**1.0 Introduction**

FIDE’s primary mission is the development of the sport of Chess across the globe. This requires a renewed focus on strengthening National Chess Federations and by extension the Continental Chess bodies in Africa, America, Asia and Europe. These guidelines provide the criteria for the funding of <Continental body name> for the purposes of chess development and promotion on the < name > Continent.

FIDE has delegated the responsibility for funding of FIDE’s Continental bodies to the Planning and Development Commission (PDC). The Planning and Development Commission will review all funding requests and provide recommendations on the level of funding to FIDE Leadership.

**2.0 Criteria for Funding/Assistance for Continents**

Continents will be eligible for funding/assistance from FIDE given the following Conditions:

* Signing of the Agreement/Contract –**Partnership Agreement** **for the Development of Chess in the Continent** by the Continental President.
* Completion of **Appendix B: Continental Drawdown** **Request** template.
* Completion of **Appendix C: Continental Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).**
* Evidence by Continent of existing governance structures. These include:
  + Constitution/Statutes/By Laws
  + Articles of Incorporation or other evidence of legal status of the Continental entity
  + Minutes from Continental General Assembly/General Meetings,
  + Strategic/Operational plans with accompanying budgets
  + Audited Financial reports.
  + Other conditions as specified under section **6.0** **Key Agreement Components** below.
* Fulfilment of funding reporting requirements for the duration of the Agreement with FIDE.

2.1 Funding Levels

The maximum value of the total funding/assistance to the Continent in 2021 shall be **EUR 100 000, which should account for no more than 50%-75% of the Continents budget, depending on the Continent**. This funding will include direct payments to the Continent, funding to the Organiser/Federation of FIDE-approved Continental or Regional event or direct payments to vendors. This assistance can be in the form of cash and/or other chess assets e.g. chess equipment, provision of trainers, etc…

However, it is expected that after the third year of funding by FIDE, that the value of the contribution by FIDE will **not exceed 50%** of the FIDE-approved Continental budget for its programmes and events as any difference will be provided by Sponsor/donor contributions or from internally generated funds.

**3.0 Eligible Projects/Programmes**

Though Continents will have the right to engage in programmes that assist in the development of the sport of Chess, FIDE will provide funding to the programmes that it views as being aligned to its objectives and priorities. These programmes include:

* Chess in Education
* Capacity Building
  + Technical Training of arbiters, organisers, chess trainers, school chess trainers
  + Professional and skills development of Chess Officials in areas such as: Governance, Project management, Planning and Financial Management, Marketing and Promotion
* Social Projects e.g. work with prisons, refugees, vulnerable citizens, etc…
* Continental chess events (e.g. major continental championships ( excluding schools events), zonals)
* Grandmaster training (Chess camps for the top talent in the continent)
* Training programmes and activities for female chess players and officials.
* Activities related to the preservation of Chess history
* Development and promotion of chess in non-affiliated countries of the Continent.

3.1 Other Areas of Support

* Funding for Travel of Continental President ( Limited and to be approved on a case by case basis)
* Efforts to secure sponsors for the Continental Programmes
* Lobbying efforts for the inclusion of chess into Continental Olympic Games and other regional sporting events.

**4.0 Continental Performance**

The Continent will strive to meet its targets as identified in *Appendix C-Continental Performance Indicators*. These are categorised as:

* Core- Key indicators that are linked to the core operations of the Continental Body
* Social- Other programmes which are not primarily linked to competitive chess play
* Promotion- The efforts of the Continent to increase the profile of the sport, the continent and FIDE
* Partnerships- includes, sponsors, other partners e.g. governments, media institutions, NGOs, etc…

**5.0 Funding Requests and Approval**

Drawdown requests for funding of the Continent, Organiser or vendor, will be sent to the Planning and Development Commission on the template identified in **Appendix B-Continental Drawdown Request**. AS much details should be provided with each request to allow for proper assessment by the PDC. The PDC will review these requests to ensure alignment with pre-approved activities before sending for final approval by FIDE Treasurer and FIDE Managing Director.

FIDE reserves the right to amend the funding from Continent to a particular vendor or third party depending on the request and to facilitate efficiency of the transaction.

**6.0 Key Agreement Components**

The Continent also agrees to adhere to the additional conditions set out below.

* Provision of evidence of its Assembly meetings, whether online or in person.
* Provision of certified accounts for the particular year, in the subsequent year.
* Provision of reports on the usage of funds for the particular year by January 31st of the following year.
* Provision of documented evidence to support efforts taken to seek sponsorship.

On Behalf of the Continent

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Continental President Name Date