**MINUTES OF THE GAMCHIX MEETING**

**DATE: FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2022**

**VENUE: ZOOM**

**TIME: 13:00hrs**

**ATTENDEES:**

Marie Ellen Chery

Aisha Saho

Amie Njie

Cedric Adrien Mbeyet

Esther King

Oumie Saine

Marie Louise Johnson

Anna S. Ndure

**APOLOGIES:**

Fatou Secka

Emily Innis

**OPENING PRAYERS**

* The meeting started off with an opening prayer.

**AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, 15TH JULY 2022**

* Update from the last meeting
* The way forward with the summer training
* A.O.B

**UPDATE FROM THE LAST MEETING**

* An update was given on how impressively people are paying up their membership dues. It is important to note that these contributions are very crucial and come in handy whenever we have activities planned.

**THE WAY FORWARD WITH THE SUMMER TRAINING**

* A proposition was made with regards to writing to civil society organizations for funding and it was highlighted that we do not necessarily have to do something huge but rather we can do something really simple and achievable.
* Esther also suggested that we can ask within our various institutions for people who would like to volunteer and do some of the trainings that way we will reduce costs.
* In addition, the idea of collaborations can be looked into. A collaboration that is similar to the one with hub wherein Gamchix doesn’t singlehandedly have to do all the trainings.
* The time frame for the summer training can be for about one or two hours something that wouldn’t really affect our actual work.
* Amie Njie highlighted the need to have an action plan and a concept to serve as a guide towards this training.

**ACTION**

* Marie Ellen who serves as the chairlady of the summer training program has been tasked with setting up a committee as a starting point and by the next meeting present her committee members, their assigned roles, and the overall task progress.

**A.O.B**

* We acknowledged the presence of Cedric who is on Afrinic and ISOC for joining the call. Cedric expressed his interest in helping Gamchix and did share links for funding opportunities. He offered Afrinic’s help on our next meeting by creating a meeting link to be used.
* Aisha made key point stating that these trainings targeting students from grades seven to nine are good but we should look into building the capacities of people who are already adding value to society and since Gamchix already has a partnership with MOTIE, we can capitalize on this and propose a training for their women entrepreneurs. She also suggested reaching out to public institutions where there is a huge capacity gap in IT to train their staffs most specially the staffs at the lower cadre.
* Anna spoke on the progress of the trainings at the hub and said it is progressing efficiently and the students are responding well to it. The trainings last two hours for each shift and is held every Saturday and the students come in two batches, the morning shift and the afternoon shift. A total of twenty-five girls from various schools are beneficiaries of this training.

The next meeting is slated for Friday 22nd July 2022 at 13:00hrs GMT. A meeting link will be shared before the scheduled date.