

AMERG report 2019

The African and Middle East Regional Group (AMERG) was established with the approval of the membership by the resolution that was passed at the ANNA GM of November 2013, that was held in Mexico. The AMERG group replaced the previous WG4 (Emerging ANNA members) with the vision of becoming a regional interface and a communication channel where information, experience and practices can be shared among its members with the spirit of mutual cooperation.

The AMERG group has contributed since its formation in assisting and promoting the regional NNAs through positive representation and providing guidance regarding the efficient implementation of standards.

During the course of 2019, the discussions among the participating members continued occasionally and upon the request of other members within the regional group directly.

Discussions mainly included addressing the following topics:

- Liaising with participant members on ANNA related issues such as ISIN/LEI project.
- Provide assistance and guidance for the NNAs and answer their queries on some of the main discussion topics arising at the ANNA AGMs and EGMs.
- Follow up on the implementation of the standards and provide guidance to assist some NNAs who encountered difficulties or challenges, providing information and guidance on the allocation of CFI&FISN and the submission of the master files.
- Raise the level of compliance of the NNAs to the membership guidelines of ANNA and the active representation and attendance at the GMs.
- Efforts to involve more AMEDA members to become NNAs in their region, however still ongoing and there are no results to provide at this point.

Next steps: Proactive contribution and responses of the members of the group in addressing some issues was positive and we look forward to more active contributions within the group to best serve the NNAs and the promotion of the standards within the region. To achieve this further collaboration is needed, and the following steps will be initiated:

- Setting up a smooth, more effective means of communication within the group to encourage more discussions and contact between individuals within the group.
- More efforts to be put towards attracting and liaising potential members from countries of the region where no NNAs exist. (examples: Abu Dhabi, Botswana, Iraq, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania....).
- More efforts towards the transfer to the full membership status of partner members within the group.
- More efforts to raise the level of compliance and active participation of the members towards ANNA -related issues.

Currently AMERG members consists of the following NNAs:

#	Country	NNA	Membership Status
1.	Algeria	Algerie Clearing SPA	Partner
2.	Angola	Bolsa de Dívida e Valores de Angola SGMR, SA (Bodiva)	Partner
3.	Bahrain	Bahrain Clear Company B.S.C. (CLOSED)	Full
4.	Cabo Verde	Bolsa de Valores de Cabo Verde, S.A. (Cape Verde Stock Exchange)	Partner
5.	Cote d'Ivoire	Regional Central Depository/Settlement Bank of West African Economic and Monetary	Full
6.	Cyprus	Cyprus Stock Exchange (CSE)	Full
7.	Egypt	MCDR (Misr for Central Clearing, Depository and Registry)	Full
8.	Ghana	Ghana Stock Exchange	Partner
9.	Iran	Tehran Securities Exchange Technology Management Company	Full
10.	Israel	The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange	Full
11.	Jordan	Securities Depository Center of Jordan	Full
12.	Kuwait	Kuwait Clearing Company K.S.C	Full
13.	Lebanon	Midclear S.A.L	Full
14.	Mauritius	Central Depository & Settlement Co. Ltd	Full
15.	Morocco	MAROCLEAR S.A.	Full
16.	Mozambique	Bolsa de Valores de Moçambique	Full
17.	Nigeria	Central Securities Clearing System Plc.	Full
18.	Oman	Muscat Clearing & Depository (S.A.O.C.)	Full
19.	Palestine	Palestine Exchange (PEX)	Full
20.	Qatar	Qatar Financial Markets Authority	Full
21.	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Stock Exchange – Tadawul	Full
22.	Seychelles	MERJ Exchange Limited	Full
23.	South Africa	JSE Ltd	Full
24.	Syria	Damascus Securities Exchange	Partner
25.	Tunisia	Tunisie Clearing	Full
26.	Uganda	Uganda Securities Exchange	Full
27.	United Arab Emirates	Securities & Commodities Authority - ESCA	Full
28.	United Arab Emirates DIFC	Nasdaq Dubai Ltd.	Partner
29.	Zambia	Lusaka Stock Exchange Plc.	Partner
30.	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Stock Exchange	Partner

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