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## Minutes of the Online-Meeting of the Intercountry Committee Germany-Southern Africa

Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 17:30-20:50 h (5:30-8:50 p.m. (German time=South African Time)

**Participants:** Anyangwe, Stella; Armstrong-Huber, Carole; Ball, Wolfgang; Boykanyu, Maud B.; Brewitz, Wernt; Dienenthal, Jörg; Duisberg, Carl-Heinz; Engelhardt, Wolfgang; Faber, Sylvia; Freiling, Paul; Fey, Christian; Gellersen, Hans-Günther; Goussard, Pierre; Grusevaja, Marina; Haug, Angela; Handt, Wolfgang; Hanisch, Ernst; Hegter, Colin; Hörl, Frank; Justi, Rolf; König, Ulrich; Liebing, Stefan; Maisch, Bernhard; Maisch, Inge; Makunya, Koeki; Matthea, Barbara; Meyer, Klaus; Morlock, Nadine; Meyfarth, Konrad; Moosdorf, Rainer; Mostert, Annemarie; Reimer, Peter; Robertson, Ian; Schuster, Werner; Schröder, Jules; Schwardmann, Frank; Stihl, Jürgen; Quashie, Kobla; Van den Bergh, Frederik; Van den Bergh, Anne; Visser, Helene; Webber, Madeleine; Erie's Pad.

### Agenda

Time	Agenda	Responsibility
17:30	Login	
17:45	Welcome, Agenda– Our goals today	PDG Bernhard Maisch (Chair)
17.50	Welcome from lead district 1820	PDG Rainer Moosdorf
17:55	Welcome by the Governors, PDGs and coordinators from Southern Africa	DG Stella Anyangwe, PDG Annemarie Mostert, PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg, DG Ian Robertson, DG Madeleine Webber, PDG Maud Boikanyo, Frank Schwardmann
18:00	New Members – Welcome to our ICC	Frank Hörl (D1940), Nadine Morlock (D1820), Anne und Frederik van den Bergh (D2000)
18:10	Report 2020-21 of the chairman	PDG Bernhard Maisch
18:20	Report of the coordinators for D 9350 for D 9400	PDG Wernt Brewitz PDG Jörg Dienenthal
18:35	African countries as our partners – <i>Key note lecture</i>	Stefan Liebing (RC Quickborn, D1890)
18:50	Rotary Grants for Southern Africa in operation a) GG for a hospital near Capetown in Covid 19 b) GG 2015554 PPE in Covid-19 for the Tygerberg Children Hospital c) DG Go for Gold	PDG W. Brewitz/DG C.-H. Duisberg PDG B. Maisch/PP Helene Visser/Pierre Goussard PDG B. Maisch/ PP Wolfgang Handt
19:05	RAM – Rotary Action Group against Malaria Youth exchange during Covid-19 GG-Improving education for the children of Tses/Namibia <i>Further brief reports from ICC members on their district and club activities are most welcome !</i>	Konrad Meyfarth Klaus Meyer Frank Schwardmann, Barbara Mathea NN
19:15	Major health issues in Southern Africa	Rainer Moosdorf (RC Marburg-Schloss, D1820)
19:25	Flash-back on African Rotary Centennial and new project ideas in D 9400	PDG Annemarie Mostert
19:35	Retrospective and perspective in D 9350	PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg
19:45	News from D 9370	DG Madeleine Webber, PDG Maud Boikanyo
19:55	Kavango-West – Schoolbook proposal	Peter Reiner / Bernhard Maisch / Frank Schwardmann
20:00	Options for support Namibia during the Covid-19 pandemic – Suggestions and discussions	Bernhard Maisch + all participants
20:05	Is there sufficient financial support by Rotary International in 2021-22?	DRFC Jürgen Stihl
20:10	Varia	
20:25	Finale	PDG Bernhard Maisch

The log-in phase permitted informal chats with our friends in Southern Africa. It was followed by a warm welcome from PDG Bernhard Maisch (RC Marburg), chairman of the ICC German section of Germany-Southern Africa, who also introduced today's agenda.

PDG Rainer Moosdorf brought special regards from lead district 1820 governor Edith Karos. Her district motto *Freude an Verantwortung* is a perfect fit to the annual theme of RI president Shekhar Mehta *Serve to Change Life* and is in line with the activities of the ICC Germany-Southern Africa.

All participating **DGs and PDGs from the 3 districts in Southern Africa** and our anchor persons used the opportunity for a short introduction of themselves and greetings to the ICC members and guests: for D 9400 DG Stella Anyangwe and PDG Annemarie Mostert, for D 9350 PDG Carl-Heinz Duisberg and DG Ian Robertson, for D 9370 DG Madeleine Webber and PDG Maud Boikanyo, and for Namibia Frank Schwardmann.

The ICC is delighted to have **4 new members:**

- Frank Hörl (D1940, RC Berlin International, PP 2014-15; international hotel management; contacts to RC am Kap and Hope / Capetown, frankhoerl@yahoo.de)
- Nadine Morlock (D1820 RC Frankfurt Rhein Main, health management in private clinic; N.Morlock@web.de),
- Anne van den Bergh (RC eClub 2000; PHF+8, TRF benefactor, Partner IMaS Conseils, Exec. Search, annevdbergh@imas-conseils.com)
- Frederik van den Bergh (RC eClub 2000; PHF+8, TRF benefactor, international work on 5 continents. IMaS Conseils Exec, Search, fvdbergh@imas-conseils.com)

### **Report 2020-21 by the chairman *Bernhard Maisch* [also see attachment 1],**

General aspects: The public image on Africa as a continent of crisis, conflict and corruption changes only slowly to true partnership in the political arena, where there is neither a German masterplan (Marshallplan for Africa) nor a uniform African concept.

*Role of Rotary in Africa:* We are not alone as benefactors. Why not cooperate? When applying for global grants, we should observe the focus areas and the ABCDE rule: **Assure that the project is truly needed, Be aware of the focus areas for GGs. Clubs in the host country must be trustworthy. Develop contacts with the cooperating partners. Expert advice by TRF and enthusiastic support in our own clubs are essential.**

#### Our meetings, newsletters and recommendations:

- 12.-13.4.2019 Meeting with ambassadors of South Africa (Phumelele Stone Sizani) and Namibia (Andreas B.D. Guibeb) in Berlin Afrika Haus der Wirtschaft
- 11.6.2019 Ländergespräche Namibia mit dem BMZ, Bonn
- 2.-6.6.2019 RIC in Hamburg, breakout session + own booth
- 28.9.-14.10.2019 ICC delegation visits projects in SA + Namibia
- 7.3.2020 ICC Meeting in Frankfurt before lock-down
- 11.4.2020 Newsletter of the ICC
- 30.5.2020 Newsletter of the ICC
- 25.7.2020 Zoom Meeting of the ICC during lockdown
- 23.12.2020 Annual Newsletter of the ICC
- 10.3.2021 1820 Connect – Africa, a district wide platform moderated B. Maisch & R. Moosdorf
- 23.-25.2021 Africa Centennial (attending)
- 10.-11.6.2021 Virtual ICC Preconvention on peace and 12.-16.6.RI Convention (attending)
- 26.6.2021 Handover of governors in D 9700 (attending)

#### Grants submitted to Districts and RI advised by members of the ICC Germany-Southern Africa:

- GG 1980411 (2018-2021): Early childhood development-Train the trainers- RC Marburg + D 1820 with RC Haenertsburg (final report submitted)
- GG 201554 (2020-2021): Support for Tygerberg Children Hospital in Covid 19-Pandemic: -RC Blouberg with RC Marburg/ D1820 (final report submitted)
- DG 21122260 (2020-2021): „Go for Gold“ student support cooperation with Karen Rademacher (G4G), RC Marburg and RC Marburg-Schloss, RC Stadtallendorf, RC Darmstadt-Bergstrasse, RC Nürnberg-Reichswald, RC Euskirchen-Burgfey
- GG 2126671 Application 6/2021: Limpopo food garden project of the RC Haenertsburg and RC Marburg + international partners

#### Work ahead:

Namibia in the pandemic 2021 – what are the options?

- individual donations for the Tamariskia Temporary Hospital Swakopmund (Ciske Howard Task Force) or similar projects and/or
- Appeal from Namibia to German government and/or
- GG Grant for a sustainable health project in Namibia

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- School Book Project Kavango-West of RC Marburg/ D1820 with RC Klein-Windhoek Valley and Peter Reiner + Wolfgang Fiedler as cooperating partners. Additional sponsoring clubs and districts for a Global or District Grant are most welcome!

### **Report of the coordinators**

*Wernt Brewitz* referred to his long presence in South Africa as the basis for his personal connections with South Africa and long-standing friends and relationships. Together with Carl-Heinz Duisberg he and his club initiated a successful Global Grant for a hospital in the Capetown area to fight the pandemic and additional support for food supply.

*Jörg Dienenthal* has reviewed the membership structure of the Southern African district 9350, 9370 and 9400 [see attachment 2]. All 3 districts with a total 3 349 members lost 359 Rotarians (9,41%) in the last year. Remarkably this negative trend was inverted in the South African part of D 9400 by an increased membership of 3,18% which compensated the negative membership in Eswatini, Botswana and Mozambique. What can be done to stop such a negative membership trend? Individual and local solutions are needed to make clubs more attractive to win new members. To charter new clubs with young Rotarians of all colors, both sexes and by admitting also couples has been a promising way in parts of Europe. And what could the ICC do? We should visit individual clubs by invitation. Zoom meetings bridge continents, Common projects are a further key to collaborate and to get to know each other.

*Stefan Liebing* (RC Quickborn) gave an excellent overview in his keynote lecture on *African countries as our partners*. As outlined in his article in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung 30.10.2020 „Mit Afrika auf Augenhöhe zusammenarbeiten“ [see <http://www.rotary-southern-africa-germany.de/>] he added necessary modifications to the common public belief of the 3 Cs (crisis, conflict, corruption). Africa can also be considered a success story for investment from the private sector, which can better than government driven economic aid from European countries. Not we in Germany, but the governments in Africa should define the strategy for investment. Of course, human rights should be observed world-wide, but the German „Lieferkettengesetz“ will impose enormous bureaucracy and even penalty on „Mittelstand“ companies and they will refrain from investing in Africa. Is it the right way of investing German tax payers# money to donate a complete solar park to an African country, when right next door a similar park could have been materialized by a Mitteland company, where only the risk for investment needs to be covered by the federal government? African countries should compete for investment from the private sector in their countries. These issues will be on the table at the Compact with Africa (CwA) in August 2021, which was started in 2017 under the German G20 presidency to promote private investment in Africa, including in infrastructure. The CwA's primary objective is to increase attractiveness of private investment through substantial improvements of the macro, business and financing frameworks.

### **Rotary Grants for Southern Africa in operation by the initiative of ICC members are**

- a GG for PPE with ca. 40 000 USD to a hospital near Capetown in Covid 19 pandemic (Wernt Brewitz (RC Wolfenbüttel-Salzgitter), Carl-Heinz Duisberg (Helderberg-Sunrise)).
- a GG 2015554 PPE in Covid-19 with 43 000 USD for the Tygerberg Children Hospital (Bernhard Maisch (RC Marburg), Helene Visser (RC Blouberg), Pierre Goussard (Tygerberg Hospital)). Part of the project could be converted to by bronchoscopes for the pediatric department.
- the DG Go for Gold with 23 000 Eur sponsoring 17 scholarships to high school students from slum areas in mathematics, physics and motivation on school-free weekends to enter college education after a year of practice in the construction industry. After a visit of a Rotary ICC delegation to SA the RC Marburg and Distrikt 1820 started this initiative of cooperation with 5 German clubs: RC Marburg-Schloss, RC Stadtallendorf, RC Darmstadt-Bergstraße, RC Euskirchen-Burgfey, RC Nürnberg-Reichswald. This collaboration of ICC members is a demonstration of what members of an ICC can achieve, when they engage together [see attachment 3 as published in Rotary Magazin Online]. Wolfgang Hand, a longstanding

supporter of Go for Gold added that in this Rotary year a District 1880 grant with 17 000 Eur has been just approved.- Our conclusion: Education is the key to social and economic development.

### Activities by ICC members

*Konrad Meyfarth* reported on RAM – The Rotary Action Group against Malaria [see attachment 4]. More than 200 Mio people get infected each year by Malaria, 400 000 die. Most of these deaths occur in sub-saharina Africa. The Rotary Foundation is giving a significant boost to the fight against malaria in Zambia with a new \$2 million Programs of Scale grant that will scale an already successful program model

*Klaus Meyer*, who is multi district coordinator of the Rotary Youth exchange and GSE Germany reported on the lock-down of all exchange activites during the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2022 the program is intended to relaunch.

*Barbara Mathea* (RC Mainz 50 Grad Nord) and *Frank Schwardmann* (RC Klein Windhoek Valley) reported on a GG in the draft status-Improving education for the children of Tses/Namibia, Nowak Primary School und die St. Therese Secondary School. In addition to 2000 school books 60 tablets for Rachel (= Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning) will be used [see attachment 5].

*Rainer Moosdorf* focussed in his contribution on „Major Health Issues“ in Southern Africa on describing the humanitarian disaster in Namibia. The German ministry of defense will send PPE, hospital beds, antigen tests and additional material to Windhoek. In Namibia only 60 000 vaccine doses for all Namibia is available, wheras Germany vaccinates daily 100 000 individuals. Rotary should use its experience with polio vaccination and it supply chains for fighting Covid-19. Further immanent health issues are the action group „Rotary for population development, reproduction and maternal health“, HIV, tuberculosis and malnutrition..

*Annemarie Mostert*'s flash-back on the African Rotary Centennial can be appreciated from her presentation [see attachment 6, and Rotary D9400 U Tube]. 1212 representatives and 205 donors from all African countries participated in this truly remarkable event. Stella Anyangwe has now followe das governor of D9400 [see attachment 7a]. My publication in the Rotary Magazin in June 2021 is also attached [see attachment 7b]

*Carl-Heinz Duisberg* on Retrospective and perspective in D9350. Thanks for the grant support during Covid 19-pandemic. „It worked wonders“. Several clubs now plan to support food garden projects. Carl-Heinz is now followed by Ian Robertson as governor. Namibia during the pandemic with 3000 infections/day of a population of 2,3 Mio inhabitants.

*Maud Boikanyo* (PDG) and *Maggy Webber* covered „News from D9370“ by endorsing the Hunger project, which was delineated by *Colin Hegter* [see attachment 8] and the Mtzuni young farmers project [see attachment 9]

*Bernhard Maisch* and *Peter Reiner* presented the outline of a school book project for the Kavango West region of Namibia. In the three schools, ELCIN Nkurenkuru High School, Leevi Hakusembe Senior Secondary School and the Himarwa Ithete Senior Secondary School 8 to 10 students have to share one textbook in physics, maths, chemistry and geography. In cooperation with Frank Schwartmann (RC Klein Windhoek Valley) school books worth 736 67 N\$ or 43 564 Eur are to be delivered. Since the district 1820 has already spend his DDF-fundes for Global Grants in 2021-22 only support by a district grant is possible. If another district is able to mobilize 10000 Eur or more donations from all partners could be concentrated on a club procuring this grant. With a DDF commitment of 10000 Eur Rotary International could add 80% = 8000 Eur to it [see attachment 10].

*Jürgen Stihl*, DRFCC of D1820 described the financial situation of lead district 1820: „In our district there are so many global grants on hold for 2021-22 that we can only advice to rely on financing by district grants, which have to be applied to in fall 2021.[see attachment 11]

The Covid 19 pandemic in Namibia has become dramatic dimensions in the last few days: people are dying at home because there are no more hospital beds available, oxygen masks, oxygen concentrators and PPF are missing. Immediate support was asked for the Tamariskia temporary hospital in the town hall of

Swakopmund, [see attachment 12]. This also for the hospitals in Windhoek. We discussed the following options for aiding Namibia:

- individual donations for Namibian local Covid-19 projects, which can be done always and/or
- Appeal from Namibian friends to German embassy and/or
- GG Grant for a sustainable health project in Namibia?

The ICC Germany-Southern Africa has reactivated the bank account with the Rotary Gemeindienst Deutschland e.V. Deutsche Bank AG; IBAN: DE80300700100394120000; BIC: DEUTDED

Purpose: C477000 P2300 Namibia

Joerg Dienenthal made a spontaneous donation of 1000 Eur. This is an inspiring example, which we and our clubs should try to follow. The ICC chair will in cooperation with the RDG (Renate Renker & Birgit Bimberg) check the money of the account weekly and transfer the available amount to respective initiatives against the pandemic or for projects specified by the individual donors. RDG will provide donation receipts for tax deduction purposes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 20:50 h by the chairman with best wishes to all participants to stay healthy and active.

Yours in Rotary

*Bernhard Maisch*

(Chair)

Marburg, 14.7.2021

P.S: Dear member of the ICC, If you have corrections or additions for the minutes please send them to [bermaisch@gmail.com](mailto:bermaisch@gmail.com) within the next 14 days. If no changes are proposed the minutes will be considered accepted.