

Maliwatch Monthly Meeting / April 19, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 1:10pm EST (17:10 GMT)

Agenda:

1. MW annual meeting 2025 in DC (Memorial weekend - Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25).
2. Treasurer's report
3. Fundraising
4. Others

Attendance: Aliou Haidara, Amadou Kane, Diola Bagayoko, Adam Ouologuem, Fad Seydou, Talatou Maiga, Mamadou Konate, Harouna Abdoulaye Maiga.

Minutes

1. **MW annual meeting 2025 in Wadington DC** : Preparations are underway to hold the annual meeting on May 24&25, 2025, with the general meeting on Sunday May 25 from 9:00am to 5:00pm.
 - a. Topics for the meeting:
 - i. Update on the Socio-political situation of Mali - H.E. Sékou Berthé
 - ii. Update on Youth Project – Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education in Mali (Amadou Kane, Mamadou Konate and MW Youth Group)
 - iii. Water and life in Mali (water supply and quality in Mali) – speaker Dr. Abdoulaye Doucoure
 - iv. Panel discussion on Education in Mali: What Direction to Take? – MW will invite the Minister of Education (Dr. Amadou SY SAVANE) , the Minister of High Education and Research (Pr. Bouréma KANSAYE, and Pr. Fad Seydou (who has agreed to present).

For the panel discussion, the focus will be on the challenges faced by education in Mali at all levels including the primary, secondary and higher education. Issues to be discussed include but not limited to student orientation in different majors (social sciences vs hard sciences), denomination of majors, education and retention of female students in school, alphabetization of youth and adults, training of teachers, etc. Harouna will contact H.E. Sékou Berthé, Ambassador of Mali in the US to invite the two Ministers (Savane and Kansaye).

- b. The general theme for the meeting will be: “EDUCATION IN MALI”
 - c. Amadou Kane and Harouna will make the flyer
2. **Treasurer's Report** – No change in the account balance since the April 5th meeting. The account balance was \$2,448.78 USD including money for MW and MSAS.
3. **Fundraising Activities:** Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.
4. **Others** – No new issues were reported.

.Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm (18:15 GMT)