

WG1 (Assisting Markets)

As already outlined in the Administrative Review for 2008 there were applications received for full membership from **Azerbaijan, CEMAC** (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Republic of Central Africa), **Nigeria** and **Oman** that were voted positively at the two General Meetings. Applications for Partnership were received from **Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Syria** and **Vietnam** during last year.

As already stated in last year's report a new development with regards to either changing status from Partner to full membership or applying immediately for becoming ANNA member is noted.

The **21 ANNA Partners representing 28 countries** are at present:

- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Ghana
- Honduras
- Kenya
- Mauritius
- Nicaragua
- Swaziland
- Syria
- Tanzania
- UEMOA (representing Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo)
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Organizations from these countries being appointed by as National Numbering Agencies are mainly **Central Securities Depositories (CSDs)** or **Stock Exchanges**. By the ANNA Partners ISINs for **more than 100 countries** are allocated by National Numbering Agencies. Those countries not having appointed a National Numbering Agency yet are handled by the appointed SNAs.

For 2009 ANNA has already received applications for full membership from the **Palestine**. Applications for Partnership have been received from **Armenia, Ecuador** and **Paraguay**. Further applications for either full membership or Partnership are likely in the near future from **Bahrain, Georgia, Kazakhstan** and the **United Arab Emirates**.

Two **Regional Groups** have already been established to coordinate and discuss regional items and assist potential members: **ALARG** (ANNA Latin America Regional Group) for Latin America and the ANNA members **AMEDA** (African and Middle East Depositories Association) for Africa and the Middle East handled by ANNA WG4. We hope that in the near future another group will be created by the Asian members.

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