

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION "SAC" REPORT
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The Social Action Chess Commission "SAC", is a new FIDE Commission dedicated to using chess as a tool for social improvement. The objectives and the mission aim to insert chess into society, which will ultimately make chess more popular across the globe.

One of the agenda items from the first meeting, which was held from May 26-29, 2013 in New York, USA was to develop the commission's statutes and bylaws.

Mrs. Hellen Mikiri-Smith and GM Thomas Luther developed the statutes and bylaws, which will be part of the mission statement and objectives of the "SAC" Commission.

STATUTES AND BYLAWS

Name and Purpose

The Commission shall be known as the Social Action Commission (SAC). The SAC's aim is to:

- Promote the use of chess as an equalizer, especially in the areas of women's equality and to bridge the gap between the social and economic differences that impact women across the world.
- Use chess as a tool to help children at risk.
- Promote the use of chess as an aide for persons at risk from Dementia, Alzheimer's disease and other mental illnesses related with brain aging, particularly among seniors.
- Promote chess for other social activities.

The SAC shall be strictly apolitical and shall not participate in or comment on political issues or any electoral process.

Equality

The SAC shall afford equal opportunities to all individuals or organizations in any aspect of access to, admission or treatment of individuals in its' chess programs, events, projects and activities without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, national origin, mental or physical disability, political belief or affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, and any other class of individuals protected from discrimination under the law.

If any discrimination complaints arise, the SAC shall refer the complaints to the FIDE Ethics Committee.

Partnerships

The SAC shall liaise and work with other organizations with similar objectives.

Social Action Commission Meeting

Below is a brief report from the Social Action Commission's (SAC) first meeting, hosted in the United States. The meeting's report was written by our General Secretary, Mr. Robert Katende.

The Social Action Commission (SAC) hosted its first meeting from May 26-29, 2013 in New York, USA. The following Commission's members were able to attend the meeting:

Beatriz Marinello	Chairperson
Robert Katende	General Secretary
Thomas Luther	Councillor
Hellen Mukiri-Smith	Member
Amal Al-Kout	Member

We also had three special guests attend the meeting:

David McEnulty
Tony Rich
Kean Smith

The meeting was started at 10:30 am by the Chairperson, **Beatriz Marinello**. The General Secretary, **Robert Katende** welcomed the members and thanked them for attending.

The first item in the agenda was a report from the chairperson, in which she shared her vision with the members and provided written materials for the meeting.

SAC is to advocate for social change through action; using Chess;

- As an equalizer for gender, social & Economic development.
- For life skills, ethics and good character development.
- To reach out to Children at Risk including those in refugee camps
- To prevent diseases connected to memory loss and aging.

SAC Website

The members agreed to work on the commission's website, by providing content, so that the website could be launched by Mid-August 2013, prior to the next FIDE congress. The website shall be constructed in English and then translated to Spanish, Russian and Arabic. Note: Due to an already approved budget for the website (English, Spanish and Russian), Arabic will be added upon approval at a later time.

The following members or persons shall be responsible:

Language	Member/Person
English	Dora (Webmaster)
Spanish	Beatriz
Russian	Elista
Arabic	Amal

The site shall include but will not limited to:

About, Administration, Marketing and Research Pages.

Thomas Luther and Helen Mukiri-Smith will work on the commission statutes (already included in this report) which will clearly document that the SAC is non-political; involving all people irrespective of gender, race, country, social background etc.

Beatriz Marinello and Robert Katende will work on the research items and available data or stories of social impact through Chess for the website.

The website color scheme shall preferably be Blue or Orange.

The website shall be made very interactive with a news aggregators to help capture stories around the world that run on other sites.

Pilot Programs

SAC is to help initiate smart Girl Chess programs with three pilot programs in **Uganda**, **Bahamas** and **Kuwait**. At it's onset, the program shall focus on girls ranging from ages 4 - 10 years old. The program shall preferably be conducted by females particularly in countries where gender issues are very sensitive as in Kuwait. We shall also have women role models visit the programs to share life skills and inspire the girls.

The objective is to empower girls right from childhood, increase girls' participation in Chess, and help bridge the gap between the male and female.

Amal Al-Kout , Helen Mikiri-Smith and Robert Katende shall submit a simple proposal for the Pilot Programs in their localities. The deadline for the proposals is the 10th of June 2013.

UN Women Meeting

Beatriz Marinello had a meeting at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). The UN Women will be assessing the Pilot Programs, and further the alliance between FIDE and UN Women.

The next SAC meeting will be held on October 2nd, 2013 from 9am - 1pm (13 hrs) in conjunction with the FIDE congress. We encourage National Federations to join us in supporting chess as a social and educational tool and supporting excellence for top level chess.

Your for Chess,

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Beatriz Marinello
FIDE Vice President
SAC Chairperson