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The Zone with a **Golden** Mission to Develop Chess

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## FUNDING OF EVENTS IN ZONE 4.5 AND URGENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS IN THE ZONE

Dear National Federation Presidents in Zone 4.5

1. On behalf of the Zone I applied for funding from FIDE to cover a number of activities/projects. Amongst those are (1) **Coaching/Training of promising young players by GM/strong IM**, (2) **Capacity building for trainers/coaches**, (3) **Capacity building for arbiters**, and (4) **Four Nations Cup**. In order to actualise the above I need information from your federations.
2. With regard to:
  - 2.1. number 1 above (Training by GM) please forward me 4 names (2 open and 2 girls (ladies) of your promising young players (not older than 30 years). The following details are required per player:
    - Surname:
    - Full Names:
    - Date of Birth:
    - FIDE Id Number:
    - FIDE Rating:
  - 2.2. number 2 above (Capacity building for Trainers/Coaches), please:
    - Send me two names (1 male and 1 female);
    - indicate the level of training your Coaches/Trainers require.I need this information to plan the Trainers Course!
  - 2.3. Number 3 (Capacity building for arbiters), please send **two** names (1 x open and 1 x female) and also indicate their current level of qualifications as arbiters

Please put the above information on the letterhead of your Federation and e-mail to me at [president@zone4-5chess.com](mailto:president@zone4-5chess.com) or [mjmahomole@gmail.com](mailto:mjmahomole@gmail.com)

Send the above information on/before Thursday, 29 July 2021. **DON'T MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR PEOPLE!**

3. Four Nations Cup
  - 3.1. As you may know, in 2020 our zone held online team championship which was won by Angola. One of the conditions of the tournament was that the top four finishing nations

(countries) will play in the Top Four Nations Cup. But due to lack of funds the tournament could not take off.

- 3.2. The countries that finished in the top four positions, in their finishing order, were: **Angola, South Africa, Botswana** and **Zambia**.
  - 3.3. The application for funding which we applied for from FIDE covered this tournament. So the above countries should ready themselves to compete in the tournament.
  - 3.4. While I am going to consult with the **Online Events Commission** on the dates, I am calling upon the four counties involved to send their suggestions on their preferred dates to me on/before Thursday, 29 July 2021.
4. The Upcoming African Chess Confederation (ACC) Board meeting
    - 4.1. Currently there are plans to arrange and host ACC Board meeting virtually on the 7th August 2021 (still being discussed). As you may know, I am a Board Member of ACC Board by virtue of being a Zonal President. All Zonal Presidents are ACC Board Members. So I'll be attending the meeting and thereby representing your interest as a zone.
    - 4.2. To make me represent you and echo your sentiments/wishes well in the meeting kindly send me the issues and matters that you want me to raise at the meeting. Please place such matters on your **federation letterhead**, with some short background and your anticipated/preferred action from ACC or FIDE through ACC, and send them to me on/before **Thursday, 29 July 2021!**
    - 4.3. I think this kind of communication and interaction will strengthen both communication and cooperation between ACC, our Zone and National Federations!
  5. Colleagues the success of the Zone depends on the viability and activity of your national federations. I am looking forward to your cooperation and positive response in this regard.

Thank you



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