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## Regional/Country branch Update:

**UK:** Hendrix, explained the amount of meetings they had, to make sure some accommodation would be provided to the non-UK members. How they achieved that, the amount of money UK members contributed, and the challenges UK branch in terms of arranging logistics. However, most of people who registered interest to come failed to confirm their interest and for that matter have wasted resources.

**Denmark:** Papa Joe: informed us of some equipment the Denmark branch are sourcing for Volu from TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE. Azay enquired about import duties/taxes if equipment gets to Ghana. Papa Joe said they were also enquiring about exemptions for NGOs.

**Benelux:** King Ray reported that the Benelux group have not embarked any activity since the last AGM. One of their challenges is that the membership are in three countries and DK for example is currently working in East African region.

**USA/Canada:** Barbangida, explained the medium of communication is by social media. Since their earlier help for Volu, they have not been able to initiate any new project. Their challenges is the geographical distance and time difference with USA and/or Canada, but they will take inspiration from Europe.

**Guest Speaker:** Rob Unwin (Susubiribi), thanked VIO for inviting him, reflected on his experiences in Ghana, his working relationship with Volu through the Chapel Town/Volu project, workcamps he attended in Ghana and the friendship he established with people like Dambua, and Guy Jesus. He express his desire to be a member of VIO. He mentioned Gap year student program that Volu can initiate and try to use his connection with Forestry Department UK about a possible assistance from them to Volu Gh.

**General Discussion** - Policy Direction facilitated by Hendrix on slides, we discussed the VIO strategic plan, which was necessitated by a recommendation made by the UK charity commission following our application for charity status.

Strengthening links between Volu Intl and Volu Ghana: Continue with joint projects with Volu Ghana, paid for and monitored by Volu Int; refurbishment and upgrading Volu Ghana's office to a better standard, payment of website or digital media for Volu Ghana. We agreed to forward a proposal to VOLU about given VIO a recognition similar to the status regional status in Ghana and to ensure there is MOU with VOLU and if possible, make a case for them to amend their constitution to reflect the recognition we are asking for.

**Future Programs and Projects:** Securing the Kodiabe land first before any other project on the land, potential sponsorship of summer and weekend camps and hostel project using the land around Volu office we shared with the Forestry Dept.

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