

Bullet Points

404th Meeting of the Governing Board

11 September 2019

1. The AFICS Governing Board played host to Ms. Janice Dunn Lee, Acting CEO of UNJSPF and Mr. Serge Gas, her Special Assistant. The Acting CEO provided the AFICS Board with an account of the debate and proceedings of the Nairobi Session of the Pension Board, in July 2019, as well as with an overview of developments and prospects in the Pension Fund itself. According to Ms. Lee, the session of the Board had focused on rules and procedures but also on critical items like a recommendation for the appointment of a new Pension Benefits Administrator for the UNJSPF. The person so recommended was Ms. Rosemary McClean, a citizen of Canada, Chief Operating Officer of the Ontario Teachers' Pension fund. She was expected to begin in her new function on or around 1 January 2020, after her formal appointment by the Secretary-General. The Acting CEO was in close contact with Ms. Rosemary McClean.
2. The Pension Board finalized a new job description for the Secretary of the Board. Separated from the post of Pension Benefits Administrator, it was set at the D1 level. The incumbent would be appointed by the Pension Benefits Administrator of UNJSPF, after full consultation with the Pension Board. The Secretary would be assisted by a small professional staff, whose posts had been secured by means of redeployment, with no additional charge to the administrative costs of the Pension Fund.
3. The Acting CEO informed the Governing Board of the success to address and deal with the backlog of prospective beneficiaries awaiting the processing of their benefit entitlements by the Pension Fund. Furthermore, she was able to confirm that the monthly pensions were paid invariably on time in all points of the world. Additional improvements were sought through better coordination with the Agencies concerned, with a view to their timely provision of required personnel information. *Outreach* to those several agencies and training of their staff tasked with this responsibility were of the essence.
4. The President and other members of the Board represented AFICS at the observance of Staff Day on 8 September. Detailed plans for activities for the year 2020 would be finalized by December.
5. The next Meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, 2 October 2019.