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2013 World Subud Council Meeting ZONE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Name and Zone	Zona5 :English speaking Africa
ZONAL DEVELOPMENT How has your zone been functioning as a Zone?	The Zone has not really developed over the last year due to the problems of distance. It can be more expensive to fly to a country within Africa than to fly to the UK and then fly to the respective country.
ACTIVITIES/COUNTRIES What activities have been especially important in your Zone?	The most important activity for me has been the South African congress in Capetown in March of this year. There was a sense of renewal and commitment to develop the SA Subud association with a willingness to let go of past structures that were felt to be inhibiting the growth of Subud in SA. There was a really useful discussion and resolution on how to present Subud as an inclusive body that accepted all religions so that it could receive tax advantages but without compromising what Subud is. There was also a visioning exercise which allowed the Subud members to share what they wanted for the future of Subud SA. There was the beginning of a commitment to have an all African congress in maybe 2 to 3 years time to possibly be held in Capetown.
COUNTRIES Are there any developments that have occurred in your countries to report?	While working in Nigeria last October (2012) I visited the Lagos Group and we discussed the issue of finding Latihan premises and getting support from MSF to help with the rent for 1 to 2 years with a view to becoming self-sufficient by subletting part of the premises. The meetings ended on a positive note but subsequent actions have been very slow and it has been difficult to get updates. I look forward to hearing from MSF as to their views. Subud Nigeria is strongly connected with the French speaking group in Benin There is also an "extended family" Subud group in Malawi who have links with the Subud group in Leicester in the UK. Heloise Jackson has visited the group and is their main link. There is also a small group in Lusaka Zambia (3 women and 2 men)

<p>ZONE STRENGTHS/WEAKNESSES What are the strengths and weaknesses in your zone?</p>	<p>1/ Age - in Nigeria and SA members have been in Subud a long time and have a lot of accumulated wisdom and experience to share but less and less energy to share. 2/ Attracting youth is an issue and getting Black African members in SA is a continuing challenge 3/ In Nigeria the issue is money and the lack of it. Nigeria is an expensive country filled with people who cant afford to be there. Enormous wealth for a few with the vast majority scraping by. Getting any sort of enterprise off the ground is a real challenge. 4/ Capetown has energy and enthusiasm which hopefully can be channeled into becoming an example for other groups.</p>
<p>ANY THING ELSE</p>	<p>I think there needs to be an achievable plan for African Subud countries so they do not have unrealistic expectations from WSA (not so much SA) I think this needs to center around the IH's and also finding ways to create small enterprises that can provide basic incomes. I am not sure how this can happen with our current financial situation possibly through SDI. I think the work done by Elisa to create subtitled talks could be really useful and significant as this will help groups to have an understanding of the latihan and its purpose.</p>
<p>WSC MEETING What would you like to see addressed at the 2013 WSC meeting?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I agree with Mauricio's points below and would like the experience of arriving at solutions in a harmonious way where harmony means the possibility of fully expressing concerns, fully listening to others concerns and being willing to challenge and develop ideas/issues and have ones own ideas /issues challenged and developed . - <i>Development of the Subud in world</i> - <i>Helpers work in the world</i> - <i>Prioritize issues and focus on the resolutions of the world congress</i> - <i>Clarify roles of WSA and MSF</i> - <i>Budget</i>