	Open Society-EJP	OXFAM
International Council Meetings	744,537	-	-	-	-	-	546,088	-
	744,537	-	-	-	-	-	546,088	-

8. Core expenditure

Operational costs	Sida	Ford Foundation	The GivenGain Foundation	Open Society-Emergency grant	WIEGO-Echidna Giving Project	WIEGO-Open Society	Open Society-EJP	OXFAM
Audit Fees	74,752	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	28,525	93,239	579	10,028	6,771	6,427	12,464	394
Translations	629,062	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	732,339	93,239	579	-	-	-	-	394

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This document is to be regarded as confidential to [company name]. It has been prepared for the sole use of the [those charged with governance – Board of Directors, Audit committee etc]. No responsibility is accepted to any person in respect of the whole or part of its contents. Before this document, or any part of it, is disclosed to a third party, our written consent must first be obtained.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document has been prepared to feed back the findings of our audit for the year ended 31 December 2022 to the International Council of StreetNet International and forms the basis for discussion at the International Council meeting on **date**

Our communication with the International Council is important to:

- Share information to assist both the auditor and those charged with governance of to fulfil their respective responsibilities;
- Provide constructive observations arising from the audit process to those charged with governance of ;
- Ensure as part of the two-way communication process we, as external auditors, gain an understanding of the attitude and views of those charged with governance of to the internal and external operational, financial, compliance and other risks facing Include the following text if we are principal auditors of the parent and group financial statements (and its subsidiary companies) which might affect the financial statements, including the likelihood of those risks materialising and how they are managed; and
- Receive feedback from those charged with governance as to the performance of the engagement team.

2. INDEPENDENCE (ISA 260)

As part of our ongoing risk assessment we monitor our relationships with you to identify any new actual or perceived threats to our independence within the regulatory or professional requirements governing us as your auditors.

Delete as appropriate

No further threats to our independence have been identified since our communication at planning.

3. OUR AUDIT APPROACH (ISA 260)

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with International Standards of Auditing issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

There have been no changes to our audit approach as communicated to you in the Audit Strategy dated **[Date of Audit Strategy]**.

4. OVERALL CONCLUSION AND OPINION

As at the time of preparing this report, there are no significant matters outstanding.

Where we are issuing an unqualified opinion and there are no significant without modification.

5. LIMITATIONS

Our audit procedures, which have been designed to enable us to express an opinion on the financial statements, have included the examination of the transactions and the controls thereon of. The International Standards on Auditing do not require us to design audit procedures for the purpose of identifying supplementary matters to communicate with those charged with governance.

Our audit included consideration of internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control or to identify any significant deficiencies in their design or operation.

We have included in this report only those matters that have come to our attention as a result of our normal audit procedures and, consequently, our comments should not be regarded as a comprehensive record of all deficiencies that may exist or improvements that could be made.

6. AUDIT STATUS

We have substantially completed our audit in respect of the financial statements of StreetNet International for the year ended 31 December 2022

7. INTERNAL CONTROL (ISA 260)

We have set out in the first table below the significant deficiencies in the accounting and internal controls systems identified during the course of the audit; the second table sets out other internal control recommendations.

The purpose of our audit was to express an opinion on the financial statements. As part of our audit we have considered the internal controls in place relevant to the preparation of the financial statements, in order to design audit procedures to allow us to express an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control.

The matters reported are limited to those deficiencies and other control recommendations that we have identified during our audit and that we consider to be of sufficient importance to merit being reported. If we had performed more extensive procedures on internal control we might have identified more deficiencies to be reported or concluded that some of the reported deficiencies need not in fact have been reported.

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Significant deficiencies in internal control			
Description of deficiency	Potential effects	Remedial action	Management response
During testing of cash and cash equivalents. We have identified that the cashbook did not agree to the bank statements and general ledger. This was as a result of the method utilised to capture the cash movements. This has been corrected subsequently.	Discrepancies between the cashbook and general ledger can have significant consequences, including inaccurate financial reporting, difficulty in identifying errors, delayed financial reporting, and loss of confidence from stakeholders.	It is essential for companies to reconcile the cashbook and general ledger regularly and promptly investigate any discrepancies to maintain the accuracy and integrity of their financial records	This was the method used by StreetNet for the last 19 years and was never considered an issue by prior auditors including Mazars . We have consulted two Pastel consultants during this current audit and both advised that there is nothing wrong in the way the books are being captured , however they did show us a new method that is in line with what the auditors require . We will use this method going forward.
During the testing of property, plant and equipment, it was noted that the FAR was not updated for prior disposals for the ASK Proxima C2317 Projector. Whereby the cost recognised as at 01 January 2022 was R14,820 with no corresponding disposal recognised. The closing cost for the asset was R1.	Disposed assets not being removed from the fixed asset register can have significant consequences, including overstated fixed asset values, inaccurate depreciation expense, and inaccurate tax reporting and inefficient asset management.	It is essential for companies to maintain an accurate fixed asset register and promptly remove disposed assets to ensure the accuracy and integrity of their financial records	Noted. Will provide for the disposal accordingly in the current year.

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Significant deficiencies in internal control				
Description of deficiency	Potential effects	Remedial action	Management response	
During the testing of trade receivables, it was noted that management have not provided for long outstanding debtors that have been considered as irrecoverable in terms of IFRS for SME's.	By not providing for long outstanding debtors, the current assets presented in the statement of Financial Position is considered to be overstated. Management will also not be identifying debtors that are unable to pay and will not be able evict tenants.	It is recommended that management at year end make an assessment for bad debts to be provided for in order to identify debtors for which eviction notices will need to be handed too.	Noted. A listing of long outstanding debtors will be kept in future. However the reason is was not done this year was due to an agreement made with the tenants to settle outstanding debt by March 2023, which he has done.	
During the testing of expenses, It was noted that the supporting document (invoices) from suppliers do not contain important details such as invoice numbers.	Suppliers may duplicate invoices as there is no reference number to eliminate the possibility of duplicates.	It is recommended that management only accept valid invoices from suppliers.	Unfortunately, our members are informal trader organisations and some do not have accounting packages to generate proper invoices with dates , invoice number etc. This will be an ongoing problem in the future	
Incomplete documentation (Nedbank advices, invoice details such as invoice number, date of invoice)	Due to the Nedbank advices not being made available, the audit team is not able to correctly translate the transaction according to the spot rate applicable at the time of the transaction. By using the Nedbank average exchange rates, we will have differences in translation which must be extrapolated over the population.	It is that recommended management maintain Nedbank advices for all foreign transactions as well as valid tax invoices addressed to StreetNet International in the format as prescribed by the Income Tax Act.	Noted . Will request that Nedbank provides us with debit advices going forward.	

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Other recommendations in internal control			
Description of deficiency	Potential effects	Remedial action	Management response
During the testing of accounting records we have found that not all journals are approved by a separate person. This lacks segregation of duties.	Deficiency in segregation of duties for journals passed can increase the risk of errors or fraud, result in a lack of accountability, and potentially lead to non-compliance with accounting standards.	It is essential for companies to establish proper segregation of duties in their financial reporting processes to ensure the accuracy and integrity of their financial records.	Noted that the Coordinator will ensure that journal entries including year end Journals for depreciation etc.

8. UNADJUSTED MISSTATEMENTS (ISA 260)

No unadjusted misstatements have been identified in the current year.

9. PROFIT RECONCILIATION

No significant adjusted misstatements affecting profit exist which need to be communicated with those charged with governance.

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Greetings to all the Congress delegates representing StreetNet's members, street vendors, informal market traders, hawkers and cross-border traders around the world. Greetings to all invited guests and partners, Friends and supporters who share and support our challenging but at the same time exciting journey.

I must admit that it's such an thrilling moment and a great honor for me for the very first time to greet you all at the StreetNet Congress in a capacity of an International Coordinator and I am very proud of this moment. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present to you my report about StreetNet work within last four years, since the last StreetNet Congress in April 2019 in Kyrgyzstan.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Seventh StreetNet International Congress!

We have gone through a lot of changes within the last four years, starting from the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020 and which is still catching us until nowadays but with less harm and damage, till the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 which affected millions of Ukrainians including our members, me personally and most of the countries in the region, if not the whole world because any war is the worst tragedy of humanity. I would like to convey my deep condolences to all our Sisters and Brothers, friends and colleagues who lost their loved ones during the Russian-Ukrainian war and at any other war or conflict where people had to pay their biggest price to live in freedom and peace.

I want to use this opportunity and pay tribute to all our leaders and members who are not with us anymore but who contributed so much to our common goals and recognition of street and market vendors in their own countries. They left a huge legacy and we are very grateful for all their commitment and faith. Our Brother Jalile Fundile from South Africa, our Sister Comfort Doryen from Liberia, Sister Blanca Gonzales from Venezuela, Brother John Shikunzi from Tanzania, and our great Legend and Guru - Sister Ella Bhat from India: Rest in Peace and Power.

We have met a very sudden pandemic with a lot of uncertainty but quite quickly mobilized ourselves to find another way of daily life and routine, developed new strategies and approaches to continue our work in strengthening StreetNet affiliates at different levels, even though it was a huge challenge for all of us.

Such high level of solidarity, unity and support is a great manifestation and demonstration of our core human values where we provide mutual support and prove that "An injury to one is an injury to all".

It's remarkable that we didn't lose heart, but instead - we reinforced and continue our noble mission and struggle for recognition, human and workers' rights, freedom, democratic values and social justice because if we have to face it in our lives, we have enough courage and strength to overcome all of occurring challenges. It is also important to note that we all are ready to deal with any situation in a due manner.

We have progressed in many ways including in revision and refreshing our memory about StreetNet policies and their implementation.

I also want to congratulate us all with 20th anniversary of StreetNet which we celebrated last year and wish you more patience and courage to continue our permanent struggle! it is important to note that within 20 years of existence, StreetNet has already achieved a lot, from the first meeting of street vendors' representatives in Bellagio, Italy, in 1995.

PART I – StreetNet role and its Achievements

During the time since the Sixth StreetNet International Congress, we have made the best possible use of our available project funds in our work on the ground to strengthen our Affiliates and enhance the capacity of StreetNet in general to improve the lives of workers in our sector of the informal economy, focusing primarily on building their capacity and increase awareness about relevant concerns taking advantage of new technologies but to initiate and achieve bottom-up changes through their direct participation in innovative new inclusive processes of collective bargaining and organizing strategies.

Transition process and adjustment to a new reality

The transition process and adjustment to a new reality

The Transition Plan on Succession has been followed since June 2019 and all of its provisions have been already implemented despite some issues around a bank signatory, which was successfully tackled. Some formalities took a bit longer time as the new International Coordinator is not a South African citizen and due to the lack of practice of the bank to deal with non-residents of South Africa we had to wait more time and we are grateful to Pat Horn for her patience and kind cooperation.

We have developed a very effective communication system within StreetNet team and our valuable affiliates.

I have to admit that it was a challenging period of time for all of us including myself, as it took me quite a while to develop my own working coordination system which should be properly adjusted and balanced, well-organized and sufficiently comply with my role and responsibility in the organization and beyond.

I believe we passed a test on finding our own way to move forward towards development and new achievements.

Once again, I am enormously grateful to our former International Coordinator, StreetNet Founder and my Mentor - Pat Horn for giving me this opportunity to work with her, to learn and to step on the position which requires a high level of responsibility and commitment. I highly appreciate Pat's willingness to always help and advise when we need it even until nowadays.

1. NEW WAYS of doing COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS

StreetNet committed to continue its work in the area of providing negotiations' skills trainings followed by mentorship (virtual) meetings, however we had to adopt to a new reality after the Covid pandemic appeared to find another possible alternative to continue our trainings on strengthening negotiations skills.

Thus, before the Covid pandemic, in the second half of 2019 StreetNet managed to provide the trainings in different countries with financial support of the Solidarity Center AFL-CIO and WIEGO.

Thus, the following affiliates went through a negotiations skills course and even had their virtual mentorship sessions, led by the StreetNet Senior Advisor Pat Horn with involvement of the regional Organizers:

- IDEA – Cambodia (activities done in 2017-2020) also initiated national negotiations on social protection for street vendors and tuk-tuk drivers with their Government, in addition to local level negotiations to resolve the everyday working problems of the workers in these two sectors;
- SLeTU – Sierra Leone (activities done in 2018-2020) went through the workshop financed by the Sol. Center and had a regular monthly virtual discussions with StreetNet Senior Advisor and Regional Organizer on the implementation of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT which SLeTU leaders started to actively push for its implementation on their local places, as this Act stipulates establishing of the Municipal Trade Committees.
- FOTSSIES – Honduras (activities done in 2018-2020) Regional Organizer had several virtual mentoring sessions to follow up their activity. As per very recent information, the affiliate is planning to hold a tripartite and regional meeting to promote the initiative of an inclusive law for the informal economy sector within the framework of social protection.
- FENTRAVIG – Guatemala (activities done in 2019) no virtual mentoring sessions to follow up their activity in this regard due to lack of agreed timeframes for both sides;
- FUTTEINCO – Dominican Rep. (activity done in 2019) went through one negotiations skills workshop financially supported by WIEGO; no virtual mentoring sessions;
- UNICAB – Brazil (activity done in 2019) went through one negotiations skills workshop financially supported by WIEGO; some physical mentoring sessions have been provided by the SNI Regional Organizer on a need basis. However, as per UNICAB report - a “Parliamentary Federal Front in Defense of Labor in the Informal Economy”, has been established which was a result of advocacy efforts by the UNICAB.
- FEPTIWUL – Liberia (activities done in 2016-2020) the organization had a separate country project with Cities Alliance, however the FEPTIWUL leadership

was going through the monthly mentoring Skype sessions to discuss the strategy and work with StreetNet Senior Advisor and Regional Organizer towards the implementation of the MoU signed between the Monrovia Municipality City and the FFEPTIWUL. Unfortunately the internal leadership tension brought the organization to the almost collapsed situation in 2020-2021. However, it is improving now as after the leadership change the organization started to get back on track and demonstrate a gradual reinstatement process including with regard to the negotiation strategies with municipalities and national authorities. A “one-day” dialogue meeting was held at the Ministry of commerce Trade and Industry in August, 2022 on the relocation exercise of the commercial hub of red-light market to the newly constructed Omega market. As per recent developments, there have been some significant improvements in the rights of traders. While it is certain that the MoU signed in 2018 got expired, harassment and other forms of intimidation were very rare in the year 2022. A safe haven has been provided by the Monrovia City Corporation for vendors to get their livelihoods. FEPTIWUL currently reports on a constant engagement with municipal authority and meeting other authorities for a new signing of the new MoU.

- Zimbabwe – Negotiations skills training was done as part of our first joint project with the Solidarity Centre of the AFL-CIO in Harare (2016) and Bulawayo (April 2017). The Affiliate ZCIEA continued to build internal capacity of its members on negotiations skills and organizing strategies, thus, in a longer run, it’s a great example of combination of a strategic capacity and opportunity” to be successfully used by the ZCIEA leadership especially during the Covid pandemic when a massive repression and violence of informal traders took place in Zimbabwe. ZCIEA leadership identified “window of opportunity” to use in better engagement with local authorities and managed to sign a number (at least 12) of Memorandums of Understanding with several municipalities during an intense Covid pandemic stage. It also reported that all ZCIEA 46 territories held dialogue meetings with their local authorities as part of strengthening relationships and influencing the signing of MOUs where they are not yet signed. ZCIEA continues to engage the Ministry of SMEs and Ministry of Labour to support the presence that informal economy workers.

In November 2021 StreetNet Affiliates from Malawi (MUFIS) and Uganda (UMAEU) also informed StreetNet about signed Memorandums of Understanding with local authorities.

Unfortunately, no single negotiations skills course has been conducted within 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions in travel and physical gatherings.

Thus, in cooperation with IFWEA, StreetNet developed online negotiations skills course which was tested with StreetNet Affiliate UGTI-CUT (Unión General de Trabajadores Independientes y de la Economía Informal) from Colombia.

The online training was adjusted during the course itself as it was our first experimental course to be fully run on a virtual basis but it went quite well despite many technical challenges.

A follow-up training has been provided for the UGTI-CUT in August 2022. Regional Organizer Maira Vannuchi facilitated the follow-up training on negotiations skills course which took place in Bogotá city during her field visit to Columbia which was also combined with other meetings with representatives of local municipality, national trade union and other sectors of informal economy workers' organizations.

An interesting update came from the Colombian affiliate about existing national public policy of street vendors (1988/2019), as according to their analysis there were many problems in the public policy. However, some argue that the fact that the policy in theory is concerned with the human rights and dignity of street vendors could be something positive, even though the text of the law brings concepts that are threatening to street vendors, such as the fact that the government declares that its public policy objective is to retake the public space and make economic use of it.

The follow-up training gave the opportunity to the affiliate to prepare a negotiation plan on the National Policy 1988/2019, using the filled in the logical framework collectively, defining their demands in relation to the National Policy 1988/2019.

The case of the affiliate is very important to consider as it is also a “proper” time to use for the informal economy workers and their organizations to strategize on the public policy implementation especially because the political situation is favorable to the advancement of the rights of street vendors and there is a political will to listen to the informal economy workers and hear them and their concerns.

Participation of StreetNet Regional representatives and the affiliate UGTI-CUT in the event “Significant practices of decent work policies for street & market vendors in the Americas. The Medellin case - Colombia”, clearly indicates a more progressive approach of the local municipality and a strong representation of the affiliate in a city.

The seminar dealt with the recent implementation of Decree 0202 of 2022, which makes Decree 042 of 2014, which created a municipal policy for street vendors, possible, but which never had mechanisms to be implemented. The implementation of the decree was the work of the political will of the current City Hall of Medellin, and of the Undersecretary of Public Space in the midst of the national implementation of Public Policy 1988/2019, which provides for municipalities to create municipal policies and instruments for their local implementation.

Before the seminar, StreetNet Regional Organizers held some online conversations with the Undersecretary who invited StreetNet to the seminar and financed its realization, as he demonstrated a big interest in an approach with StreetNet to exchange knowledge and strengthen the participation of workers in the process of implementing the law. The policy even provides for the creation of a participatory committee with the presence of the UGTI and other organizations of street vendors, artisans, market vendors and street

artists from Medellin together with various municipal bodies to create a work plan to implement the policy.

Another interesting, innovative and successful experiment was done for StreetNet affiliate from Sierra Leone. In August – November 2021, StreetNet Senior Advisor Pat Horn (with great support of the Regional Organizer for West and Central Africa, Evelyn Benjamin-Sampson and Media team), facilitated a course for women negotiators members using What'sApp audio messaging communication.

The goal of this activity was to strengthen the capacity of our members to interact with authorities and institutions. However, this was the first course aimed at women negotiators from Sierra Leone exclusively. This course was very adoptable to the participants as many of them attended the training itself directly from their working spaces or their homes.

A participatory approach made this course very practical and contextual which also added more confidence to the participants, empowered them to directly engage with local governments and other possible counterparts.

With regard to India and its National Street Vendors' Policy, called - the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihoods and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, which was passed in 2014, there are no many developments regarding implementation of this Law, according to our affiliate SEWA. Despite the fact, that this is an extraordinary legislation specifically framed for the street vendors, foreseeing Statutory Town Vending Committees established by the Act, the implementation of this law is seen as even a bigger challenge especially if there is no political will for it, in most of the cases of Indian municipality authorities, based on our practice and experience.

According to SEWA, only few states of India gradually progress with established and functioning Town Vending Committees, especially where SEWA has its presence and a strong capacity and consistency to engage with the local authorities.

Very few other countries have such statutory local-level negotiating forums, but most organizations in our sector have engaged authorities in *ad hoc* negotiations of different kinds with different degrees of success.

In most of the countries negotiations happen despite of the pandemic, with a few exceptions. The aims behind the negotiations were: to build markets, improve labor conditions, arrangement of work posts in public space, for the implementation of bio safety protocols and facilities, for food distribution to all workers and emergency grants. They took action also to stop the increase or charge public space and market taxes during the pandemic and with energy and other basic services companies to not charge for the facilities.

Wish StreetNet support during the pandemic, the Affiliates developed in a few countries some economy recovery schemes with public resources as mutual funds and claimed their participation in economic recovery packages to cushion informal sector from Covid virus repercussions of lockdowns. They also struggled against police violence,

harassment and eviction of working places in the public space, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

For this they interacted with the municipalities, the Ministry of Labor, with the national trade union centres, with a National Institute for Women, Municipal councils, councilors of the legislative assembly, with tax collecting authorities, Deputies of the national congress, with the deputy's advisers, political parties and other vendors. Some organizations spoke to the police departments.

StreetNet Regional Affiliates from the South and East Africa received an online series of trainings on negotiations skills, facilitated by Pat Horn, StreetNet Senior Advisor.

We continue to encourage StreetNet affiliates to invite other organisations working in the sector of street vendors or even other sectors of workers in the informal economy to develop joint strategies and strengthen the unity and solidarity. The objective is to capacitate teams of negotiators who can approach their authorities as a united front, which is more effective in achieving results than a fragmented team which is not representative of all the organizations in the relevant sectors.

We are also happy to emphasize that despite the fact that StreetNet still didn't provide the Negotiations skills training for all its affiliates, some of them try to engage and approach their municipality and national authorities with good strategies and even success, like it happened with our affiliated organization FETTEI-CI from Cote d' Ivoire, where it conducted a dialogue with the government on social protection and universal health coverage for workers in the formal economy.

For more engagement with public authority, please refer to the Affiliates Reports.

2. Social protection and its extension to informal economy workers

StreetNet has definitely intensified its work with regard to social protection and its affiliates are visibly getting more active in the area of social protection and its extension to the informal economy workers.

The work of StreetNet on this particular and very important aspect has been strengthened with adopted Resolution on Extension of the Social Protection to the Informal Economy Workers during the last StreetNet Congress in April 2019 which commits StreetNet and all its Affiliates to evolve strategies on SP extension and which can be also supported by the ILO Rec.202 on Social Protection Floors to be more actively and effectively used during the national campaigns and advocacy work on extension of Social protection to all workers.

As many research papers show, in most developed countries, systems of social welfare, social security, and social safety nets have been put in place by governments since the 20th century.

These systems are usually a response to the increasing dissatisfaction of the workers who were affected by the crisis of those period of times, which mean – not fully responsive and adequate for the current realities especially since globalization started.

In 1948, social security was recognized as a basic human right by the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR). Since then, the concept of social security has developed and expanded into the broader right to social protection.

Despite the fact that most of the countries already have social protection programmes in place, they are limited and narrow – usually covering only a certain segment of the society and providing a limited kind of protection.

Especially when the pandemic hit the world, many countries started to practice and get some social protection through informal means, relying on their families, communities, or other informal structures for support during difficult times. However, even such workers-driven mutual-benefiting structures could only secure some immediate support to the members but not really designed for such a long-lasting crisis like what we have been experiencing since 2020. There is a need for re-thinking the approach towards establishing more strategic arrangements of social protection as well as health care for all, including informal economy workers.

The affiliates from different countries and continents develop different ways of providing at least some basic social protection for their members: thought establishing their own membership-driven mutual-benefiting structures, to a more direct way of approaching their national governments or using a mixture of both ways around this issue.

FES (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung) – Zambia implemented its project on a rights-Based Social Protection in several countries in Africa, which involved StreetNet affiliates from around 5 countries. Annie Diouf, StreetNet Treasurer and as the representative of her organization CNTS also actively participated in this project and even was nominated by the StreetNet to be a Member of the Steering Committee of this Project.

The FES-Zambia Project was a good activation of the affiliates' work in the area of social protection and it gave its impulse to more ideas for affiliates to develop their strategy on promotion the social protection extension to all workers in their own countries.

Indeed, StreetNet affiliates started to be very much focused in their advocacy work and capacity building activities on social protection and its extension to informal economy workers.

In 2015, the United Nations endorsed a set of sustainable development goals (the SDGs), which include the implementation of social protection systems as one of the targets to be achieved by 2030. However, it is crucial for StreetNet affiliates to develop their own understanding on social protection based on their experiences and struggles, their current reality and gaps. It is crucial to develop demands and articulate them as well as to directly participate in decision-making processes on issues that relate to them.

Thus, we have developed and implemented a new project jointly with WIEGO and financially supported by the Open Society Foundation on the social security for the informal economy workers in Sub-Saharan Africa. This was a two-year project (which was extended till 2022 due to the pandemic), the objective of which was to intensify the

StreetNet work in this area and help more affiliates to strengthen their knowledge and capacity in promoting social protection for all. The project also aimed to raise awareness among the organizations of informal economy workers regarding the social protection and possible existing schemes among the organizations as well as to share good cases, practices and experience for its further improvement and replication in other countries. Thus, jointly with WIEGO Social Protection Team, led by Laura Alfes, we have developed a great educational course for the African English-speaking Affiliates. This Social Protection Advocacy Course was run in April – May 2022 and consisted of a 2-hour session once a week for the six weeks. A seventh session was added to receive feedback on the strategy document from the participating organizations.

The sessions were facilitated by Laura Alfes (WIEGO) and Nash Tysmans (StreetNet).

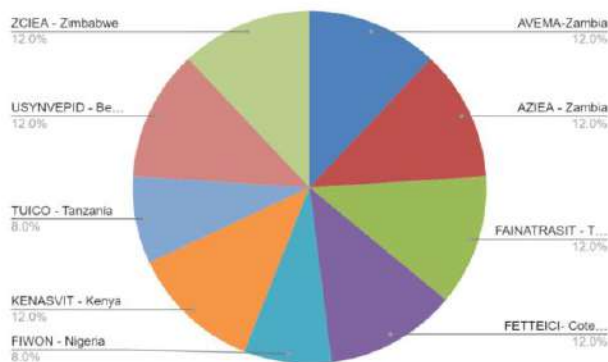
The aims of the course were

- To build the capacity of participants around social protection interventions;
- To explore the difficulties workers in the informal economy, face in achieving social protection;
- To incorporate a perspective into discussions on social protection that takes account different experiences of, and possibilities for, women as well as young workers;
- To develop a strategy for social protection for informal economy workers.

The course was initially developed for six sessions, with provision made for participants to do quite extensive activities in between contact sessions and it was agreed to use a virtual simple interface between the learners and the facilitators.

The course had both -theoretical and practical parts which helped the participants to better understand the whole concept of social protection, such as lifecycle approach to social protection as they help the members in developing their strategy around social protection based on their national context as well as to analyze how it works (or not) in their countries.

Communication allowance support for the affiliates to attend the SP Course



In overall, it was a great pilot course as it revealed many other challenges and concerns our members face as well as how we can advance our educational process, taking into account our main target participants along with other small but very essential details, especially if it is an online training process.

One of the biggest outcomes of the course were developed draft Strategic Plans on social protection by the affiliates who attended the course.

Similar course was held for Francophone StreetNet affiliates which gave StreetNet more understanding of the level of capacity and knowledge of the Affiliates with regard to the social protection issue and how we can move further.

To build and maintain consistency, within the same project we also plan to further elaborate on the activities on social protection and the next big international event is scheduled for June 2023 in Nigeria with involvement of ITUC-Africa and its Affiliates.

There is a big progress and a step ahead in dealing and advocating for social protection extension by most of StreetNet affiliates. It is visible and definitely - on demand. Undouble, we need to continue our investment in social protection area.

In November 2019, during its Congress, the ITUC-Africa organized a side event on social protection and its extension to all workers, which was attended by Annie Diouf as a delegate of StreetNet to both the Congress and the side-event.

The ILO started to put more focus on social protection issue especially when they organized a Global Week on Social Protection for the social partners with a big participation of CSOs, academics and research institutes, in addition to the ILO tripartite stakeholders. I had a chance to attend this Global week event for which I was invited by our partner OXFAM Belgium.

StreetNet took active (virtual) part and made its intervention together with other NETs' and WIEGO delegates at the 109th Session of the ILO Conference in 2021, namely - to articulate our concerns and "demands" during the recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of social protection (social security), under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on social Justice for a Fair Globalization.

3. New Urban Agenda and the Right to the City

Since our detailed discussions about the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in the leadership training starting from 2017, most of our affiliates still do not seem to have a good understanding of the NUA or how it can be used for their demands for more inclusive cities. However, one of our affiliates, FIWON in Nigeria, has been campaigning very actively around the issues in the New Urban Agenda – particularly anti-eviction campaigns.

In November 2019, StreetNet asked Senior Advisor Pat Horn to attend the UCLG Congress which took place in Durban and where Pat Horn had a chance to make a small intervention which was positively received and made some impact on opening the door to more opportunities for the StreetNet to start develop a good strategy towards the issue of inclusive cities and the NUA. The UCLG is a very important partner of Cities Alliance – and for the first time in this Congress, they had managed to introduce the open participation of civil society and other outsiders, by means of what was called the "Town Hall Track" which they were using to promote a focus on informality – both

residential informality (i.e. slums) and economic informality (i.e. informal economy workers) – which has not been part of previous UCLG Congresses.

StreetNet should and is trying to build working relationship with UCLG as we need to work with local governments in our programmes, and it will be very strategic to include UCLG as the local governments' partner structure.

StreetNet is part of the Global Platform of the Right to the Cities (GP2RC) represented so far mainly by StreetNet team members in different thematic groups of the platform to discuss possible framework of cooperation with different organizations and CSOs to develop joint strategies and actions in amplifying our voice in the advocacy work on the Right to the City for all.

Main StreetNet activities on the issue of NUA and the Right to the City so far implemented on promotion of the issue and street vendors' concerns and demands by StreetNet media also participating in virtual global campaign on the Right to the City jointly with GP2RC.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to put aside our planned activities on engagement around the issue of New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Right to the City with our affiliates, however, several webinars have been held on the issue by Pilar Balbuena (responsible for the NUA area) for several StreetNet affiliates from 3 regions.

We hope to resume our activities on urban policy development and to implement our capacity building webinars on better understanding of the role and importance of international instruments, such as NUA and SDGs and how to formulate affiliates' demands on more participatory urban governance which values street vendors and informal traders as integral for sustainable urban development. Several discussions have been made between our operational team and the Director of Urban Program of WIEGO.

In April 2022, StreetNet International, Cities Alliance, and WIEGO (Urban Program Team) came together to plan how to spotlight the stories of Ukraine's women workers, including the self-employed, representatives of feminist organisations operating in Ukraine, and women supporting displaced Ukrainians in refugee shelters abroad. Between July and September, 2022, the project interviewed 18 women who are directly impacted by the ongoing war in Ukraine to determine how the war is affecting women, their incomes and their well-being. The publication highlights the importance of placing women's perspectives at the centre of the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities as despite their active service, women remain largely absent from formal decision-making processes related to peacemaking and rebuilding. As a result, policies and practices do not fully address their priorities or needs. Women's participation and perspectives are vital to the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities.

The publication also contains some recommendations for the local governments in amplifying the women voice during the reconstruction process. StreetNet Affiliate - Free

Trade Union of Entrepreneurs of Ukraine (FTUEU) was very much involved in the project. Cities Alliance also arranged a high-level meeting with top EU Officials to discuss the project outcomes and what can be done in support to the StreetNet affiliates in Ukraine. The meeting took place in February 2023 and StreetNet Regional Organizer Kateryna Yarmolyuck-Kroek attended the meeting and represented StreetNet. The next event is planned for May 2023 as a follow up meeting of this project.

4. Simplified Trade Regimes and Informal cross-border trade

As one of the Strategic goals implementation process, StreetNet International developed and organized a series of webinars between March and June 2021 to discuss in depth the topic of informal cross-border trade, to capacitate affiliates to advocate and negotiate for the rights of informal cross border traders. The project was carried out with all its affiliates in West and Central Africa and in cooperation of StreetNet's partners, including SACBTA (South African Cross Border Trade Association), an experienced partner in the ICBT issues, ITUC Africa (African regional organization of the International trade Union Confederation) OTUWA (Organisation of Trade Unions in West Africa) and ATUMNET (African Trade Union Migration Network) and financed by the Open Society Foundation.

The goal of the webinars was to engage our affiliates in exploring the issues of cross-border trade, enabling them to identify transnational and cross-cutting problems that different trade unions and associations from various countries might have in common; as well as ascertain their particularities and differences. After the end of the webinar series, StreetNet affiliates who shared borders worked together to put their knowledge into practice and advocate for the rights of informal cross-border traders.

The Project was very effective and many of our affiliates managed to build some bridges for a dialogue with their authorities or strengthen their relationship. Some affiliates also got more members in their organizations and strengthened their relationships and unity with other StreetNet affiliates. The cross-border trade issue got its place in some national media outlets to bring public attention to this essential way of livelihood.

Joel Odigie (ITUC-Africa Deputy Secretary General) offered partnering with others to link up SNI affiliates with the ITUC-Africa National centers across Africa. They will continue to offer help to informal economy workers to effectively engage with government officials and relevant counterparts at the cross border government agencies. He also suggested for SNI affiliates to use ITUC platform to address affiliates issues directly with the government across the borders. Currently ITUC is reviewing the global agreements, and encouraged SNI to participate in the process.

John Odah (from OTUWA) thanked SNI for pulling together this 5 webinar course and expressed commitment to do whatever they can to work with the West African sub-region in a concerted effort with their partner organizations in the region.

85 % of the affiliates who attended the webinar course developed a list of demands for advocacy with regard to informal cross border traders and protections of their rights and livelihoods especially while crossing the borders.

One of the important resource documents and a base for the discussion of the informal cross border traders is StreetNet Resolution 34 on Informal Cross-Border Trade which is a guideline for the StreetNet Affiliates in their work on the ICBT.

13 Affiliates identified more than one common borders with other countries where they have informal cross border traders. This exercise was perfectly done by the affiliates themselves after some guidance provided during the permanent communication with StreetNet office team.

9 joint activities of 19 StreetNet Affiliates have been conducted between two affiliates on the same shared border with their customs authority, police departments and other officials from both countries. One negotiations meeting has been done among three affiliates (Burundi + DRC + Rwanda).

All 19 affiliates demonstrated a big commitment towards engagement and advocating for the informal cross border traders and managed to speak to the official governmental representatives as well as to get some of the officials' commitment on further collaboration and dialogue.

StreetNet media developed a series of publication about the activities of all StreetNet affiliates engaged in the ICBT project and reports.

The pedagogical material was developed by StreetNet team as a toolkit for further capacity building of other affiliates with potential intention to replicate similar educational course of other regional affiliates.

A series of multimedia video have been created to raise awareness about StreetNet and its Project on the ICBT in the region of West and Central Africa.

5 follow up activities have been conducted by 8 affiliates within May-December 2022 to strengthen the previous work done in 2021 with regard to the engagement with customs officials on the border of two countries and to follow up on the implementation of the agreed commitments during the first round of negotiation forums.

We plan to replicate this experience in other regions as there is a growing interest towards the issue.

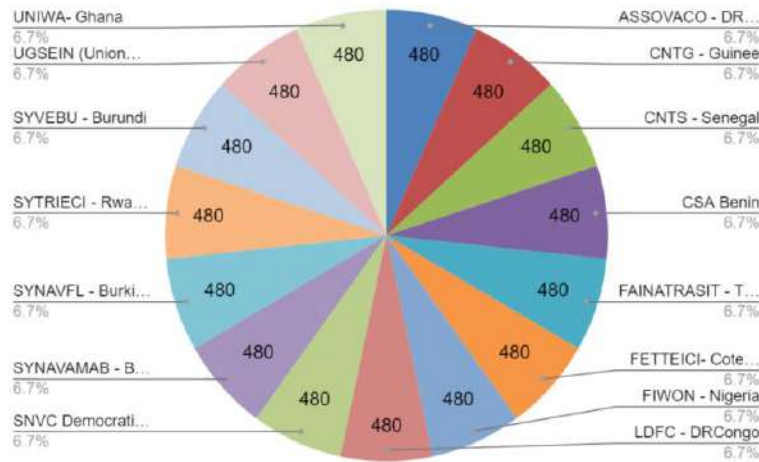
As it was revealed, many affiliates didn't even realize how many cross-border traders they have as their members but due to the project and special data collection from the StreetNet office, the organizations started to collect and maintain special information about their members and what type of goods they sell, which helps to identify the origin of those goods and products they sell inside or outside of their countries.

Due to the budget constraints and the project termination not all affiliates got an opportunity to hold the follow-up activities.

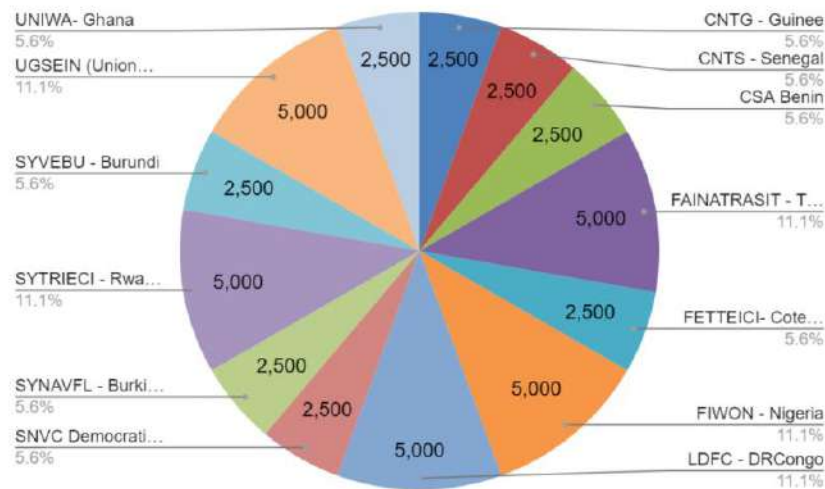
e more advanced in their first round of the activities, got an opportunity to hold the second round of the follow-up activities with big success despite some A detailed report and other visual materials can be found under special section:

<https://streetnet.org.za/informal-cross-border-trade/>

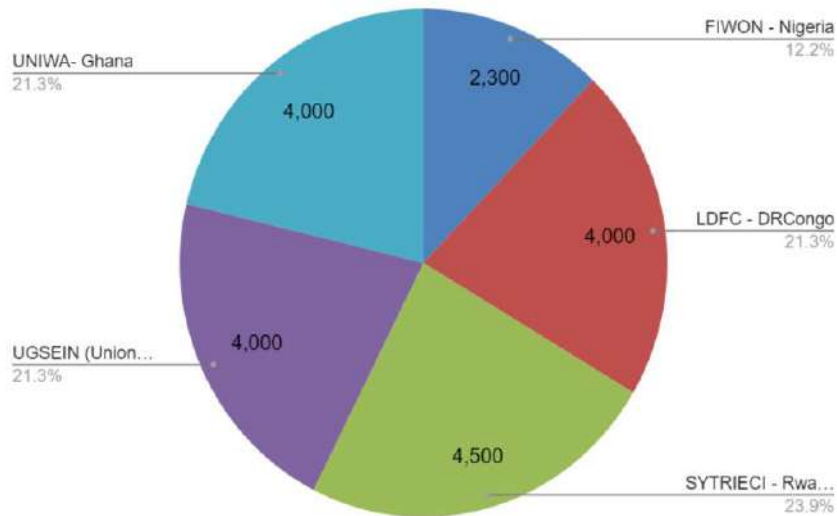
ICBT Project communication support for the Affiliates



ICBT Project activities Round 1



ICBT Project activities Round 2



INTERNATIONAL and REGIONAL impact

Partnerships and networking: StreetNet's international profile is prominent at the ILO (*International Labour Organisation*) and the international trade union movement – ITUC (*International Trade Union Confederation*) and its regional structures in Africa, the Americas (TUCA-CSA) and Eastern Europe, WFTU (*World Federation of Trade Unions*) as well as OATUU (*Organisation of African Trade Union Unity*). We have good relationships with many national trade union centres and many of the Global Union Federations internationally and at regional level – UNI, PSI, ITF, IUF, BWI and IndustriALL. We continue our relationships with solidarity partnerships with sub-regional bodies such as SACBTA (as elaborated above), SATUCC (*African Trade Union & Coordinating Council*), EATUC (*East African Trade Union Confederation*), OTUWA (*Organisation of Trade Unions of West Africa*), Red SEICAP (*Red de los Sindicatos de la Economia Informal de CentroAmerica y Panama*) and in the ASEAN region through the work we have been doing in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos through our programme with Oxfam.

International Labour Conference: StreetNet International participated at the 108th, 109th, 110th sessions of the ILO in 2019, 2021 and 2022 respectively. The ILC was held in June 2019 and the StreetNet participants attended the Tripartite Committee on Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work, which discussed the standard-setting document – Convention supplemented by the Recommendation on Elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work.

Based on the outcomes of the StreetNet Congress Parallel Commission on Elimination of violence & harassment in the world of work, StreetNet Office developed a Position document which contained the proposed amendments to be included in the text of upcoming Convention and/or Recommendation. The preparatory process was done in a good collaboration with WIEGO staff, so that we jointly represented the workers in different sectors of the informal economy, as usual.

It should be noted that we have managed to get some of the proposed and very important amendments to be added to the text of the ILO Convention 190 and Recommendation 206 as a result of the StreetNet affiliates' work on the national level as well as StreetNet delegation during the ILO Conference itself when the delegates were actively lobbying and networking trying to convince the Worker's and Governments' representatives to be more inclusive and to support the amendments from the informal economy side. It was a real impact and outcomes from the Labour Conference that we can be proud of but to continue strengthening all our affiliates in their ability and capacity to influence the policy and decision-making processes in their countries.

StreetNet is committed to build capacity and raise awareness among its members as for precise role and responsibility of our organizational delegates during the ILO Conferences. It is the highest tripartite international forum of social dialogue and a great platform to network and advocate for the workers' rights and interests. It empowers our delegates and the organizations in general. It opens doors for approaching governments and building dialogue which can be followed at country levels. We need to ensure better preparation and presence at such labour forms.

ILO Recommendation 204 on transition from the informal to the formal economy:

The StreetNet organizing team continues to work hard on trying to encourage StreetNet affiliates to initiate demands to their governments (local and national levels) in line with the provisions of the ILO R204 on transition from the informal to the formal economy. Implementation of the ILO R204 is one of the strategic objectives of the StreetNet which also encompasses some other sub-objectives, such as: Legal Recognition and Protection; Taxation and Administration; Social Solidarity Economy.

Some of our affiliates are finding it difficult to situate their everyday issues and demands in the context of R204. However, it was also identified that many affiliates already do some work in this regard but don't relate it to the provision of the ILO R204 due to its complexity of the language.

StreetNet has developed a Brochure on the main aspects of the R204 to be used by the street vendors' organizations in their advocacy and campaign work, which is also written in a very simple language to be understood by any rank-and-file member.

ILO Convention 190, Rec. 206

Unfortunately for most of informal traders daily harassment and all forms of violence, police intimidation, imprisonment is a reality and always was.

Violence and harassment against women and girls have been growing globally.

There are many national union campaigns on ratification of the ILO Convention 190 on elimination Violence and Harassment in the World of Work but it's our precise international tool to be effectively used. Ratification campaign of the ILO C190 is a great strategy to join efforts with labour movements and building or amplifying the voices of informal economy workers within labour movements.

Unfortunately, until now only 20 countries officially ratified the ILO C190. We need to consider this Convention especially in the context of lack of any legal instruments for protection of our constituency at national level.

Only few affiliates conducted some activities with regard to the ILO C190, however, it is not enough.

Xenophobia and racism also need more attention including in our sector, including among our members and other migrant street vendors. StreetNet Resolution #4 clearly states that as an international organization we are ***“committed to oppose xenophobia and to discourage member organisations from adopting xenophobic policies or practices in relation to foreign nationals from other countries”***.

Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) and R193 - Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation

StreetNet Resolution 19 (The Social Solidarity Economy) highlights the importance and role of different forms of SSE particularly for informal economy workers. It is a crucial subject and focus area of StreetNet which got its revival and top attention being one of the Item for discussion during the ILO Conference in June 2022.

Cooperatives and other forms of SSE can definitely provide a pathway to formalization for the workers engaged in informal employment. Our role is to continue promotion of the SSE model as an “alternative approach to business” whose main goal is not only financial returns but also social benefits for their members and wider communities.

However, it’s vital to set up and preserve the values and principles of the SSE which are closely linked to decent work and social inclusion and can contribute to the development of a balanced and stable society as well as democracy.

There is always a tricky risk to gradually shift the initial goal of SSE unit in the course of its development, that’s why we need to be vigilant in our initial fundamental principles and goals of establishing different entities of SSE.

StreetNet had several virtual meetings with Simel Esim, the Director of the ILO Coop Unit, who joined our internal team meeting to brainstorm on our own way with regard to SSE units. She emphasized on the role of cooperatives for IE workers and how it can facilitate formalization process.

ILO R193 clearly states that it recognizes that cooperatives operate in all sectors of the economy and that the Recommendation applies to all types and forms of cooperatives. ILO R204 explicitly mentions cooperatives and social and solidarity economy units in the scope of the Recommendation.

Thus, the Conclusion of the ILO Conference on SSE and Decent Work should be effectively used in our advocacy work at different levels.

StreetNet started its discussion with SEWA Federation of Cooperatives to develop a joint course on the SSE with a focus on cooperatives’ creation which is planned for 2023-2024.

Field visits and participation in the international events

Despite the fact that during the Covid-19 pandemic we stopped any international travel from March 2020 and until September 2021, we managed to gradually return to our field visits and physical attendance of international and regional events:

1. Lorraine Sibanda – Switzerland (June 2019) participation in the 108th Session of the ILC;
2. Vorn Pao – Switzerland (June 2019) participation in the 108th Session of the ILC;
3. Oksana Abboud – Switzerland (June 2019) participation in the 108th Session of the ILC;
4. Maira Vannuchi – Dom Republic (August 2019) negotiations skills workshop & field visit;
5. Maira Vannuchi – Cuba (*August 2019*) field visit;
6. Oksana – Moldova (August 2019) field visit;
7. Jane – Togo (September 2019) workshop on Social Protection & field visit;
8. Maira – Guatemala (*September 2019*) negotiations skills workshop & field visit;
9. Oksana – Vietnam (*September/October 2019*) VGCL workshops;
10. Oksana – Brazil (*October 2019*) attending CUT-Brazil Congress;
11. Oksana – Switzerland (November 2019) attending ILO Conference on Social Protection;
12. Maira – South Africa (December 2019) attending the IFWEA General Conference;
13. Oksana – Kenya (*December 2019*) OSF Retreat;
14. Oksana – Laos (December 2019) OXFAM Regional Partners' Workshop;
15. Oksana – South Africa (February 2020) Visit of Durban Office;
16. Oksana Abboud – USA (September 2021) field visit; networking;
17. Pilar Balbuena – USA (September 2021) field visit; networking
18. Oksana Abboud – Barcelona, Spain (October 2021) field visit;
19. Margarida Teixeira – Barcelona, Spain (October 2021) field visit;
20. Maira Vannuchi – Cuba (April 2022) attending exposure course of labour movement;
21. Lorraine Sibanda – Cuba (April 2022) attending exposure course of labour movement;
22. Jane Masta, Evelyn Benjamin -Sampson, Annelene Shahbaz, Margarida Teixeira – Tanzania (May 2022) Regional Meeting of South &East African affiliates;
23. Evelyn Benjamin -Sampson, Irene Doda, Lorraine Sibanda – Senegal (May 2022) Regional Meeting of West & Central African affiliates;
24. Maira Vannuchi, Pilar Balbuena, Annelene Shahbaz – Brazil (May 2022) Regional Meeting of Americas affiliates;
25. Jane Masta, Margarida Teixeira – Namibia, Botswana (June 2022) field visits;
26. Kateryna Yarmolyuk-Kroek – Moldova, Azerbaijan (July 2022) field visits;
27. Lorraine Sibanda – Nepal (July 2022) attending GEFONT Congress;
28. Oksana Abboud – Spain (July 2022) attending WIEGO ORP Advisory Committee;
29. Lorraine Sibanda – South Africa (August 2022) visiting StreetNet Office, field visit;
30. Maira Vannuchi, Pilar Balbuena - Columbia (August 2022) field visit and follow-up negotiations skills training;
31. Maira, Annelene, Margarida, Nash, Evelyn, Pilar, Suvarna, Maya Gurung - India (October 2022) exposure visit;
32. Alberto Santana, Margarida - Mexico (November 2022) attending the WIEGO General Assembly;
33. Maira - South Africa (December 2022) visiting SNI Office to organize educational material;
34. Lorraine, Oksana, Jane, Kateryna, Margarida, Irene - Turkey (January 2023) attending the Outcomes Harvesting Workshop organized by WIEGO;
35. SNI Media Team, Oksana, Nash, Kateryna - France (February 2023) Congress planning meeting & field visit to AMELIOR;
36. Jamalladin Ismayilov, Kateryna - Kazakhstan/Uzbekistan (March 2023) Exposure visit of potential affiliates;

37. Nash Tysmans - Thailand (March 2023) attending the WIEGO Social Protection Conference.

PART II – Consolidation of organisation

Since the launch of StreetNet International in Durban in November 2002, six International Congresses have taken place as follows:

- First International Congress – Seoul, Korea (March 2004)
- Second International Congress – Atibaia, Brazil (August 2007)
- Third International Congress – Cotonou, Benin (August 2010)
- Fourth International Congress – Santiago, Chile (March 2013)
- Fifth International Congress – Delhi, India (October 2016)
- Sixth International Congress - Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan (April 2019)

The organization is now internationally recognized with a tangible presence in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Membership tendency and representation

Since its inception, StreetNet went through different stages of its Ups and Downs in terms of membership growing and StreetNet development in general.

Different global crisis definitely affected the dynamic of our affiliates as well as they are still one of the most vulnerable categories of workers who are not recognized and protected, who suffer evictions and violence on a daily basis.

All of these analysis and concerns have been already reflected in the Affiliate's Report, but I wanted to emphasize on some others aspects of our institutional life.

All StreetNet affiliates believe in unity and collective power, in one strong voice and respect of each other, in women empowerment and youth leadership and it motivates all of us a lot in StreetNet team as we also share the same belief, however, unfortunately, in some cases there is disrespect and not acceptable behavior of our affiliates' leadership towards our team members. StreetNet has an institutional Code of Conduct which defines the ethics and behavior of both - our affiliates and Operational team members.

Such tensions don't feed any healthy environment to work and even to stay in the organization which claims one thing and contradicts in its actions.

We understand ambitions of individual leaders but they should be healthy ambitions for the organizational prosperity but not against it and its policies.

We experience a lot of internal turbulence inside many of our affiliates and mainly - among their top leadership. Unfortunately, such conflicts within leadership, especially when they are based on different political views and personal ambitions, bring the organization either to collapse or to division.

Such tensions usually occur in labour movements and we also have some experience in StreetNet, but it's definitely not a correct and mature strategy because we are not coming to the leadership positions forever, we need to have a succession plans and act for the sake of organization but not personal interests.

Since July 2019 I have started to communicate with StreetNet affiliates on an individual basis with involvement of regional Organizers. It is a good start for me to learn our affiliates better, and I will definitely continue this practice in a near future. So far, I can observe the following undemocratic trends among our affiliates:

- 1. Leaders who act as sole spokespersons for their organizations;**
- 2. Gatekeeping by affiliates' leaders (both men and women leaders);**
- 3. Lack of internal democracy in practice especially regarding regular conduction of the Congresses as per affiliates' Constitutions;**
- 4. Appointment of leaders instead of democratic electoral processes;**
- 5. Misogynistic practice of male leaders removing strong independent women leaders justifying their inability or lack of time to be a "proper leader".**

Women empowerment and youth leadership should be our huge priority. It's our mission to promote and encourage women leadership and their presence at different platforms, their direct voice and participation in decision-making processes inside and outside of their organizations.

StreetNet Constitution is a very solid base to follow this principle and we are committed to continuing to preserve our desire to promote an inclusive approach not letting behind any category of people from our sector.

It is our duty to observe the compliance with StreetNet Constitution and its membership criteria. Unfortunately, we don't have any other sophisticated membership verification mechanism in StreetNet except of collecting affiliates reports where they usually declare their membership numbers, because our work is built on trust and transparency which we would like to continue and rely on a common sense.

Affiliation and membership (as of April 2023)

1	AFFE (Asociación de Feriantes de Ferias Especiales)	City alliance	Montevideo, Uruguay	420 members
2	AEIMO (Associação da Economia Informal de Mocambique)	National Union	Mozambique	19 427 members
3	AMELIOR (Association des Marchés Écologiques Locales Indépendants et Organisés de la Récupération)	City-based	Paris, France	900 members
4	ASSOVACO (Association des Vendeurs Ambulants du Congo)	Regional alliance	Kivu region, DR Congo	7521 members
5	AVEMA (Association of Vendors and Marketeers in Zambia)	National alliance	Zambia	41 387 members
6	AZIEA (Alliance of Zambian Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zambia	11 961 members
7	BOISA (Botswana Informal Sector Association)	National alliance	Botswana	11 690 members
8	CNTG (Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs de Guinée)	National TU centre	Guinee, West Africa	7 981 members
9	CNTS (Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs du Sénégal)	National TU centre	Sénégal	20 004 members
10	CTCP-FNT (Confederación de los Trabajadores por su Cuenta Propia)	National Union	Nicaragua	25 000 members
11	CSA (Confederation des Syndicats Autonomes du Benin)	National TU centre	Benin	2 612 members
12	FAINATRASIT (Faitière National Travailleurs du Secteur Informel Togo)	National federation	Togo	25 000 members
13	FENAVEMER (Federación Nacional de vendedores/as y trabajadores/as de los mercados Dominican Republic)	National federation	Dominican Republic	6821 members
14	FENATSEA (Federación Nacional de Trabajadores del Sector Autónomo)	National federation	Costa Rica	1136 members
15	FENSTACHS (Federação Nacional de Sindicatos de Trabalhadores Industria Alimentar, Comercio, Hotelaria, Turismo e Similares)	National federation	Angola	28 900 members
16	FENTRAVIG (Federación Nacional Trabajadores y Vendedores Independientes de Guatemala)	City alliance	Guatemala	5000 members
17	FEPTIWUL (Federation Petty Traders & Informal Workers Unions of Liberia)	National union	Liberia	10 500
18	FETTEI-CI (Fédération des Travailleuses et Travailleurs de l'Economie Informelle de Côte D'Ivoire) Cote d'Ivoire	National union	Côte d'Ivoire	5 200 members
19	FESTIVES (Federación Sindical de Trabajadores Independientes Vendedores de El Salvador)	National federation	El Salvador	12 950 members
20	FIWON (Federation of Informal Workers' Organisations of Nigeria)	National alliance	Nigeria	25 000 members
21	FNOTNA (Federación Nacional de Organizaciones de Trabajadores No	National Union	Mexico	25 000 members

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22	FOTSSIEH (Federación de Organizaciones del Sector Social y Informal de la Economía de Honduras)	National alliance	Honduras	2000 members
23	FTUEU (Free Trade Union of Entrepreneurs of Ukraine)	National union	Ukraine	20 060 members
24	FUTRAND (Federación Unica de Trabajadores No Dependientes)	National Union	Venezuela	3 992 members
25	FUTTEINCO (Federación Unitaria de Trabajadores del Turismo, Economía Informal, Comercio y Afines)	National Federation	Dominican Republic	1 760 members
26	IDEA (Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Associations)	National union	Cambodia	1998 members
27	KENASVIT (Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders)	National alliance	Kenya	12000 members
28	Khathang Tema Baits'okoli	National organization	Lesotho	10 109 members
29	KOSC (Korean Street Vendors Confederation)	National alliance	South Korea	3000 members
30	Kyrgyzstan Commercial Workers' Union	National union	Kyrgyzstan	9 980 members
31	LDFC (Ligue pour le Droit de la Femme Congolaise)	3-Province alliance	Dem. Republic of Congo	8520 members
32	LAIE (Labour in Informal Economy)	National union	Bangladesh	5250 members
33	Moldova Business Sind	National union	Moldova	1012 members
34	MUFIS (Malawi Union for the Informal Sector)	National union	Malawi	17 200 members

35	NEST (Nepal Union of Street Traders)	National union	Nepal	6 500 members
36	NIDAWU (Namibian Domestic & Allied Workers' Union)	National union	Namibia	500 members
37	SAITA (South African Informal Traders' Alliance)	National alliance	South Africa	39 744 members
38	SCWU (Self-employed and Commercial Workers' Union of Georgia)	National union	Georgia	621 members
39	SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association)	National union	India	21 000 members
40	SINTRALOC (Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Independientes Ambulantes del Transporte y Anexos)	National union	Chile	3758 members
41	SleTU (Sierra Leone Traders Union)	National Union	Sierra Leone	30 225 members
42	SNVC (Syndicat National des Vendeurs du Congo)	National union	DR Congo	12000 members
43	Street Vendor Project	City alliance	New York, USA	2892 members
44	SYNAMAVAB-UNSTB	Union	Bénin	10 500 members
45	SYNAVFL (Syndicat National des Vendeurs des Fruits et Legumes)	National union	Burkina Faso	6410 members
46	SYTRIECI (Syndicat des Travailleurs Independents de l'Economie Informelle)	National union	Rwanda	6 872 members
47	SYVEBU (Syndicat des vendeurs de Rue du Burundi)	National union	Burundi	3 600 members
48	TUICO (Tanzania Union of Industrial & Commercial Workers)	National union	Tanzania	3 700 members
49	UGSEIN (Union Générale des Syndicats Economie Informelle Niger)	National TU Center	Niger	30 000 members
50	UGTI-CUT (Unión General de Trabajadores Independientes y de la Economia Informal)	National union	Colombia	12 000 members
51	UMAEU (Uganda Markets & Allied Employees Union)	National union	Uganda	6 181 members
52	UNIWA (National Trade Union for informal Economy Workers)	National union	Ghana	30 000 members
53	UNICAB (União d Trabalhadores Ambulantes, Feriantes e Camelôs do Brasil)	National alliance	Brazil	7000 members
54	USYNVEPID-CSPIB	Union	Bénin	2800 members
55	Vmeste (Belarus Trade Union "Together")	National union	Belarus	870 members
56	Xhidmat-ISH	National union	Azerbaijan	5300 members
57	ZCIEA (Zimbabwe Chamber of Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zimbabwe	22 500 members

Total Membership: 656 264

Membership growth

StreetNet's membership was always on its growth and fall, however we are gradually increasing our membership.

A big membership loss can be observed during the Covid pandemic, that's why more efforts and focus needs to be put towards organizing and recruiting activities:

	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL membership	612 999	490 453	559 802	727 669	664 244	656 264
Americas	133 782	68 039	81 260	82 599	92 575	109 729
Asia	114 713	113 813	114 176	114 176	34 044	37 748
S & E Africa	131 114	140 323	158 386	317 086	230 550	225 299
W & C Africa	179 007	113 996	167 299	176 784	271 092	244 745
Europe & C Asia	44 383	53 382	37 342	37 024	35 983	38 743

Since the last Congress, StreetNet accepted 5 new affiliated organizations with whom we had precious communication.

StreetNet Extension:

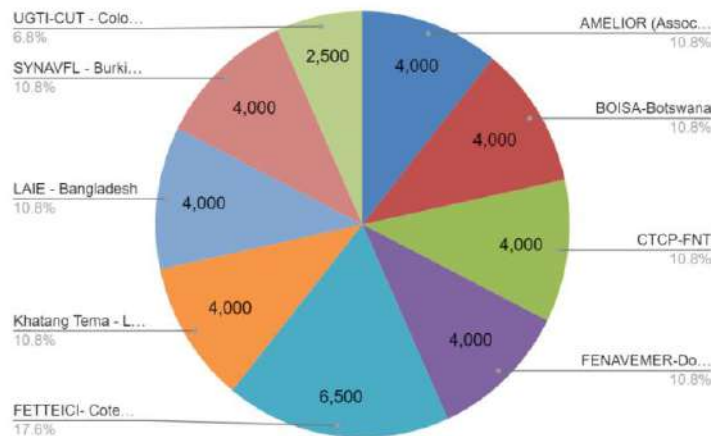
Within last years we have received several letters from different organizations asking for StreetNet membership (Zimbabwe, Kenya, Niger, Tunis) however, we are in the process of verification about their representation status and compliance with StreetNet criteria.

Our further strategy on extension and StreetNet presence is very clear and we have several potential organizations (Argentina (UTEP), Cuba (SNTCGS), Philippine, Vietnam, Congo-Brazzaville) and maintain our communication with them until they are ready to join StreetNet family and to be in compliance with our requirements.

StreetNet is committed to strengthen its all affiliates but we need to be consistent and effective, we need **to analyze and monitor our influence level, develop and maintain accurate data and statistics, invest in recruiting and mobilizing new members.**

Only few affiliates submitted their country activities proposal on organizing and mobilizing activities. StreetNet had some limited budget from the SIDA funds and managed to provide some support on Organizing activities to several affiliates in early 2023:

StreetNet support for Organizing activities



Regional Focal Points and consolidation:

I can proudly note that all five StreetNet Regional Focal Points (RFPs) started to activate their functional roles and demonstrate a much better horizontal coordination and/or communication among the regional affiliates with support of StreetNet regional Organizers. We could notice this improvement since our Extraordinary Council Meeting in November 2020, when all RFP Coordinators presented the regional reports and committed their role to act according to the defined ToR of the StreetNet RFP.

There are still many challenges with establishing a proper communication, reaching each affiliate especially in Asian region, however, we need to be more inventive and find different approaches towards different affiliates in different regions and countries.

We see gradual integration of RFPs into StreetNet life and I would like only to encourage all our RFPs to continue their commitment and show even better performance especially when more regional coordination and unity is needed and expected.

All five StreetNet Regional Focal Points (RFPs) operate in their own way, however, we need to ensure that RFPs clearly understand their important roles in StreetNet structural arrangements and regional space for the affiliates to discuss and develop their regional strategies but not to create new controversial issues for future internal tension and misunderstandings.

I believe it's a need to do some evaluation process of all our RFPs and their effectiveness as well as challenges to come up with summary analysis as our RFPs remain to play a strategic sustainability role for the StreetNet, thus, they need to be strong, empowered and reliable in coordinating the region efficiently.

Within 2019-2020 all our RFPs' coordinators had gone through a joint virtual training as well as some individual mentorship meetings with International Coordinator and Regional Organizers.

A current state of RFPs in StreetNet is as following:

1. AMERICAS

FESTIVES from El Salvador is a RFP for the Americas region.

FESTIES conducts RFP Meetings using different means of communication, and gradual moving to Zoom virtual program really improved its quantitative participation of the regional affiliates. StreetNet Regional Organizer provided needed assistance to the FESTIVES leadership in holding proper meetings and ensuring a good quality Minutes of those meetings.

1	AFFE (Asociación de Feriantes de Ferias Especiales)	City alliance	Montevideo, Uruguay	420 members
2	CTCP-FNT (Confederación de Trabajadores por Cuenta Propia)	National union	Nicaragua	25 000 members
3	FENATSEA (Federación Nacional de Trabajadores del Sector Autónomo)	National federation	Costa Rica	1 136 members
4	FENAVEMER (Federación Nacional de vendedores/as y trabajadores/as de los mercados Dominican Republic)	National federation	Dominican Republic	6821 members
5	FENTRAVIG (Federación Nacional Trabajadores y Vendedores Independientes de Guatemala)	City alliance	Guatemala	5 000 members
6	FESTIVES (Federación Sindical de Trabajadores Independientes Vendedores de El Salvador)	National Federation	El Salvador	12 950 members
7	FNOTNA (Federación Nacional de Organizaciones de Trabajadores No Asalariados)	National Union	Mexico	25 000 members
8	FOTSSIEH (Federación de Organizaciones de Trabajadores del Sector Social y Informal de Economía Honduras)	National alliance	Honduras	2000 members
9	FUTRAND (Federación Unica de Trabajadores No Dependientes)	National Union	Venezuela	3 992 members
10	FUTTEINCO (Federación Unitaria de Trabajadores del Turismo, Economía Informal, Comercio y Afines)	National Federation	Dominican Republic	1 760 members

11	SINTRALOC (Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Independientes Ambulantes del Transporte y Anexos)	National union	Chile	3 758 members
12	Street Vendor Project	City alliance	New York, USA	2 892 members
13	UGTI-CUT (Unión General Trabajadores Independientes y de la Economía Informal)	National union	Colombia	12 000 members
14	UNICAB (União d Trabalhadores Ambulantes, Feriantes e Camelôs do Brasil)	National alliance	Brazil	7000 members

TOTAL regional membership: 109 729 members

2. ASIA

The Regional Focal Point for Asia is currently under NEST from Nepal. There is a need to improve the horizontal communication in the region, thus the assistance from GEFONT (National Trade Union from Nepal) is still expected and appreciated.

1	IDEA (Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Associations)	National union	Cambodia	1998 members
2	KOSC (Korean Street Vendors Confederation)	National alliance	South Korea	3000 members
3	LAIE (Labour in Informal Economy)	National union	Bangladesh	5 250 members
4	NEST (Nepal Union of Street Traders)	National union	Nepal	6 500 members
5	SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association)	National union	India	21 000 members

TOTAL regional membership: 37 748 members

3. EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

This region's Regional Focal Point is run by the affiliate from Moldova – Moldova - Business Sind, which has made a promising start with the regional coordination and communication, supported by the national trade union centre to which they are affiliated.

The Coordinator of RFP is using different ways of maintaining communication among the regional affiliates, however, still keeping communicating with the affiliates on individual basis.

With support of the Regional Organizer the RFP meetings have been held on a regular basis.

1	FTUEU (Free Trade Union of Entrepreneurs of Ukraine)	National union	Ukraine	20 060 members
2	Kyrgyzstan Commercial Workers' Union	National union	Kyrgyzstan	9980 members
3	Moldova Business Sind	National union	Moldova	1012 members
4	SCWU (Self-employed and Commercial Workers' Union of Georgia)	National union	Georgia	621 members
5	Vmeste (Belarus Trade Union "Together")	National union	Belarus	870 members
6	Xhidmat-ISH	National union	Azerbaijan	5 300 members
7	AMELIOR (Association des Marchés Écologiques Locales Indépendants et Organisés de la Récupération)	City based	Paris, France	900 members

TOTAL regional membership: 38 743 members

4. SOUTHERN & EAST AFRICA

The Regional Focal Point for the Southern & East region is TUICO from Tanzania since May 2019. A newly appointed coordinator by TUICO started to actively integrate into RFP role and demonstrates a very progressing results in maintaining the communication within the region despite language difficulties for two Lusophone affiliates which StreetNet office is assisting with and a general performance is only improving as StreetNet hired a Portuguese interpreter who will help now with communication.

Regular meetings started to be conducted in Zoom platform with support of the StreetNet Regional Organizer. The Minutes are produced on a regular basis and the region visibly works in unity and a regular communication.

1	AEIMO (Associação da Economia Informal de Moçambique)	National Union	Mozambique	19 427 members
2	AVEMA (Association of Vendors and Marketeers in Zambia)	National Alliance	Zambia	41 387 members
3	AZIEA (Alliance of Zambian Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zambia	11 961 members
4	BOISA (Botswana Informal Sector Association)	National Alliance	Botswana	11 690 members
5	FENSTACHS (Federação Nacional de Sindicatos dos Trabalhadores da Industria Alimentar, Comercio, Hotelaria, Turismo e Similares)	National federation	Angola	28 900 members
6	KENASVIT (Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders)	National alliance	Kenya	12 000 members
7	Khathang Tema Baits'okoli	National organization	Lesotho	10 109 members
8	MUFIS (Malawi Union for the Informal Sector)	National union	Malawi	17 200 members
9	NIDAWU (Namibian Domestic & Allied Workers' Union)	National union	Namibia	500 members
10	SAITA (South African Informal Traders' Alliance)	National alliance	South Africa	39 744 members
11	TUICO (Tanzania Union of Industrial & Commercial Workers)	National union	Tanzania	3 700 members
12	UMAUEU (Uganda Markets & Allied Employees Union)	National union	Uganda	6 181 members
13	ZCIEA (Zimbabwe Chamber of Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zimbabwe	22 500 members

TOTAL regional membership: 225 299 members

5. WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

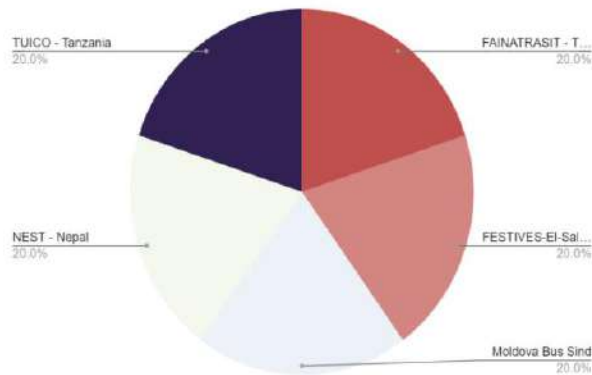
FAINATRASIT is the Regional focal point organization, based in Togo. This RFP was one of the most established and experienced RFPs, but still has language challenges (languages, poor access to internet & connection) trying to operate according to the ToR of the RFP, and to play a coordinating role in the region. Regular meetings have been conducted by assistance of the StreetNet Regional Organizer.

1	ASSOVACO (Association des Vendeurs Ambulants du Congo)	Regional alliance	Kivu region, DR Congo	7521 members
2	CNTG (Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs de Guinée)	National TU centre	Guinee, West Africa	7981 members
3	CNTS (Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs du Sénégal)	National TU centre	Sénégal	20 004 members
4	CSA (Confederation des Syndicats Autonomes du Benin)	National TU Center	Benin	2612 members
5	FAINATRASIT (Faitière Nationale Travailleurs du Secteur Informel du Togo)	National federation	Togo	25 000 members
6	FEPTIWUL (Federation Petty Traders & Informal Workers Unions of Liberia)	National union	Liberia	10 500 members
7	FETTEI-CI	National unión	Côte d'Ivoire	5200 members
8	FIWON (Federation of Informal Workers' Organisations of Nigeria)	National alliance	Nigeria	25 000 members
9	LDFC (Ligue pour le Droit de la Femme Congolaise)	3-Province Alliance	Dem. Rep. of Congo	8520 members
10	SleTU (Sierra Leone Traders Union)	National Union	Sierra Leone	30 225 members
11	SNVC (Syndicat National des Vendeurs du Congo)	National Union	Dem. Rep. of Congo	12000 members
12	SYNAMAVAB-UNSTB	Union	Bénin	10 500 members
13	SYNAVFL (Syndicat National des Vendeurs des Fruits et Legumes)	National union	Burkina Faso	6410 members
14	SYTRIECI (Syndicat des Travailleurs Independents de l'Economie Informelle)	National union	Rwanda	6872 members
15	SYVEBU (Syndicat des vendeurs de Rue du Burundi)	National union	Burundi	3600 members
16	UGSEIN (Union Générale des Syndicats Economie Informelle Niger)	National TU centre	Niger	30 000 members
17	UNIWA (National Trade Union for informal Economy Workers)	National union	Ghana	30 000 members
18	USYNVEPID-CSPIB	Union	Bénin	2800 members

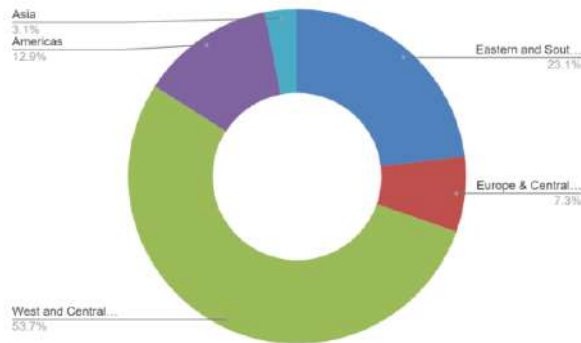
TOTAL regional membership:

244 745 members

StreetNet support to the RFPs in 2020-2022:



Provided support per region (2020-2023):



Governance structures and leadership

StreetNet's structures of democratically elected leadership are functioning effectively, in accordance with the provisions of the StreetNet Constitution.

The **International Council** has met six times since the Sixth International Congress held in April 2019:

International Council Meetings within June 2019 - May 2023:

29-30 May 2019	Physical Council Meeting (Lome, Togo)
10 – 11 March 2020	Physical Council Meeting (Montevideo, Uruguay)
25/26 November 2020	Virtual Extraordinary Council Meeting
25/26 March 2021	Virtual Annual Council Meeting
16-18 August 2022	Physical Council Meeting (Accra, Ghana)
2 May 2023	Physical Council Meeting (Kigali, Rwanda)

The **Executive Committee** has met, physically and by teleconference, on regular quarterly basis as required, on the following dates:

28 May 2019	Physical Meeting (Lome, Togo)
20 August 2019	Teleconference
15 November 2019	Teleconference
9 March 2020	Physical Meeting (Montevideo, Uruguay)
20 May 2020	Teleconference
27 August 2020	Teleconference
18 November 2020	Teleconference
5 March 2021	Teleconference
25 May 2021	Teleconference
26 August 2021	Teleconference
16 November 2021	Teleconference
18 February 2022	Teleconference
31 May 2022	Teleconference
15 August 2022	Physical Meeting (Accra, Ghana)
23 November 2022	Teleconference
1 May 2023	Physical Meeting (Kigali, Rwanda)

The **Finance Review Panel** held its meetings virtually on the following dates:

- 13 May 2019;
- 27 July 2020;
- 11 November 2020.
- 22 April 2021;
- 22 December 2021;
- 2 June 2022;
- 8 August 2022;
- September 2022 - informal meeting
- 7 December 2022;
- 20 December 2022.

Operational capacity and administration

I am grateful to all the StreetNet International Council Members who show their loyalty and support to me and towards all the StreetNet team members, working in synergy and full understanding of existing challenges, trying to support where possible, suggest where needed and praise where deserved.

I believe, we have developed from the office a very efficient internal communication with StreetNet leadership, especially with our Executive Committee Members .

Despite still existing connection challenges and some language barriers we have found the most suitable option/s to communicate at different levels of our operational work and there is a big progress in this challenging area for all of our leadership and affiliates. I appreciate our fruitful cooperation with our Leadership as your valuable input, suggestion and constructive criticism is always helping us to improve and move forward as well as to find the best solution in our hectic work and evolution process.

The working relationship between the office and the President has been strong and supportive, and we have been able to do a lot of work and planning together. The relationship with the Vice-President and the Secretary developed to a great level of communication and mutual support. The Vice-President is executing his role as a Chair of the Human Resource Committee in his best quality and manner and the Secretary is extremely supportive in the overall work as well as very committed to his role as a Chair of the Disciplinary Commission.

The Sub-Committee on Worker Education, has already extended to four members, Annie Diouf and Gabriela Calandria, Namrata Ben, Wisborn Malaya, worked actively with the support of Maira Vannuchi, who started to be partly responsible for the Workers' Education strategy in StreetNet. The Educational Strategy has been developed and will be discussed with the affiliates in a near future.

This work is still ongoing.

The Sub-Committee on Discipline, with three members, Jamal Ismayilov, Komi Kessouagni and Iryna Yaskevich had received a written request from StreetNet Executive Committee to consider the case of non-proper behaviour and verbal harassment from the leader of our affiliate in Brazil and a staff member who complained to the International Coordinator and the Vice-President to seek support and protection. The case was discussed and the Conclusion was sent to the Executive Committee for proper actions.

The Human Resources Sub-Committee went through 2 training session in early 2021 and convened three meetings to consider requests from the Team Representatives. To build more consistency, I would like to reinforce a request of the previous International Coordinator to consider needs to be given of having the Human Resources Sub-Committee as a permanent commission/sub-committee with members who are retained for their identifiable skills in human resource management, not brought in after each election simply because they are current members of the International Council.

StreetNet's operational work is done by the following **staff team**:

1. International Coordinator (full-time) – Oksana Abboud
2. Financial Administrator (full-time) – Annelene Shahbaz
3. Admin and Finance Assistant (part-time) – Suvarna Ragunan
4. Strategy and Education Development Planner/Organiser (full-time) – Maira Vannuchi
5. Organiser (full-time) – Jane Masta
6. Organizer (full-time) – Evelyn Benjamin-Samson

7. Organiser (full-time) – Nastasia Tysmans
8. Organiser/Legal Consultant (part-time) – Kateryna Yarmolyuk-Kröck
9. Communication & Media Manager (part-time) – Margarida Teixeira
10. Media Assistant (part-time Consultant) – Irene Doda
11. Consultant on Digital Communication Expertise (part-time Consultant) – Eleni Rozali
12. Global Advocacy, Strategist & Informal Economy Analyst (part-time Consultant) – Pilar Balbuena
13. Organizer (part-time) - Patrick Kane
14. Office caretaker (part-time) – Mdu Phenyane

The team of StreetNet, especially since the second half of the last year, started to extend as we have got a 5 -year grant from a new donor – Ford Foundation, which allowed us to bring additional human resources to our team, expand our focus areas and activities. But, again, we have to be strategic and admit that StreetNet is still not a self-sufficient membership-based organization but still a donor-driven one, that's why we should recognize that after the donor's funds finish in 5 or more years, we need to be able to sustain ourselves, including – to sustain our operational team. At the same time, it is essential to ensure our commitment to the labour movement and not to lose its nature as there is always a risk to become a traditional NGO which functions from one project to another, hiring temporally consultants for a specific period of time. However, it is our current reality so far, as all other like-minded global organizations representing informal economy workers function in a very similar way as we do.

I believe we have to persist with the same strategy of keeping our operational team not very big but invest in its development and improvement along with strengthening and capacitating our affiliates in StreetNet. As practice shows, it is extremely important to strengthen our small team with different additional or new skills and set of knowledge to become very efficient and to be able to provide a qualified advice to all our affiliates and beyond.

Since a new grant gave us more possibilities to do focus on some other important area of work, we were able to hire new Consultant Kateryna Yarmolyuk-Kroeck (who is a specialized lawyer on labour issues) to focus on existing legal instruments at international, regional and local levels which could be analyzed and used by our affiliates in their advocacy work in their countries. Kateryna is working closely with WIEGO Legal Program Department. At the same time Kateryna is a part-time StreetNet Organizer responsible for the European and Central Asian regions.

I am also proudly emphasizing out Communication and Media team led by our great Media Manager Margarida Teixeira. It is a great role our media plays in implementation of StreetNet strategic goals and brings the voice of our members to be more visible and heard.

I also believe that any membership-based organization needs to have a proper media strategy to fulfill its goals and promote the organization and its work at different levels. In such a way we hired two consultants to assist Margarida who so successfully and

precisely apply their professional skills in StreetNet media work at the same time bringing new initiatives on organizational development.

We also managed to hire an assistant for our Finance and Admin Manager Annelene Shahbaz, who definitely needed some support. A new part-time Assistant Suvarna Ragunan is also based in Durban (South Africa) which is a big advantage as Annelene can get a direct assistance from Suvarna especially when they meet in StreetNet headquarter office in Durban on a regular basis.

One more Consultant on Global Advocacy, Strategy & Informal Economy Analysis is Pilar Balbuena who used to assist our Regional Organizer Maira in the Americas region for the last 1,5 years but at the same time working with WIEGO Urban Policy Program, started to have a direct Contract with StreetNet since April 2022.

Since January 2022, two of our team members – Maira Vannuchi and Margarida Teixeira proved to be enough qualified and had been promoted in StreetNet grading system to the Managerial Grade 9. They also received some additional new responsibilities and supervisory roles. I believe StreetNet should be a healthy space for self-development for any team member and eventually recognize the valuable input in organizational growth.

At the same time, I have to highlight that StreetNet team is friendly, regularly engage with their respective affiliates, committed and work in a very dynamic coordination, which I appreciate very much.

Funds and Fundraising

The following funding contracts in January 2020 – March 2027:

SIDA via WIEGO	April 2020 to March 2023 April 2023- March 2027	Core funds for 2023/2025 & programs
OSF	Jan. 2020- Dec.2022	Program activity on Cross-Border Trade & Core funds for 2020/2021
Ford Foundation (via WIEGO)	May 2021 – April 2026	Core funds for 2021-2025 and program activities
Oxfam	Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2026	Project funds for food security in ASEAN region, focusing on Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam
OSF (Emergency Fund)	May 2020 – extended till Dec. 2022	Economic Recovery Plans activities, communication & website development
OSF (via WIEGO Social Protection Program)	Nov. 2019 – extended till Dec. 2022	Project on extension of social protection in Sub-Saharan African countries

When Covid pandemic hit the world, we were able to negotiate with the OSF and receive some Emergency funds to directly support the affiliates, providing Communication allowances (since all the members had to moved for virtual communication and activities) and later, with support of WIEGO, we were able to receive a 5-year grand with Ford Foundation. We also continue our partnership with SIDA as the project was renewed in 2023 again till 2027. The funds have been managed through WIEGO. This allowed us to hire more people to develop a good operational system and communication with our affiliates.

We are secured in StreetNet with the financial resources for the next at least 3 years, however, it doesn't mean we can relax as our fundraising activity should continue and become part of regular exercise. Leadership participation in the StreetNet fundraising is also critically important and will be more valued afterward.

StreetNet Properties/offices

1. Unit 101 Dinvir Center ,123 Joe Slovo St., Durban, South Africa

We acquired this property in 2016. It is a sectional titled owed property. We currently have two tenants renting office spaces from us (Focus planning Solutions and SASEWA). The building is in a very poor condition and we have been having endless problems with the body corporate. This has become a matter of concern with the Auditors as well as we have not been paying levies due to no invoice being received with proper banking details.

Since COVID the tenants have been impacted, and we had to write off some of their rentals during this period. We plan on selling the property during this year and hope to get back what we paid for the property.

2. 45 Claribel Road, Windermere, Durban, South Africa

This property was acquired in December 2022. We approached the Ford Foundation and asked if we can purchase a building with some of the funds allocated to StreetNet. It's a stand-alone building . We will also rent out a portion of the building to enable us to sustain ourselves in the future should we not have donor funds to pay our municipality bills and maintain the building.

Focus Planning Solution has showed an interest to move with us to a new property as our tenant.

Publicity, media and documentation

Since the moment StreetNet hired a dedicated Media Officer Margarida Teixeira in June 2020, the media work in StreetNet rapidly started to remarkably flourish as within such a small period of time a new Media Officer demonstrated her excellent professional skills and capacity to bring a lot of initiative and implement a lot of projects with regard to Media, Communication and Youth initiatives.

I just want to note that we never should diminish or underestimate the work of effective Media and Communication in Membership-based organizations. Kudos to StreetNet Media and Communication Team!

Full report of Media work has been already added to your documents.

PART III – Strategic Challenges facing StreetNet

StreetNet still faces similar challenges to the ones we identified at the Fourth and Fifth StreetNet International Congresses, with our internal challenges still outweighing our external challenges.

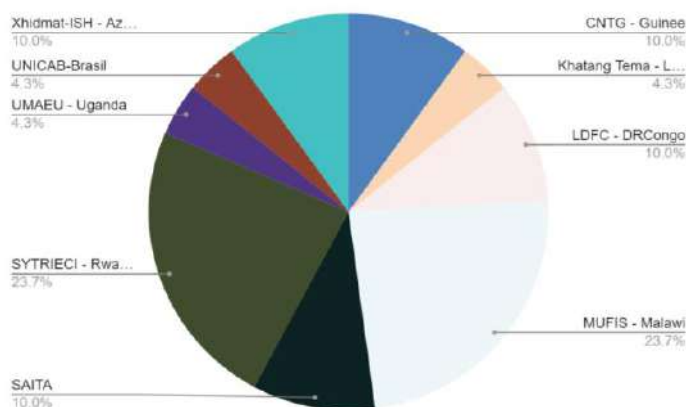
INTERNAL CHALLENGES

Developing the capacity of StreetNet affiliates

Identifying and recruiting the most representative organizations in each country: As mentioned above under “membership growth” we need to remain outward-looking and continue to strive to represent the most representative organizations of the poorest workers in our sector of the informal economy. This sometimes means persuading our affiliates (*who are not always the most representative in the country, and sometimes not even of the poorest workers in the sector*) to unite and work with other organizations they may be competing with.

Integrating youth into the organization: There has been some progress in this regard as we have started to collect more disaggregated by age data and a Youth project has been implemented as a testing one in 2021-2022. A constitutional provision enables the establishment of an International Youth Committee, however, until this Congress we are not ready for this structure to start proper functioning. We need to have an efficient Committee but this requires more preparatory work and investment.

Youth Reporters Project:



Integrating vendors with disabilities into the organization: There has been some slow progress in this regard as few affiliates have reported strengthened organizational activities involving street vendors and informal traders with disabilities, but this still needs more work and focus.

Internal democracy: We have continued our efforts to support the building of internal democracy and strong women's leadership in all our affiliates, to identify and note the gate-keeping practices, and marginalization of weaker workers in our sector. Unfortunately it is still the case which was also highlighted by the previous coordinator Pat Horn and which often undermines the level of internal democracy.

Leadership and worker control organization

Class composition: StreetNet still faces a class imbalance in leadership profile, identified at the previous International Congresses. To address the Class issue and identity, we have conducted two-session training for our Leadership and the Team and another training on political identity for the operational team to remind the importance of preserving the attention on a genuine StreetNet constituency considering the Founding Policies on Class and Gender.

EXTERNAL CHALLENGES

Future of work

A rapidly growing development of new technologies challenges millions on formal jobs which eventually has both positive & negative impact on workers in the informal economy. With regard to on-line platforms, access and control is biased towards more dominant and powerful and wealthy stakeholders – although the potential exists for informal economy workers to use them in positive ways. Robotics & artificial intelligence are likely to have indirect impact in the foreseeable future, as those who lose jobs are likely to seek self-employment opportunities in the informal economy.

Organizing and mobilizing new members should be one of the affiliates' priorities as well as building alliances with other workers organizations.

The challenge for StreetNet's members is to anticipate the changes in the world of work and remain one step ahead in the practice of viable new collective innovations.

Climate change, conflicts and wars

The economic and social crisis that we are currently experiencing worldwide is worsened by adverse climate change effects. More than ever each of us started to feel the climate change effect and mainly its negative impact on informal traders and street vendors.

It's a crucial time for all of us to discuss the issue of climate change and any natural disasters as well as conflicts and wars, as we need to develop a proper strategy and action plan for addressing the challenges, especially if they directly impact our members, their lives and livelihoods.

StreetNet Resolution on Climate Change and Recycling should be strengthened with a proper advocacy strategy to mitigate the potentially devastating risks and impact on our constituency.

CONCLUSION – Moving forward towards success

It seems the world is adopting to new realities where we all learn how to live with and after the COVID-19 pandemic around. We need to move forward but considering our lessons learned.

I appreciate our leaders to be supportive in most of our initiatives and ideas on how to ensure sustainability in a long-term perspective. We definitely need to be effective and continue our focus on **Education, Capacity Building** and **Advocacy** work at all levels of our functioning.

Focusing on building an inclusive strategy on defining our particular role in shaping a better future of work is still our task at all levels. New living conditions in a permanently changing world bring new set of circumstances and damage, especially taking into account a full-scale Russian invasion in my country Ukraine, which inevitably will impact directly or indirectly on each of our countries especially with regard to food insecurity, socio-economic instability and a global insecurity in general.

Unity and solidarity are always extremely helpful and essential especially when some specific country or our members are in a big crisis and in a big need, we, the workers, who are majority in our countries and in our societies, we can stand together and to demonstrate our collective actions, great powerful voice, to make a direct impact and changes on our lives as well as to secure peace.

Even if it sounds as a naïve illusion especially in the light of an extreme right-wing political orientation where human or workers' rights are not on the national or even international agenda to be prioritized, we need to move with full faith and courage to fight for social and economic justice to make this world better and turn it back to track.

StreetNet remains fully committed to its genuine mission and values, goals and guiding principles, mandate and its founding policies under any circumstances or conditions, we shouldn't lose our genuine identity and remind ourselves what we are and whom we represent.

I thank to all of you for your permanent support, patience and understanding you provide to me personally and to all our team members who are doing a great job, committing themselves to our wonderful StreetNet family.

Nothing for us Without Us!

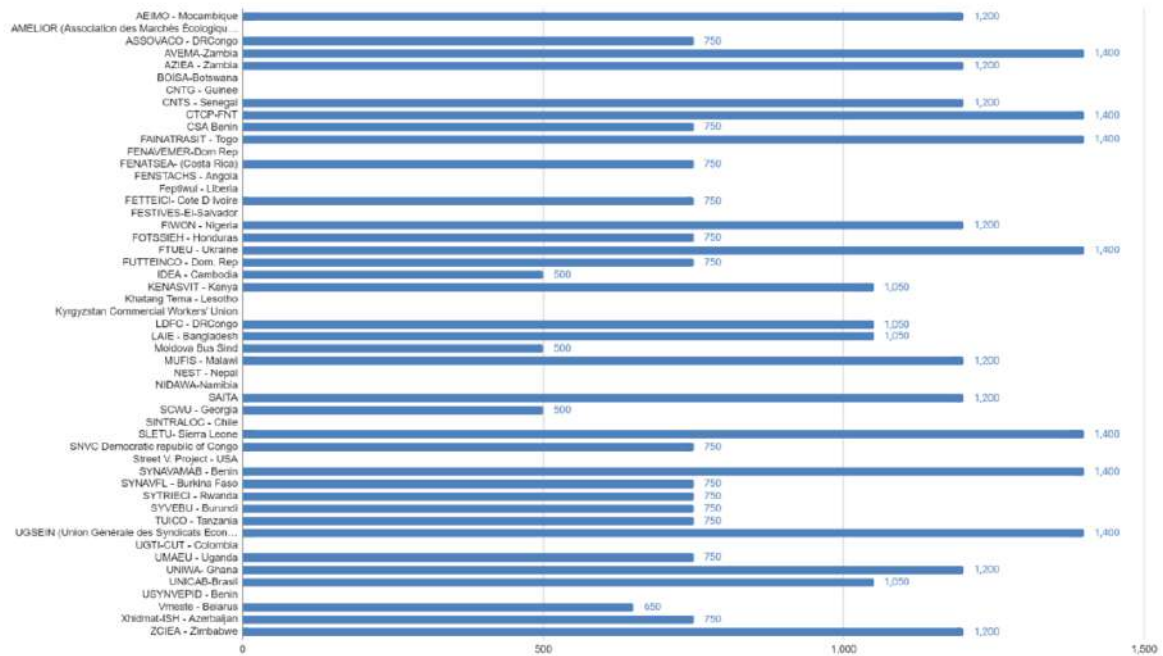
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. StreetNet affiliates use the all existing international legal instruments in their advocacy work in their countries and cities for the benefit of their members and StreetNet constituency in general.
2. International Council to continue to work with the Sub-Committee on Worker Education, and to consider the same composition of its members who are retained for their identifiable skills and capacity at least for two terms (8 years) of StreetNet operation .
3. International Council to reconstitute the Human Resources Sub-Committee as a permanent commission/sub-committee with members who are retained for their identifiable skills in human resource management, not brought in after each election simply because they are current members of the International Council.
4. StreetNet Congress to consider and adopt the amendments to the current Code of Conduct (proposed by the Disciplinary Commission) to make it more progressive and protective for all StreetNet people concerned.
5. StreetNet affiliates to support each other and work with the Council Members and StreetNet Office to build and strengthen leadership from the lower-income-earning categories and bottom classes of street vendors and informal traders, in accordance with StreetNet's Founding Resolution on Class and Gender Organisational Policy.
6. StreetNet affiliates to strengthen their work on the ground integrating youth, vendors with disabilities into their organizations and StreetNet at all levels of these organizations.
7. StreetNet Affiliates, RFPs to respect and follow the StreetNet constitutional provisions without trying to undermine or compromise its women-empowerment articles.
8. StreetNet affiliates to support each other and work with respect and patience with StreetNet operational team to build and strengthen their internal democracy and strong women's leadership at all levels.
9. StreetNet affiliates and other organisations of informal workers to pressurize the ILO to connect their Future of Work initiatives with active implementation of their own ILO Recommendation 204 on transitions from the informal to the formal economy – as the issue of rights-based formalization has to be the key to all discussions on the Future of Work.

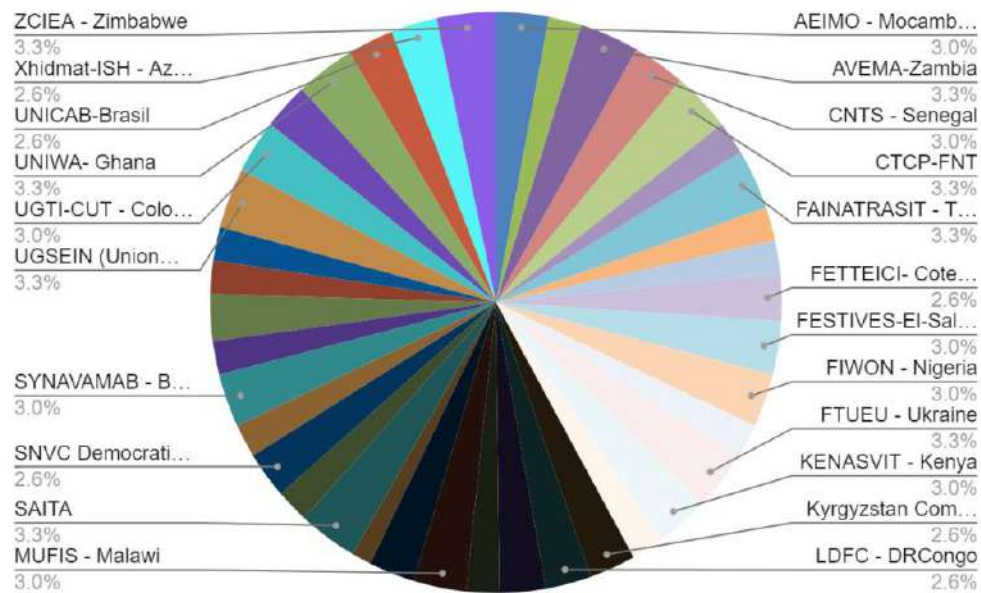
10. StreetNet affiliates to strongly defend the principles, organisational integrity and established legacy of StreetNet International against attempts to capture the organisation for different agendas – and to use their democratic constitutional powers to ensure the election of leaders who are also committed to defend the legacy and organisational integrity of StreetNet.
11. StreetNet Congress to discuss and adopt more progressive provisions on Climate change/justice and a Just Transition.

ANNEXURE 1

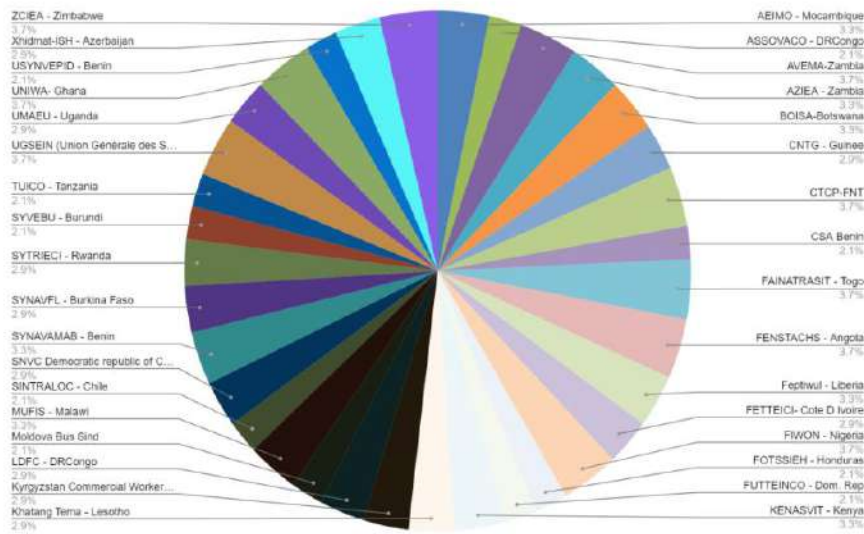
Communication support to Affiliates (2020-2021)



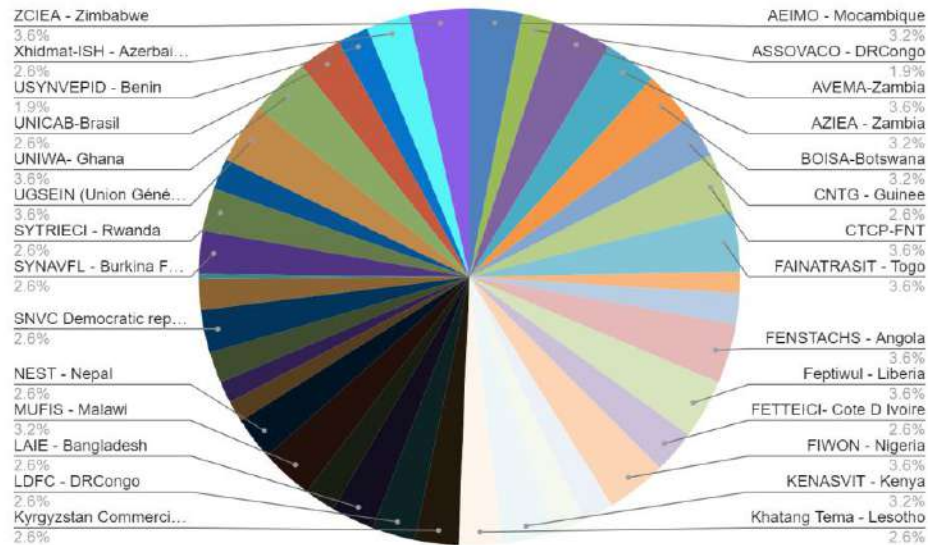
StreetNet support on Economic Recovery Plans



StreetNet support for the Country activities projects



StreetNet support for the Sreet Vendors' Day 2022





Media Engagement Report 2021-April 2023

StreetNet has identified media and communication as one priority area for the development of the organization. This report compiles the main outcomes and achievements of StreetNet in this area, as well as the proposals for the future.

1. Communication and Media Team

As of February 2022, the Communication and Media Team is led by the **Communication and Media Manager Margarida Teixeira, the Media Assistant Irene Doda and the Digital Communications Consultant Eleni Rozali**. In the past, StreetNet only had one team member fully devoted to Communication and Media - the Media Officer - which limited the amount of outputs. With this new and strengthened structure, StreetNet is capable of developing a more ambitious strategy and delivering more materials, training and support to its affiliate organizations.

2. Feedback of affiliates regarding StreetNet Communication

In 2021, we sent an Annual Communication Assessment questionnaire via email and WhatsApp groups to affiliates. **We received responses from 24 organizations. Here are our main findings:**

- Most organizations do not have anyone in charge of communication, but would be interested in training someone to assume that task;
- The most used channels of communication of our affiliate organizations to communicate with external audiences are WhatsApp/Telegram and Facebook;
- The most used internal communication channels to communicate with members are phone calls and SMS, closely followed by WhatsApp;
- Most affiliates are strongly interested in following training about social media management, and a few are also interested in other trainings related to taking pictures and organizing virtual meetings;
- Most affiliates stated they mostly get information from: the regional WhatsApp group and StreetNet International Coordinator. This was followed closely by organizers and

Admin Manager, which means that social media and website are still not the main source of information;

- Most affiliates English and Spanish speaking affiliates follow Facebook, most of all. For French speaking affiliates, the E-Letter is the main communication channel followed. These answers were followed by the website and Twitter.

Based on these responses, we have decided to organize a Social Media Management training for affiliates in 2022, designed by our Digital Communications Consultant Eleni Rozali with the support of the team, which we will start to implement in July 2022 with International Council members.

We also organized in 2021 the Youth Reporters on the Ground training, which has already helped some organizations to delegate communication to one specific person in the organization.

We have also decided to invest more in our communication channels, especially our website, WhatsApp and social media, as you can see in the next section.

3. Communication Channels

3.1. Website

The new StreetNet website was launched in November 2021 and it was in development for over a year. The website is now fully available in four languages - English, Spanish, French and Russian - and it contains all relevant information regarding affiliate organizations, international congresses, resources, news and structure of the organization.

With our current capacity, we are able to update the website regularly in all four languages. For the future, we want to invest in developing an internal section of the website for members-only, where they will be able to consult relevant internal documents and other information.

Since the new website was launched in November 2021, it has already achieved 23,625 visits up April 22, 2023, which translates to over 1,300 visits per month on average.

3.2. E-Letter

The StreetNet E-Letter is one of the most important communication channels for the organization, and it has been developed since 2002. We have invested in creating a newsletter

via the email marketing system Mailchimp, which allows for newsletters to be delivered directly to the email inbox of subscribers. We currently have **599 subscribers and our audience has been slowly but steadily growing, due to the dissemination of the newsletter in our communication channels (e.g. social media) and because we encourage website visitors to subscribe.**

Besides the bimonthly E-Letter, we are also sending more targeted newsletters regularly. For example, we launch special targeted newsletters when we release new reports or materials, such as the Social Protection comic book or the COVID-19 report.

Currently, **19% of our subscribers are often engaged - which means they almost always open our newsletters; 16% are sometimes engaged and 60% are rarely engaged.** This means that we have to promote our newsletters further and try to reach more engaged subscribers.

3.3. WhatsApp Broadcast

Since January 2022, we have been investing in a new way to reach our members directly - WhatsApp broadcast. Through this system, members can receive StreetNet news directly in their WhatsApp. However, since it is a new system, we are still encouraging members to subscribe. Right now, we have **60 recipients in total: 32 recipients for our English broadcast; 11 recipients for our French broadcast; and 17 recipients for our Spanish broadcast (we still do not have any for the Russian broadcast).**

Due to the importance of WhatsApp as a communication channel with street vendors and informal economy workers, we are committed to invest in this system and encourage more and more members to subscribe. We believe it has the potential to make our members and external audience more engaged and to support a wider dissemination of our materials.

3.4. Social Media

Facebook

Facebook is definitely the preferred social media platform for our affiliates. We have invested in creating more engaging content for the platform, including social media graphics and videos, and we have also tried to post as many images as possible of our affiliates and StreetNet activities, which bring our membership closer together and generate a lot more engagement on average.

In 2020 and 2021, we also started organized Live Facebook Webinars and are planning to organize more online events that can be livestream on the platform, so we can have more members participating.

In 2022, in the context of the crowdfunding campaign for our Ukrainian affiliate, we also started investing in Facebook ads and will analyze other situations in which investing in advertising can be useful for us.

Today we have **2,427 people who have liked our Facebook page, 53% of which are men. Our Facebook audience is mostly from South Africa, India, Kenya, USA, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Cambodia, Colombia, United Kingdom and Georgia.**

Twitter

Twitter is our second most important social media channel, which allows us to connect directly with partner organizations and amplify our work. **Our audience on Twitter has been steadily growing as well, and we now have 2076 followers.**

There are also more affiliate organizations who have decided to invest in Twitter, such as UMAEU and SYTRIECI. Whenever possible, we always try to highlight our affiliates present on the platform.

YouTube

We use YouTube mostly as an archive of all of our video materials. We currently have **132 subscribers and a total of 10,000 visualizations.**

Instagram

We launched our Instagram account in March 2022, for International Women's Day, so we could reach a younger audience. So far, **we have 334 followers**, but we hope to grow this number in the future.

4. Press and news media outreach

Our strategy to provide StreetNet with added visibility involves having more contact with the press and news media. Therefore, we have created a press database with contacts of specific journalists and media outlets. We have also created a press section within the StreetNet website. We have also organized a webinar with journalists in July 2022, which was attended by about 50 people in total and we received positive feedback.

We also want the voices of our leaders to be amplified, so we propose opinion articles by leaders to news media. So far, we have managed to publish a piece by Lorraine Sibanda in Euronews, another by Angélique Kipulu Katani in **Equal Times** and a piece by Maria do Carmo in **Ms. Magazine**. **We also regularly connect journalists and our affiliates, and disseminate press releases about major events.**

5. Institutional communication materials

We have invested in institutional materials, such as a brand kit and a professional image bank with photos and videos to use in our materials. We now also have an official SNI brochure and **we have an institutional video in our official languages**, so we can easily present StreetNet to potential members and partners.

In January 2023, we also published the first StreetNet Global Report, covering 2021-2022, an important document of accountability and visibility which we will continue to publish yearly and improve each edition.

6. Campaigns

We have organized yearly campaigns with the participation of our members for World Day for Decent Work; Women's Day; May 1st and International Day of Street Vendors, November 14, **especially when SNI reached its 20th anniversary in 2022, an event that was celebrated with its own webpage and videos of every one of our affiliates which are still being shared on social media today.**

We want to start having an even more participatory methodology in the design and development of campaigns, therefore we would like to organize online workshops for members to discuss campaign concepts. We are also involving Youth Reporters in this work.

7. Strategies to increase reach of communication materials

The hardest challenge for media and communication is to ensure that what we produce is widely disseminated and read, so our audience can be engaged. To increase the reach of our communication materials, we are already having regular meetings with organizers. We also already created a WhatsApp group with communication professionals of affiliates.

8. Monitoring and evaluation

To understand how our communication and media is being received, what works and what needs to be improved, we have also invested in monitoring and evaluation. We already asked for feedback in the regional meetings and will start implementing more regular questionnaires about communication. We have also defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each month and year that we collect regularly.

Finally, the Digital Communication Consultant Eleni Rozali has also undertaken a social media audit, and that was one of the main reasons why we decided to invest in Instagram.

As always, we are open to more ideas and suggestions about how to improve our communication and media work!

Report Summary of the StreetNet President - 2019 to 2023

This report is a reflection of the collective power of teamwork, unity of purpose and focus on the struggle to realise dignity, decent work, respect for and recognition of informal economy workers' rights as legitimate and essential workers. Street vendors and market vendors make up a big percentage of informal economy workers and are the main StreetNet International constituency. Hence it is important for us, as StreetNet to continue building up the momentum on our strategies, engagements and demands for the elimination of violence and harassment in our workplaces so that an effective transition from the informal to the formal economy can take place.

**** June 2019, International Labour Conference: ILO**

Convention 190 on the Elimination of Violence and harassment in the world of work

- * Continuation of engagements done in 2018 - working with the WIEGO team and delegates, StreetNet International delegates engaged the workers' group and different governments.

- * SNI President was tasked to address the African governments Group on the need for them to support the Convention and to especially include protection of informal economy workers and prevention of violence and harassment in the informal economy workplaces.

- * SNI President addressed the ILC Plenary on behalf of StreetNet International, motivating the Conference to ensure that the Convention includes the protection of informal economy workers and the prevention of violence and harassment in their workplaces which are usually in the public space(s). The speech was jointly prepared by the International Coordinator and the President in consultation with the WIEGO team.

Results:

- * Some governments, especially the African governments group responded positively and supported the informal economy workers' position

- * The workers group supported our cause, with the assistance of informal economy workers who were in the workers' group.

- * Article 2.2 under the Scope of the ILO Convention 190 states that; The Convention applies to all sectors whether private or public, both in the formal and informal economy and whether in the urban or rural areas.

- * ILO Recommendation 206 on the Elimination of Violence and harassment in the world of work, under Protection and Prevention, subsection 11, states that: "In facilitating the transition of informal to formal economy, Members should provide assistance and resources to informal economy workers and employers and their associations to prevent and address violence in the informal economy".

I have given details on the ILO C190 and R206 because these two are an important tool in our continuing struggle against violence and harassment in our world of work.

We need to continue and upscale engagements with our respective governments to ratify and implement the ILO Convention 190 in our different countries.

**** International Labour Conference 2020**

**** International Labour Conference 2021**

- * The StreetNet International President presented a speech on behalf of StreetNet International. The speech called for:
 - * Social dialogue with workers in the informal economy.
 - * Universal social protection for all, a need which the Covid-19 pandemic accentuated.
 - * Progressive and sustainable financing of inclusive social protection.

ILC Working Party on Inequality and the World of Work: 25 November 2021

* SNI President presented an intervention speech on behalf of SNI, International Domestic Workers Federation, HomeNet International, Global Wastepickers Alliance and WIEGO. The speech articulated the following:

- ** Exclusion of informal economy workers from labour rights, workers' rights and protection.
- ** Covid-19 intensified inequalities.
- ** Recovery of economies and post pandemic societies require solutions with a gender equity perspective where the role of workers in the informal economy as public health agents, care workers and workers contributing to societies is at the centre and forefront of the fight against poverty and inequality.

**** ILO 14th African Regional Meeting in Côte d'Ivoire - 11 December 2019**

SNI President was a panelist in the discussion topic: **Transforming Africa's informal and rural economy for decent work.**

Key message to governments: Ratify Convention 190 for effective transition from informal to formal economy.

****ITUC New Year School - Lome, Togo**

SNI President spoke on the need for trade unions to present social protection plans which include informal economy workers, drawing the attention of some delegates to the non-inclusion of informal economy workers in some of their programming. A representative, Stefano Belluci of the International Institute of Social History engaged the President and indicated interest to work with SNI. Later during the year, he introduced his colleague, Andrea's Admasie, who works with IISH's Africa desk. This was the birth of a partnership between IISH and StreetNet International.

**** Skoll World Forum- October 2020**

Presented on Extending social protection to the informal economy in the face of Covid-19.

**** 9th United Nations Virtual Forum on Business and Human rights**

Topic- Informality: How to approach the Elephant in the Room?

**** May 2022, West and Central Africa Regional Meeting, Senegal**

Reflections and experience sharing on challenges, survival and lessons learnt during Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns

Regional plans for future work

**** Salzburg Global Seminar on Health and Well-being: Gender Equity in the Post pandemic Rebuilding - October 2022**

Presented on:

What is informal economy?

Realities of an informal economy worker

What is StreetNet International?

What is ZCIEA?

**** GEFONT Congress July 2022, Nepal**

**** COSATU Congress, September 2022 - South Africa**

****WIEGO General Assembly - November 2022**

SNI President nominated and elected into the WIEGO Facilitated side event: Advancing Street vendors and market vendors' Interests

MEDIA

**** StreetNet International Media** did a lot of work in information sharing and profiling different leaders, members and activities by SNI affiliates. The News and information articles drew the attention of more organisations who invited me to speak about informal economy work, StreetNet International and our issues.

**** StreetNet International Media**, working with the Ford Foundation ran a Media campaign in which I was interviewed by a number of international media Houses and outlets about StreetNet International, our work and challenges as informal economy workers.

**Lorraine Sibanda,
StreetNet President
ZCIEA President**

April 2023