

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT-NIGER

MCA-NIGER



MINUTES OF THE FIFTH EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NIAMEY, MAY 07, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Account-Niger (“MCA-Niger”) held an ordinary meeting on May 07, 2021 from 10: 15 AM in Niamey, in accordance with: (i) the Bylaws of MCA-Niger, dated July 4, 2017; (ii) Decree N°2016-706/PRN, dated December 23, 2016, on the creation, attributes, composition and functions of MCA-Niger; (iii) the Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of Niger (the “ Government ”), dated on July 29, 2016 (the “Compact”); and (iv) the Program Implementation Agreement between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MC ”) and the Government of Niger (the “Government”), dated on July 29, 2016 (“Program Implementation Agreement”).

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Bylaws, the Compact or the Program Implementation Agreement.

I. ATTENDEES

I. Board Members in attendance and constituting a quorum were :

Names	Positions	Voting members Vs No Voting members	Board member / Alternate
M. Ibrahim SANI ABANI	Minister, Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic, Chairman of the Board	Voting members	Board member
M. ALAMBEDJI Abba Issa	Minister of Agriculture,	Voting member	Board member
M. ADAMOU Mahaman,	Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation	Voting member	Board member
M. ADAMOU SOULEY Hamadou,	Minister of Equipment	Voting member	Board member

M. BETY Ali	High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative	Voting member	Board Member
M. DJADAH Abdoulaye	Vice-President of the Niger Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Handicrafts, Representative of the Private Sector	Voting member	Board member
Mrs FODI Halima	Representative of Women's Civil Society Organizations	Voting member	Board member
M. BAGNA Djibo	President of the Peasant Platform, Representative of Civil Society	Voting member	Board member
Mme PENN Kristin,	Resident Director of the MCC in Niger	Non-voting member	Board member
M. ANNOU Mamane,	Director General of MCA-Niger; Secretary of the Board of Directors	Non-voting member	Board member

2. Board Members absent :

Names	Positions	Voting members Vs No Voting members	Board member / Alternate
M. TIDJANI IDRISSE Abdoukadi,	Minister of Livestock , Spokesman of the Government	Voting member	Board member
M. JIDOUD Ahmat,	Minister of Finance	Voting member	Board member
Mme GARAMA Saratou Rabiou Inoussa,	Minister of Environment and Drought Control	Voting member	Board member
Mme ALLAHOURY Aminata Zourkaleini,	Minister of the Promotion of Women and Child Protection	Voting member	Board member
M. MARA Boubacar,	Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister	Voting member	Board member

Guests :

Names	Positions
M. Soulemame KOUOTOU NGAPOUT	Director of Legal Affairs, MCA-Niger
Mme Hassana GOURO	Legal Specialist, MCA-Niger
M. Bachirou IDRISSE MOUSSA	Legal Specialist, MCA-Niger
M. Kamil AGALI	Senior Executive Assistant, MCA-Niger

Mme Aminata SAMAKE	Manager Irrigation and Market Access Facilities , MCA-Niger
M. Abdallah MAIGUIZO	Director CRC, MCA-Niger
M. Justinien BACIRONGO	Croos Cutting Affairs Director , MCA-Niger
Mme Hélène OSSE	Administrative and Finance Manager MCA-Niger
M. SANOUSI ISSOUFOU Abdourazakou,	Procurement Director of MCA Niger
M. Diafarou MOUMOUNI	Irrigation Infrastructure Manager, MCA-Niger
M. Daouda SEINI DIAKITE	Road Manager, MCA-Niger
M. Jonathan ABDOU	Manager PRAPS, MCA-Niger
M. Saïd MAHAMANE KARIMOU	Management Services and Market Access Facilities Manager MCA Niger
M. Naji IDE SIDDO	Computer Graphics Specialist and Webmaster, MCA-Niger
M. Moussa AMADOU	Coordinator of the Support Unit in charge of Monitoring Eligibility Indicators

Chairperson: M. Ibrahim SANI ABANI, Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Secretary: M. ANNOU Mamane, Director General of MCA-Niger.

II. PROCEDURE

At the opening of the meeting at 10:12 a.m., the Chairman of the Board verified and confirmed:

- That the notices for the holding of the present meeting were delivered to the members of the Board within the time limits required by the provisions of Section 3.12 (b) (i) of the Internal Regulations of MCA-Niger, that is to say, no later than Wednesday, May 5, 2021,
- That a quorum was reached due to the presence of a majority of the voting members of the Board, including at least one member who is not a representative of the Government according to the stipulations of Section 3.12 (b) (ii) of the MCA-Niger By-Laws

He therefore declared the meeting open

The Chairman of the Board then introduced himself and thanked the meeting for welcoming him as Chairman of the Board, taking over from Mr. Mahamadou Ouhoumoudou.

He also assured the Board of his commitment to remain mobilized for the operational success of the Compact, together with the General Management of MCA-Niger represented by Mr. Mamane M. Annou, whose dedication, dynamism and sense of responsibility he praised.

Finally, he thanked and welcomed the presence of the members participating in the current session, before giving the floor to the General Manager of MCA-Niger for the presentation of the items on the agenda

III. DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS ON THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

1- INTRODUCTORY SESSION

A. Reading of the notice of meeting and adoption of the agenda

The General Director of MCA-Niger welcomed the members of the Board to this extraordinary session and reminded them the content of the agenda indicated in the Notice of meeting sent to the members. No member having brought any amendment to this agenda, the Board adopted it on the following points:

1- Introductory session

A- Reading of the Notice of Meeting and adoption of the Agenda

B- Presentation of the members of the Board of Directors

C- Missions and functioning of the Board of Directors

D- Presentation of the Compact program and overall progress

2- Open session: for approval

E- Adoption of the Minutes of the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Board held on February 23, 2021

F- MCA-Niger Procurement Plan N°13 (PP13)

G- Amendment No. 4 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and AIC PROGETTI for the RN35/RRS

H- Modification of the organizational chart of MCA-Niger

I- New composition of the Board of Directors of MCA-Niger

J- Amendment n°2 to the Contract concluded between MCA-Niger and CARDNO for the mission of Procurement Agent at MCA-Niger

K- Amendment n°3 to the Contract concluded between MCA-Niger and the SONED/CDR-AFRIQUE/ONG CDR grouping

L- Amendment n°2 to the Implementing Entity Agreement between MCA-Niger and the Ministry of the Environment and the Drought Control

3- Open Session: for information

M- Status of implementation of recommendations made at the 12th Ordinary Session of the Board

N- Update on resolutions adopted by home consultation since the 12th Ordinary Session of the Board

4- Miscellaneous

5- Closing

B – Introducing the members of the Board of Directors

Summary of discussions : As suggested by the Chairperson of the Board, each present member of the Board introduced himself to the assembly.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson moved to the next item.

C–Missions and functioning of Board of Directors

Summary of discussion: The Director of Legal Affairs (LD) outlined the functioning of the Board of Directors/MCA-Niger in six key points, with the objective of summarizing the scope of the Board in the implementation of the program.

Point 1: Legal Basis of the Board of Directors

The Legal Director recalled the legal foundations for the establishment of the Board of Directors, namely: Law No. 2016-40 of October 31, 2016, authorizing the ratification of the Compact Agreement; the Compact Agreement and the Program Implementation Agreement, signed on July 29, 2016; Decree No. 2016-706/PRN of December 23, 2016, establishing MCA-Niger; and the Bylaws of Procedure of the Board of Directors in its July 4, 2017 version.

Point 2: Position of the Board of Directors within MCA-Niger role and responsibilities.

The Board is the ultimate authority for governing MCA-Niger. Indeed, MCA-Niger comprises 3 bodies including: a deliberative body (the Board), an executive body (the Executive Board), and an advisory body (one or more stakeholder committees, to be established).

The Board has independent decision-making power. It has authority for the following strategic missions: oversight, guidance, and decision-making; and overall implementation of the program. The Board is an independent body, and its decisions are not subject to review or revision by any other entity, except by judicial review.

Some of the Board's responsibilities may be delegated to the Executive Board: these are those that concern the day-to-day management of MCA-Niger. Non-delegable responsibilities are those that affect the vital functioning of MCA-Niger (e.g., validation of certain essential contracts).

Point 3: Composition of the Board

The Board is composed of 13 voting members: 10 representatives of the Government of Niger, 2 members from Civil Society and 1 member from the Private Sector. The Director General of MCA-Niger and the Resident Country Director of MCC sit on the Board as observers, without voting rights.

Government representatives are appointed in writing by the President of the Republic or the Prime Minister, in their capacity as such. Civil society and private sector representatives are nominated by the deliberative body of their organizations through a transparent process approved by MCC and serve for a renewable term of 2 years.

The Board is chaired by the Chief of Staff of the President of the Republic. Board members have a duty of loyalty to MCA-Niger (with the exception of the MCC representative). They

may not receive any remuneration from MCC funds for the performance of their duties, but they are entitled to reimbursement of their expenses (e.g., travel fees).

Point 4: Role of the General Manager as Secretary of the Board

The General Manager is responsible for the secretariat of the Board, with the support of his/her collaborators, notably the Legal Affairs Department of MCA-Niger. He/she is responsible for the organization of the Board meetings, the keeping of the minutes of the meetings, etc.

Point 5: The methods of holding meetings and taking decisions

The Board shall hold as many meetings as are necessary to carry out its functions, at such times and places as the members may determine. It must meet at least once a quarter for ordinary meetings. On this point, General Management wishes to submit for approval by the members the holding of more frequent Board meetings, for example 2 sessions per quarter: one in person and the other by teleconference, to take account of the busy schedules of the members. This request is justified by the fact that the Compact is entering its operational phase, which implies a recurrence of strategic documents to be validated and orientations to be given by the Board.

Each Board meeting must meet certain conditions for the validity of the decisions taken: the dispatch of notices of meeting within the prescribed time limits, the quorum, etc.

Urgent decisions may be made without a formal meeting, by home consultation of the members; however, this process must remain exceptional.

Point 6: Role of the MCC Representative.

The MCC Representative to the Board is the Resident Country Director (or other person designated by MCC). He/she is entitled to attend Board meetings, participate in discussions, and receive and review all materials provided by/to the Board.

At the end of the presentation, the Chairman of the Board asked the members to vote on the question of the frequency of the Board meetings that had been submitted to them.

The Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce noted that during the year 2020, the decisions of the Board were made by home consultation in large majority. With Covid-19 prevention measures still in effect, face-to-face meetings are not advisable. Also, the personalities sitting on the Board will hardly be able available for a meeting twice a quarter.

The President of the Peasant Platform requested that, given the role of the Board, members travel to the Compact's intervention sites for some meetings. The Chairperson of the Board replied that it would be difficult to meet elsewhere, given the complexity of holding meetings in Niamey.

The Minister of Agriculture proposed holding a meeting every two months.

The Minister of Equipment was in favor of maintaining the current frequency of meetings, i.e., once every three months, since the members have the possibility of making their decisions by consultation at home. The High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative was of the same opinion.

To summarize, the Chairperson of the Board indicated that the Board opted to maintain one meeting per quarter, with home consultations during the intercessional periods when necessary.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson moved to the next item.

D -Presentation of the Compact program and overall progress

Summary of discussions: The floor was given by the Director General to the Communication Manager of MCA-Niger, who began this presentation with a video excerpt of an institutional film that presents the Compact.

The General Manager then reminded that the purpose of this item and the film screening is to inform new members about the Niger Compact program. It is a complex program, a 2nd generation Compact because it is multi-dimensional (1st generation Compacts are mono-sectorial). It covers four regions of Niger and includes road infrastructure projects (more than 300 km), local development projects in rural communities, etc. As for the progress of each of the projects, the management team can provide any clarification requested by members.

The President of the Peasant Platform asked whether the proposal made by the Government at a previous session to asphalt the Margou-Gaya road in order to complete the rehabilitation planned under the Compact was still relevant. The Minister of Equipment replied in the affirmative.

The Chairman of the Board summarized this point by adding that the institutional film shown is informative and shows the relevance of the Compact. It is also mobilizing, hence the appeal to members to ensure that the administrations under their responsibility support the Directorate General and allow the execution of the program within the time limit. The objective is noble; it is the eradication of poverty.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson moved to the next item.

1- OPEN SESSION : for Approval

E – Adoption of the minutes of the 12th ordinary meeting held on February 23, 2021

Summary of Discussions: **The Chairperson of the Board** submitted the Minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting to the Board members who were present at that meeting for comment. There were no comments from Board members

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°01.

RESOLUTION N°01 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, the minutes of its 12th ordinary meeting held on February 23,2021

E - MCA-Niger Procurement Plan No. 13 (PP13)

Summary of Discussion: The Director of Procurement of MCA-Niger recalled that MCC guidelines require the development of a "rolling" Procurement Plan every quarter but covering a twelve (12) month period, approved by MCC before being submitted to the Board for approval. He briefly summarized the contents of MCA-Niger's Procurement Plan No. 13, covering the period from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, specifying the number of procurement projects, their distribution by sectors and projects, and the total amount of the Plan.

At the request of the Chairman of the Board, the Director General reassured the members that the Plan had been duly validated by MCC before submission to the Board. He added that the Plan simply presents the indications of the contracts that MCA-Niger proposes to award; it is not yet the launching of the contracts.

The Minister of Agriculture asked for clarification on the transfer of a significant number of procurement projects from PP12 to PP13. The Director of Procurement responded that the validation of PP12 by MCC and then by the Board was exceptionally late in the period. This left little time to launch the planned procurements before PP13 was developed.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°02.

RESOLUTION N°02 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, the Procurement Plan N°13 (PP13) of MCA-Niger covering the period from April 1st , 2021 to March 31, 2022.

G- Amendment N°4 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and AIC PROGETTI relating to the RN35/RRS

Summary of discussions: The Director of Procurement indicated that the above-mentioned Contract was signed on June 7, 2018, for duration of 13 months concerning the firm part, starting from June 25, 2018. The Contract has already been the subject of 3 amendments extending its duration, respectively dated May 10, 2019, October 16, 2019 and February 17, 2020, without financial impact. The optional tranche of the Contract was activated on August 20, 2020, for duration of 30 months for the supervision of the works and 60 months for the implementation of GENiS maintenance.

As some changes have occurred in the requirements and timeframe of the RN35/RRS works, as well as in the duration of the GENiS maintenance period, it has become necessary to draw up an Amendment No. 4 for the purpose of reducing the duration of the optional tranche to 22

months for the supervision of the works and 36 months for the GENiS maintenance, increasing the number of experts and their level of effort, and revising the schedule for delivery and payment of the deliverables and the schedule for payment of the service.

The conclusion of this Amendment No. 4 will result in an increase in the initial contract value (optional tranche) of 19.36%. For this reason, the Board approval is required, following MCC's Notice of Non-Objection obtained on March 24, 2021.

The High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative requested justification for the delay in submitting the Amendment to the Board for approval, when MCC's NOA was received in late March. MCA-Niger's Director of Legal Affairs replied that the Board could not legitimately make decisions during the period in question, which was a transition between the previous and new governments.

The Minister of Agriculture, for his part, noted that the duration of the firm tranche initially planned for 13 months had doubled because of the amendments, asking what justified this situation. MCA-Niger's Road Infrastructure Manager replied that the firm tranche was a study phase; it was extended because of the time required for MCA and MCC to jointly review the Consultant's deliverables. The extension is also explained by the delay in the provision by MCC of the DAO model to be given to the Consultant to finalize his mission (6 months).

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°03

RESOLUTION N°03 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, Amendment No4 to the contract N°DP/RMD/MCA Niger/QCBS/2017/16b concluded on June 7, 2018 between MCA Niger and AIC PROGETTI SPA research firm

H- Modification of the MCA-Niger Organizational Chart

Summary of discussions: The Communication Manager of MCA-Niger recalled that the first two years of the Compact were devoted to the study phase. In 2020, the actual implementation phase of the work began, which required readjustments within the staff of MCA-Niger with the creation of 10 new positions. These modifications imply a change in the organizational chart of MCA-Niger.

The General Manager added that among the positions created, some are transfers. Indeed, MCA-Niger is supported in its activities by the staff of the UNOPS Consultant. After the first two years of the Compact, some of the tasks performed by this staff can be taken over by MCA-Niger, reducing the number of positions and the cost of the Contract with UNOPS to transfer these positions to MCA-Niger.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°04.

RESOLUTION N°04 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, the modification of the organizational chart of MCA Niger for the creation of ten (10) new positions

I- Approval of the new composition of the Board of Directors of MCA-Niger

Summary of discussions: The Communication Manager of MCA-Niger indicated that the new organization of the Government of April 7, 2021 has had an influence on the composition of the Board of Directors of MCA-Niger, in particular due to the reorganization of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and the Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation.

The Government and MCC have agreed on a new composition of the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.8. (a) of the Rules of Procedure. Therefore, Section 3.7 (a) (i) on the composition of the Board must be amended to reflect these changes.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°05.

RESOLUTION N°05 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, the amendment of section 3.7 (a) (i) of MCA Niger bylaws for modifying the of the voting members of the Board of Directors

J- Amendment n°2 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and CARDNO for the mission of Procurement Agent at MCA-Niger

Summary of discussions: The Director of Procurement of MCA-Niger introduced this item by stating that MCA-Niger entered into a contract with Cardno Emerging Markets USA on July 27, 2018 for Procurement Agent services. The Contract was amended by an Addendum No. 1 dated June 24, 2020. A second Amendment is contemplated for: (i) the replacement of the retiring mission leader by the current senior specialist, and the recruitment of a new senior procurement specialist; (ii) the change of the ABA number of the Consultant's bank account; and (iii) the addition of a task related to the review of MCA-Niger's NPC contracts with a financial increase of 0.4%.

The conclusion of Amendment No. 2 will have no impact on the timeframe but will result in a financial increase of \$24,924.30 or 0.4%. MCC has given its No Objection Notice on Rider No. 2 dated May 6, 2021.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°06.

RESOLUTION N°06 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, Amendment No2 to the contract n°ADM/QCBS/2018/12 concluded on July 27, 2018 , between MCA Niger and CARDNO EMERGING MARKETS Ltd

K- Amendment No. 3 to the Contract between MCA-Niger and the SONED/CDR - AFRIQUE/ONG CDR Consortium concerning the consultation process for the development of Pastoral Management Plans and Social Agreements

Summary of discussions: The Director of Procurement of MCA-Niger introduced this item by indicating that the above-mentioned contract was signed on December 10, 2019, for a duration of 12 months. It has already been amended by an Amendment No. 1 dated December 29, 2020 and an Amendment No. 2 dated March 26, 2021.

To take into account the delay in the contract relating to the preliminary studies for the construction of the transhumance corridors, an action and monitoring plan has been drawn up between MCA-Niger and the SONED/CDR-Afrique/NGO CDR consortium. The implementation of this action and monitoring plan requires an extension of the contractual deadline of 82 days by the conclusion of an Amendment No. 3, i.e. 16.76% of the initial deadline. MCC's Non-Objection Notice on Amendment No. 3 was obtained on May 6, 2021.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°07.

RESOLUTION N°07 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present; Amendment No3 to the contract N°CR/PRAPS/2/F.00094/19 concluded on December 10,2019 between MCA Niger and the group SONED/CDR–AFRIQUE/ONG CDR

L- Amendment No. 2 to the Implementing Entity Agreement between MCA-Niger and the Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification

Summary of discussions: The Communication Manager of MCA-Niger introduced this item by indicating that MCA-Niger concluded an Implementing Entity Agreement with the ME/LCD, dated April 03, 2018, with the objective of setting up a collaboration platform, intended to facilitate the implementation of the Compact activities. The Agreement, which was revised by an amendment dated October 16, 2019, concerned two (2) directorates of the Ministry, namely the National Environmental Assessment Office (BNEE) and the General Directorate of Water and Forests (DGEF).

Despite its revision, the agreement presented several operational limitations related to the non-inclusion of ESIA assessment activities to be carried out within the framework of the Climate Resilient Communities Project (CRC), and the lack of involvement of the National Center for Ecological and Environmental Monitoring (CNSEE) whose expertise is relevant to the implementation of the Compact.

Thus, an Addendum No. 2 was drafted to include the CNSEE as a partner structure of MCA-Niger alongside the BNEE and the DGEF.

The High Commissioner for the 3N Initiative was pleased that CNSEE was included as a partner in the Compact, as it is a structure that does remarkable work in monitoring the environment of projects.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson put to the vote the adoption of the board resolution N°08.

RESOLUTION N°08 : The Board of Directors approves and adopts, by unanimity of the voting members present, Amendment No2 to the Implementing Entity Agreement concluded on April 3, 2018, between MCA Niger and the Ministry of Environment and Drought Control

2- OPEN SESSION : For Information

G- The implementation status of the recommendations issued by the Board at the 12th Regular Council Session of February 23, 2021

Summary of discussions: The Communication Manager of MCA-Niger recalled the recommendations made by the Board during its previous session. The General Management was asked to send a letter to the Minister of Finance on the issue of the social security situation of MCA-Niger expatriate employees. Thus, a letter was sent to the Ministry of Finance by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of MCA-Niger, dated March 10, 2021. The submitted issue has since been resolved.

The Chairman of the Board requested that this item should be presented at the beginning of the meeting, for the next meetings, as a report on the orientations given by the Board

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson moves to the next item

H- Update on Resolutions Adopted by written consent since the 12th Regular Board Session of February 23, 2021

Summary of discussions: The Communication Manager of MCA-Niger presented a summary of the resolutions adopted by the Board by home consultation, between the previous meeting and the current meeting:

- Resolution No. 001/03-2021 approving Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 01/PP609g1RFP/UC-PMC/NIGER/SS/01V2 concluded on May 3, 2017 between MCA-Niger and UNOPS, adopted on March 30, 2021.

The Chairperson of the Board has duly taken note without any observations.

Discussions on this item being concluded, the Chairperson moves to the next item

4. **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Chairman of the Board requested that notepads and pens should be made available to the Board members for future sessions.

5. **CLOSING**

The Director General recalled that the Compact is in its 4th year, and MCA-Niger has benefited from the collaboration of all stakeholders. Some members of the Board have been present since the launch of the Compact, even since the conception of the program. He wished to express the thanks of all the staff of MCA-Niger to them. He also invited the new members to see the program's tangible progress in the field, in Konni for example, or in Dosso. This is a testimonial of the leadership with which the Board has been chaired to date, and there is no doubt that the new Board will continue in this vein.

The Chairman of the Board thanked the members for their attendance and hoped that this commitment would continue in future meetings to support MCA-Niger and the Niger Compact. He also thanked the Director General and his staff.

The chairperson terminates the meeting at 11:40 AM

SIGNED :

FOR MCA-Niger	
M. Mamane M. ANNOU Secretary	M. Ibrahim SANI ABANI Chairperson of the Board of Directors