

National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG)

The National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG) represents all Ghana's local governments. In cooperation with FES the association developed its new constitution intended to lead to more transparency, participation and decision-making ability. According to this constitution, adopted by the National Delegates Conference in 2003, NALAG is expected:

- To promote the rights, privileges and interests of all of its member assemblies,
- to assist in maintaining a high standard of local government service delivery,
- to help member assemblies to solve their problems through educational and training programmes as well as information sharing,
- to create a more effective communication channel between local authorities and central government in order to achieve a better representation of local authorities' interests.

In the past, required meetings of Regional Delegates could not take place due to a lack of funds and institutional capacity.

The challenges of NALAG - FES cooperation do thus consist of capacity building and fund raising.

Collaboration with FES

With support from FES and the ILGS, over the years NALAG held numerous capacity-building workshops for its members. The adoption of NALAG's new constitution (see above) may be considered as the most important success of recent NALAG-FES collaboration. It is intended to strengthen this body internally and constitutes an additional step towards decentralization.

FES and two of the NALAG's member assemblies, Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council (ARCC) and Volta Regional Coordinating Council (VRCC), have organized workshops and studies concerning the more efficient use of financial means such as the "Manual for the Utilization of the District Assemblies Common Fund" and a report titled "Revenue Generation and Management at the District Level".

As representation of women in the District Assemblies remains on a very low level, FES and NALAG decided to initiate a competition to find the "Best Gender Sensitive District".

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