



*Africa-Diaspora Forum for Research and Development e.V*

# **ADFRaD ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2019**



**INTERCULTURAL EVENT: PROMOTION OF PEACE AND UNITY THROUGH THE FORMATION OF ORGANISATIONS**

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## **1. SUMMARY**

Africa-Diaspora Forum for Research Development e.V (ADFRaD) was established in 2019 as a non-profit making organization with the fundamental goal of promoting equal rights for men and women as well as working towards global peace and development.

ADFRaD also aims at contributing to the mitigation of illegal migration, *promoting tolerance in all areas of culture*, education and research, development cooperation, especially between Africa and Europe, democratic global governance, rule of law and equal justice for all without discrimination.

ADFRaD also focuses on the most marginalised with the sole aim of empowering people to act as agents of change in their communities.

## **2. BOARD MEETING**

Immediately after the official registration in 2019, the first board meeting was held to look into ADFRaD's activities for the remaining months of 2019. The meeting was attended by four out of the seven board members. Board members present through Skype were Dr. Fitsum Resome Teddla (Chairman) Baba Iddrisu Musah (Second Chairman), Dr. Wisdom Momodou (Assistant Organizing Secretary) and Nditapah Eunice Yawah (Assistant Treasurer).

To effectively run the association, members agreed that annual membership fees should be fixed quarterly. The sum of 15 Euro was agreed on by all members as a quarterly membership fee with 5 Euros per month.

This was the first general meeting that was held by all the members of the association in Gießen on the 05 September 2019.

It was also agreed during the meeting that persons who wanted to join the association could do so by picking an membership form from the Secretary after due diligence has been done on the prospective member.

## **3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

ADFRaD was launched in Gießen on 31 May 2019 having several persons in attendance. The objectives of the association were explained to everyone in attendance with intent to sensitize the general public on the objectives of the association.

The launching of ADFRaD was followed by a need to carry out its activities as outline in the Constitution.

During the launching, two members present made a personal support of 20 Euros each to the association. This money was deposited into ADFRaD's bank account on the day the account was open.

## 4. PROJECTS

In the calendar year of 2019, ADFRaD did not handle any project funded by external institutions. ADFRaD was rather invited to participate in an intercultural exchange event organised by Justus Liebig University Gießen at Lokal International from 9-10 November 2019. ADFRaD was represented by the Secretary (*Dr. Eric C. Muma*) and Assistant Organising Secretary (*Dr. Wisdom Momodu*).

The intercultural exchange event organised by Justus Liebig University brought together people from diverse cultural backgrounds to share or exchange their cultural differences. The intercultural event started with a public lecture on peace, unity and sustainable development through intercultural exchange.

The lecture was interactive and gave room for questions and discussion on the major challenges faced by students and the community of Gießen in general in the promotion of peace through cultural exchange.



**Advocating for Peace and Unity through Intercultural Exchange**

ADFRaD played an important role at the cultural event by giving a public lecture on the *role of Non-Governmental Organizations in the promotion of peace, unity and sustainable development through the formation of organisations.*

The organization also discussed at length related issues such as irregular migration and participated in a cooking competition.

ADFRaD also encourages students and those present at the cultural event to participate regularly in activities such as volunteerism, awareness-raising, community events and sharing of ideas as a means to promote peace and unity for development.

## **5. Donation**

ADFRaD did not receive any external funds as donation for projects or to facilitate the growth of the Organisation.

The awareness creation and meeting held all through 2019 was financed by individual members.

## **5. CHALLENGES**

ADFRaD did not face any major challenges in 2019. Apart from the fact that the organization was newly established and lacked the financial resources to fully engage in public awareness programs.

All ADFRaD meetings in 2019 were funded primarily by individual members of good will. A special thanks to all ADFRaD members for the spirit of solidarity and cooperation.