

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ARMFA

(LOME 22 AND 23 APRIL 2004)

**WELCOME ADDRESS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF
RMF-TOGO,**

PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Honourable members of parliament
- Ladies and gentlemen Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions in Togo,
- Secretaries General of AGEPAR and SSATP, development partners,
- Ladies and gentlemen delegates,
- Distinguished guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Unfortunately, as soon as it was born, ARMFA experienced internal upheavals, the main reason for the holding of an Extraordinary General Assembly for these two days.

From Libreville to Lome, we at least share the same conviction. Also the Road maintenance Fund of Togo is honoured to host the quasi- totality of the founding members of ARMFA.

On behalf of the organising committee of this meeting, I warmly welcome you all, colleagues from far and near, to Lome and urge you to feel at home in Togoland, a traditional country of peace and land of hospitality.

I also acknowledge the presence among us, of our SSATP partners who have spared no efforts in towards logistically and financially supporting this ARMFA Executive Board in the organisation of this General Assembly.

We are highly indebted to you.

If we have unanimously decided to meet here today, it is to consolidate the gains of Libreville and make some corrections to our basic text.

Our common wish is to avoid an autarchic situation: but rather to open up to one another to exchange our experiences as RMF-Africa, Our main objective is to strive together with our respective countries and development partners, to ensure the efficiency of each RMF.

During these two days, we have to concentrate our energies on what appears to be fundamental for a harmonious foundation of our Association.

An objective analysis and without apportioning blames for our false start, should surely lead to the adoption of flexible and easily applicable statutory provisions.

It is with great hope that I wish our Extraordinary General Assembly full success.

Thank you.