I. Current Executive Committee Officers

a) Chapter Chair - Prof. Abel Kinoti, Dean, Riara School of Business, Riara University, Nairobi, Kenya.

b) Vice Chair - Professor John Luiz, Director of International Relations, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

c) Secretary - Kabir Hamisu Kura, lecturer, School of Management Studies, Kano State Polytechnic, Kano, Nigeria.

d) Treasurer - Anke Weisheit, Director, Excel Hort Consult, Mbarara-Uganda.

e) Current Conference Organizer - Dr. Ifedapo Adeleye, Lagos Business School, Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos, Nigeria.

f) Membership Secretary - Samuel Yaw Akomea Esq., Lecturer, KNUST, School of Business, Kumasi, Ghana.

We expect to confirm fully the office bearers in the forthcoming Annual meeting, slated for 14th August, 2014 at Riara University, Nairobi-Kenya.

II. Summary of Membership

The membership of the Sub Saharan Africa Chapter as of 4th June, 2014 stood at 74. An analysis:

- Members as of last report (DATE) N/A
- Number of old members who renewed NN
- Number of new members 54
- Membership as of 4th June, 2014 74

Our membership has grown steadily over the last one year due to membership recruitment drive to support the formation of the Chapter, and also in preparation for the upcoming inaugural conference in August, 2014. The membership is drawn mainly from Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia. It is expected that as the Chapter gathers momentum the trend will continue for a couple of years. Since, the continent is vast we expect to tap into other countries and intensify our marketing activities, so as to cover Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Initially, focus will be placed more heavily on countries in which English is the language of research and education. However, outreach to French-speaking academics has already begun. In addition, we will work to create strong linkages with expatriate members of the IB community, many of whom have expressed strong support and an interest in establishing stronger linkages with academics in the region.
III. **Summary of Financial Status**

There is a modest deficit in the projected financial statement, which in future will be covered by increasing the conference fees. See appendix 1. Being the first conference the target was more on local delegates in Kenya, which should not to be case.

IV. **Summary of Meetings Held This Year**

a. **Annual conference**

AIB-SSA inaugural conference is scheduled from 13th-15th August, 2014 at Riara University, Nairobi, Kenya with 80 participants expected to attend. So far we have received 73 submissions from Australia, China, Malaysia, UK, USA, Canada, France, Denmark, Holland, UAE, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, Cameroon, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.

b. **Chapter board meeting(s)**

We expect to hold the first Board Meeting on 14th August, 2014 at Riara University, Nairobi-Kenya. We have so far relied on emails, which have proven to be quite effective in building consensus among ourselves.

V. **Plans for Future Meetings**

Full details of the plans for future meetings will emerge after the upcoming AIB-SSA inaugural conference/meeting, scheduled for 14th August, 2014 at Riara University, Nairobi-Kenya. We anticipate the current conference organizer Dr. Ifedapo, Lagos Business School ([iadeleye@lbs.edu.ng](mailto:iadeleye@lbs.edu.ng)) will be retained.

VI. **Other Initiatives**

We have proposed to award the overall best paper submitted to the conference, as well as the most outstanding paper/case in each of the four tracks. The best papers and other outstanding papers that are aligned with the conference theme will be considered and selected for inclusion in the first volume of an International Business book series which will be connected to the AIB Sub-Saharan Africa conference. The book will be published by Palgrave, and released in 2015.

VII. **Other Issues or Concerns**

Going by the current trends, it is evident that there is a bright future for AIB in Africa, particularly has a platform for networking and exchanging ideas. Probably, we should examine ways of firming up these interests through building linkages, collaborations and exchange programmes in line with AIB objectives.
Appendix 1

AIB- Sub Saharan Africa Chapter
Projected Statement of Income and Expenses
(As at 4th June, 2014)

Opening balance from year 2013........................Nil

Expected Income
Projected AIB –SSA Conference fees............ US $ 9,195/-
Proposed contribution from AIB ............... US $ 5,000/-
                          US $ 14,195/-

Expenses
Projected 2014 AIB-SSA Conference.......... US $ 17,805/-

Deficit                        US $ 3,610/-

Notes
We expect to cover the deficit through corporate donations, if not fully realised the deficit will be carried forward. In future, we shall ensure that conference fees cater for the expenses and other contributions will be utilised to cover membership recruitment drive and pertinent chapter activities.