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To Promote Understanding and Education Through Theatre

Report on the AITA/IATA Council Meeting 3 March 2026 held ONLINE

Dear National Centres & Associate Members

Introduction - On 3 March 2026, AITA/IATA Council held an Online Council Meeting, two councillors, Heidi Troi and Cândido Sobreiro were excused from the meeting. President Sofia Wegelius chaired the meeting. Contact details of Council Members are on the AITA/IATA Website **HERE**.

1. *Finance and Legal*

Additional documents were submitted to Belfius Bank. Council acknowledged the need to include a statement about former councillors on the termination of their appointment into papers sent to Belgian Moniteur to make sure that former councillors no longer appear in the documents. Council agrees to publish the '**Bottom 10 countries' rule** on the AITA/IATA website to prevent future misunderstandings when someone moves up/down a category on the UN HDI index list. Council approved Elementor plugin upgrade (for 72.6 EUR (including tax or VAT)/year) on the AITA/IATA website, which opens up more possibilities for website development.

2. *Events*

In future Masterclasses, the recordings will also be available at a lower price for those who missed it due to time differences.

3. New Members – Council agreed to inform possible new-old National Centre Zimbabwe that they need to submit a formal application if they wish to rejoin AITA/IATA as a NC Member.

4. World Theatre Day

Council **acknowledged the high number (40+) of submissions for World Theatre Day** and agreed to give the video editor full discretion to select and edit videos into a short final piece.

5. *Festivals*

Louder Together – AITA/IATA World Festival for Children and Youth, Antwerp 2026: preparations progressing

Council agreed that discussions on *2031 World Festival* planning needs to begin already.

Steering Committee reports that they **will meet *New Zealand Festival* organiser** via zoom on the same day to continue discussions with NZ festival organiser for the purpose of further consultation and assistance.

6. Communication: **Networks** will be **listed on website** as independent partners who sometimes closely collaborate with AITA/IATA.

7. *Future meetings*

The **next online Council Meeting** will take place on **20 April at 17:00 CET**. The next **physical Council Meeting** is scheduled during the **Louder Together Festival in Antwerp (August 2026)**. Council concretized the date of **Council Meeting in France in December 2026** (hosted by the Treasurer, Patrick Schoenstein), it will be held 9–11 Dec 2026.

The Council of AITA/IATA offers best wishes and good health to all Members.

The Council of AITA/IATA

3 March 2026