



GLOBAL ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY  
OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPHERES

## GAFÉIAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013

**Date:** December 05, 2013

**Time:** 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**Location:** Gartenhotel Altmannsdorf, Hoffingergasse 26-28, 1120 Vienna, Austria

**22 Participants** including 4 members of the GAFÉIAS Executive Committee (AGA, MM, JJP, YTD)

Dear Members of GAFÉIAS,

We warmly welcome you to the General Assembly 2013 of GAFÉIAS, the Global Association of Environmental Investments and Sustainability of Economic, Social and Environmental Spheres, registered in Vienna, Austria.

The General Assembly of GAFÉIAS is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of GAFÉIAS. It provides a unique forum for multidisciplinary discussion of the full spectrum of international issues covered by GAFÉIAS Statutes.

The meeting is convened in accordance with **GAFÉIAS Bylaws [Statuten], 6.2. The Members' Assembly**

The General Members' Assembly takes place once per year ... normally during the regular meeting of GAFÉIAS [Annual Congress], the time of written notice of the agenda being at least 6 weeks. Items can be added to the agenda and discussed under "other items" if approved by the Assembly. Voting on those items can only take place at the time of the next regular meeting. If there is no meeting of GAFÉIAS during the year, the Member's Assembly must still meet once per year, as the Annual General Meeting of GAFÉIAS, by being called by GAFÉIAS President. The time of notification of the date of the Annual General Meeting should be 12 weeks; the time of written notice of the agenda should be at least 6 weeks.

### AGENDA & MINUTES

The GAFÉIAS General Members' Assembly has the following functions and responsibilities - Accordingly the order of business is as follows:

1. Welcome and opening of the General Assembly of GAFÉIAS 2013.
2. To receive the GAFÉIAS Annual Report 2009-2013 of all members of the GAFÉIAS Executive Committee and discussion.
3. Presentation of Closing of Account 2012, Accounting 2013 and discussion.

➤ *Decision: approved*



4. Appointment of Auditor, financial report 2012 and 2013.
  - *Decision: approved*
5. To exonerate the GAFÉIAS Executive Committee.
  - *Decision: approved*
6. To discuss the general policy put forward by the GAFÉIAS Executive Committee.
  - Amendment of **GAFÉIAS Statutes, Bylaws & Rules**  
*Decision: approved, with effect as of January 01, 2014*
  - **GAFÉIAS Directorate Environment & Food Security**  
**Implementation / Stakeholder Kick-off Meeting UNIDO/GAFÉIAS Project P1 Cactus Ethiopia:** *Establishing industrial processing and marketing of Beles-based food products for increased income in rural communities in Northern Ethiopia*  
*Report*  
**Director** nomination recommended via Floor Wolff
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS ETHIOPIA**  
*Decision: approved*
  - **GAFÉIAS Art Foundation**, Project PHOENIX – Children Design Urban Habitats, Break Even  
*Decision: approved*
  - **GAFÉIAS Social Competence**, GAFÉIAS Corporations International, Corporation 6, Break Even  
**Cooperation with Eric Adler via License Contract and Agreement with Weidinger Social Coaching GmbH;**  
**Cooperation with Martin Laschkolnig, Licensee of Jack Canfield, The Success Principles, USA;**  
*Decision: approved*
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS EUROPEAN young worker progress base 4U**, GAFÉIAS Corporations International, Corporation 7  
*Decision: approved*
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS ETHIOPIA - Heritage Addis Ababa**, GAFÉIAS Corporations International, Corporation 8  
*Decision: approved*
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS ETHIOPIA - Bahir Dar, Sustainable Urban Development**, GAFÉIAS Corporations International, Corporation 9. Project **Reintegrating Street Children in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia**  
*Decision: approved*
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS EAP - Employee Assistance Program**, GAFÉIAS Corporations International, Corporation 10  
*Decision: approved*
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS Directorate Waste Management**  
*Decision: approved*
  - Foundation of **GAFÉIAS Directorate Renewable Energy**  
*Decision: approved; O.C. Rath: wind wheels, Hungary; Director* nomination via Floor Wolff
  - Movie productions (1) NIBIRU (2) Gabon (3) Street Children (4) Cactus Ethiopia (5) Plastic out of Oceans / Plastic Waste Elimination Programme / Oceans '14 (6) Aloe Vera India, Kerala (7) GAFÉIAS Image Film: Coproduction / production **contracts with PS: film production**, Simon Baumgartner  
*Decision: approved*



7. Subject to a detailed recommendation from the Executive Committee, to approve the Congress venue up to eight years in advance.

*Not applicable*

8. To discuss and approve the individual membership fees of GAFÉIAS.

➤ Decision: current fees approved

9. To present individual views to the GAFÉIAS Executive Committee.

*Interviews of participants*

- *Ethiopian Cultural Center in Vienna: Dr. Desta Alemu, ABUDIGA Wien in cooperation with the Austrian Ethiopian Society; location: Afro-Asian Institute - AAI, Vienna*
- *Public Relations: O.C. Rath, monthly articles in press media (projects, donations, investments, meetings – e.g. GAFÉIAS GCI-7 Meeting Dr. Franz Fischler, President Forum Alpbach, Austria)*
- *Access to the GAFÉIAS member database via GAFÉIAS Dropbox*

10. To elect to the GAFÉIAS Executive Committee two members: GAFÉIAS Congress Manager and the Treasurer, from all nominations received and circulated by the Secretary General, GAFÉIAS.

To elect the **GAFÉIAS Executive Committee Secretary General: Manfred Maierbrugger, Gnesau, Austria**

*Election: elected*

To elect the **GAFÉIAS Director General and Chief Science Officer (CSO):**

*Nominations requested*

11. To be informed of the admission of **GAFÉIAS members.**

*Decision: approved*



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	Member Type	Date	Title	First_Name	Middle_Name	Last_Name	Country	Profession
10046	Executive Member	01.11.2012	Mr.	Anton		Spitzauer	AUSTRIA	agriculture and forestry, prospective agricultural engineer, higher agricultural school Ursprung/2011, Salzburg
10047	Executive Member	01.11.2012	Ms.	Martina		Spitzauer, BSc	AUSTRIA	Environment and Bio-Resources Management, BSc; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences/2012, Vienna
10048	Executive Member	01.11.2012	Mr.	Peter		Spitzauer	AUSTRIA	electrical engineering
10044	Executive Member	01.11.2012	Mr.	Philipp		Scherbaum	AUSTRIA	Lycée Français de Vienne, Romance studies (Romanistik), Physics, University of Vienna; Austrian Service Abroad
10049	Executive Member	27.11.2012	Mag.a.	Isabelle	Elisabeth	Starlinger	AUSTRIA	History and French at Vienna University; SiS course Integrative Social Work; Life and social consultant, group facilitator at IPS / APG; crisis intervention; Marketing, customer acquisition, networking at bit; PR at Presstext Austria
10016	Executive Member	12.01.2013	Dr. med.	Georg		Mair	AUSTRIA	Diplom-Landwirt und Unfallchirurg / Agronomist and Orthopedic Surgeon
10021	Executive Member	14.01.2013	Ms.	Birgit		Bichler, B.A.	AUSTRIA	BA Development Studies, University of Vienna (2013)
10050	Executive Member	20.01.2013	Mr.	André		Demartin	AUSTRIA	2010-2012 Directeur de Division d'Assistance Technique du Génie Militaire, Ministère de la Défense de la République Gabon
10051	Executive Member	21.01.2013	Ms.	Monika		Demartin	AUSTRIA	Soziologie und Politikwissenschaften / Sociology and Political Science
10036	Employee Member	06.04.2013	Mag. rer.nat	Sabine		Flöcklmüller	AUSTRIA	Vienna University, nutritional science (Ernährungswissenschaften), Marketing Manager
10003	Executive Member	09.06.2013	Ms.	Barbara		Rollett	AUSTRIA	Manager Marketing & Sales
10005	Executive Member	19.07.2013	Mag.	Oliver		Rath	AUSTRIA	Führungskraft für Verwaltung, Personal, Controlling, Prozess- und Organisationsentwicklung und auch für das gesamte Operations Management inkl. Marketing
10010	Executive Member	22.07.2013	Mr.	Hans		Plaukovits	AUSTRIA	Forester
10009	Executive Member	22.07.2013	Dr.	Desta		Alemu	AUSTRIA	History and Social Sciences, University of Vienna; Anthropology
10012	Executive Member	05.08.2013	Mr.	Manfred		Maierbrugger	AUSTRIA	Project Development / Media Expert - Television and Radio, Video
10037	Executive Member	21.08.2013	Ms.	Tracy	Efehi	Ryssman	AUSTRIA	Kingston University London; Siena University; Collegium Civitas Warsaw, Joint European Masters in Human Rights & Genocide Studies; University of South Wales/Glamorgan, Cardiff, United Kingdom, Bachelor Sociology with Criminology
10045	Executive Member	09.10.2013	Mr.	Anegagrie		Mekonen	ETHIOPIA	Municipal Council, Bahir Dar
10029	Executive Member	09.10.2013	Mr.	Mahletay		Alem	ETHIOPIA	BA Tourism Management, MA Tourism & Heritage Management, University of Gondar, Ethiopia
10030	Executive Member	09.10.2013	Mr.	Tesfaye		Nigusu Tarekegn	ETHIOPIA	BA Sociology, University of Gondar, Ethiopia; Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, North Central Ethiopian Synod, Development And Social Service Commission, Dessie, Ethiopia
10041	Executive Member	09.10.2013	Ms.	Saba		Assefa	ETHIOPIA	BA Tourism Management, MA Tourism & Heritage Management, University of Gondar, Ethiopia
10038	Executive Member	09.10.2013	Mr.	Musie		Tadesse	ETHIOPIA	High Risk Children Expert
10002	Executive Member	17.10.2013	Mr.	Mitiku		Gabrehiwot Testfaye	ETHIOPIA	MA Social Anthropology - Medical Anthropology; MA Mass Communication and Journalism, Photojournalism; Law; Education - History and Geography; Health Sciences
10033	Executive Member	12.11.2013	Ms.	Annemarie		Komosny	AUSTRIA	Diplomierte Lebens- und Sozialberaterin
10024	Executive Member	14.11.2013	DI	Stefania	Maria	Doria	AUSTRIA	Politecnico di Milano, Environmental and Spatial Planung



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12. To vote on changes in the GAFÉIAS Bylaws.

*Not applicable*

13. To elect GAFÉIAS Honorary and GAFÉIAS Corresponding members.

➤ Mr. Simon Baumgartner: Nomination for GAFÉIAS Honorary Membership

*Decision: approved*

14. To elect one member to the GAFÉIAS Court of Arbitration.

*Not applicable*

15. To elect two **GAFÉIAS Auditors**:

- **Mag. rer.nat. Sabine Flöcklmüller**
- **Nomination DI Ruprecht Hattinger**

*Decision: approved*

16. To implement the dissolution of the Association.

*Not applicable*

17. Close and next meeting – **GAFÉIAS General Assembly 2014**:

*Ordination Annemarie Komosny, Hügeltgasse 12/5, 1130 Vienna, **November 28, 2014, 14:00-16:00***

This invitation goes to all members of the organization as stipulated in GAFÉIAS Bylaws [Statuten], 6.2. The Members' Assembly. The meeting is meant for those residing in Vienna – according GAFÉIAS dedication of finances to development cooperation projects travel reimbursements and expenses are not paid. GAFÉIAS Annual Report including the approved Financial Report as well as the Minutes of the General Assembly of GAFÉIAS will be forwarded to all GAFÉIAS Members.

Admission to GAFÉIAS General Assembly for members of GAFÉIAS and interested guests.

Looking forward to welcome you at the General Assembly of GAFÉIAS 2014,

### The Executive Committee of GAFÉIAS

Mag. Andreas G. Andiel, President & CEO, GAFÉIAS

Jestin John Pagavathiethu, Vice President a.i., GAFÉIAS – *nominated Chief Financial Officer, Jan. 7, 2014*

Manfred Maierbrugger, Secretary General, GAFÉIAS – *elected Dec. 5, 2013*

Prof. Dr. Demel Teketay Fanta, Secretary General, GAFÉIAS – *end of 4 years office period Dec. 1, 2013*

Dipl.-Ing. Yoseph Tewodros Delelegn, Director General, GAFÉIAS – *resignation Dec. 15, 2013*



## 22 Participants (incl. GAFÉIAS Executive Committee)

Mag. Andreas Andiel, President & CEO

Simon Baumgartner, Honorary Member

Birgit Bichler, GCI-1

Yoseph T. Delelegn, Director General

André Demartin, Organic Farming Gabon

Monika Demartin, Information & Documentation, Gabon Documentary

Annemarie Komosny, GCI-6

Manfred Maierbrugger, GCI-7, nominated Secretary General

Jestin J. Pagavathiethu, Vice President a.i.

Mag. Oliver Rath, GCI-6

Tracy Ryssman, Street Children Bahir Dar

Tibor Ryssman, Guest, GAFÉIAS Image Film

Georg Scherbaum, Chairman, SoSaZe

Philipp Scherbaum, SoSaZe

Martina Schwind, GCI-10

Michaela Schwind, GCI-10

Julia Sprenger, SoSaZe

Isabelle Starlinger, GCI-6

Julia Vitoslavsky, Guest, Coop. GCI-7