



African Technology Forum

3.30pm SA time *Tuesday 24th February 2009*

Minutes

1. Welcome and introduction

Mike welcomed all participants to the 1st teleconference of 2009 for the newly named Africa Technology Forum. He especially welcomed Barry Forbes, the author of the well-received ATM Toolkit which John Hardy, former CEO of LINK Interchange Network in the UK, praised as “very good”.

2. Approval of minutes of 13th November teleconference

The minutes of the last teleconference of 2008, on 13th November, were approved without changes.

3. The ATM ToolKit for Africa – update on progress and next steps

Phase 1 is almost complete – the creation of the ATM Toolkit manual. John Hardy has finished his editing of Barry’s first draft. John was impressed with the document. Barry reported he is busy integrating those comments and changes. Then we will send the 2nd draft to this Forum for feedback, to be completed within a week. Barry welcomed the idea of feedback from members of the forum and stated that he would file material for a Version or Edition 2 even if it could not be incorporated into this version.

Thereafter the document will go to a formatting editor for formatting and then publication.

In answer to a question from Peter, Barry and Mike confirmed that copyright of the Toolkit resided with ATMIA.

In Phase 2, Mike said ATMIA would authorise Barry to carry out consultancy work on the Toolkit in the SADC region. This could be done through workshops initially. Barry would work with case studies in which the Toolkit is customised for a specific country’s payment system and its requirements. Lessons from these country, or, regional case studies could be incorporated into Version 2.



4. SADC Annual Regional Conference in Cape Town 6 April 2009 – update

Barry has been invited by Dave Mitchell, head of the National Payments System to address the 2009 annual SADC conference on 6 April in Cape Town on the “ATM Toolkit for Developing Countries”. Mike will accompany Barry to introduce him to the audience and to network with delegates about possible support for Phase 2.

Barry confirmed the two main conference topics would be (a) envisaged changes to the payments landscape through integration of payments systems in the SDAC region and (b) discussion on non-banks being brought into the clearing house. There would be delegates from central SADC banks, including some governors, representatives from commercial banks in the SADC region (mostly from beyond SA), as well as some delegates from the World Bank and SARB.

This conference will be followed the next day by a World Bank payments conference “Redefining the Payments Landscape” on the 7-9 April.

Mike said ATMIA was hoping to get some sponsorship offers, perhaps at the conference, to cover the costs of Phase 2 of this project. ATMIA intends to present approved ATM Toolkit workshops in various SADC countries to assist with development of ATM networks within payment systems. Mike mentioned this was a great opportunity to get a logo and brand on the cover of what promises to be a very influential document.

5. Next meeting:

DATE	TIME - SA
5 May	3.30 pm
5 August	3.30 pm
17 November	3.30 pm