

**MISSION REPORT –IEC General meeting Seattle 11-15 October 2010  
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**Attendance at the IEC Council meeting and other management meetings of the IEC provided valuable insight on to how to arrange and conduct future statutory meetings of AFSEC.**

**It is notable that this was to be one of the last formal meetings for the IEC Secretary General, Aharon [Ronnie] Amit. The delegates were advised in the closing session that he will be retiring in the near future. However, it is understood that he intends to attend whatever formal meeting AFSEC might hold in 2011 (e.g. the management meeting) to continue demonstrate IEC's full support.**

**The most interactive session was the Council open session, where the issue of coping with the global energy challenge was discussed. "Smart electrification" was identified as a challenge for both developed and developing countries.**

**The affiliates forum was organised such the African country representatives could have their own meeting, following the general IEC affiliates' meeting. At this meeting a presentation on AFSEC was made and membership certificates were presented to representatives of countries that are members of AFSEC including Ghana, and Sudan. It was noticeable that there were representatives from several AFSEC members that were not represented at the AFSEC General Assembly/workshop in August 2010 held in South Africa.**

**The occasion provide an opportunity for face to face discussions with the delegates from the two founding national committees from North Africa: Egypt, Eng. El Safty, and Libya, Eng: Hussein A. Alsghir. The representatives of Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and Libya, were each handed their national committee's AFSEC membership certificate.**

**Individually, representatives of national committees that had not yet paid their AFSEC membership fees were advised of the criticality of funding support during this period of AFSEC's development, and for their committee's membership to remain valid. There has been an encourage response from several members.**

**A working session was held with Rashmi Chopra, IEC Central Office, on the development of the collaboration tools for AFSEC. Further exchanges on this are continuing.**

**Informal discussions were held with Jonathan Buck on possible plans for starting up the IEC-Africa office in the near future (e.g. 2011). It is likely to be a 'virtual office' with perhaps 3 representatives stationed at key locations in a francophone region, an Anglophone region and the**

**Mahgreb region. Such a development would strengthen the already good liaison between AFSEC and the IEC>**