



AGORA CLUB

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INTERNATIONAL

NEWS LETTER



November 2024

Dear sisters,

As I reflect on my first month as your president, I am filled with immense pride to represent such a remarkable group of individuals. It is truly an honor to be part of a community that embodies warmth, support and collaboration. Together, we are more than just a network; we are a family that has the potential to make a meaningful impact in the lives of many.

This year, my primary goal is to enhance our visibility, to grow and strengthen our collaboration within the RT Family. I believe that by working together and sharing our unique strengths, we can amplify our voice and extend our reach. Each one of us brings something special to the family and it is crucial that we harness this collective power.

In my previous speech at the AGM, I emphasized the pride we should all feel in being part of this family. We are strong women and together we move mountains. That strength lies in our resilience and our determination. Our strength, our growth, our pride, they are not just for ourselves, but to open doors that have long been closed. We are strong women, a title we wear with pride!

We have the opportunity to make a difference, often with just a small effort on our part. Together, we can foster a culture of support and empowerment, ensuring that everyone feels valued and heard.

In this spirit, I support the Stars of the Atlas project. An endeavour organised by another strong woman, Rajâa Jabbour, a Belgian Agora member of my local club and president of the New Hope Foundation.


In closing, I urge you all to "Release Your Power." Embrace the unique contributions you bring to our family and let's work together to create a brighter future. I am looking forward to an inspiring year ahead, full of collaboration and growth. Thank you for your support - I am excited about what we can achieve together.

Warm regards,
Jill






STARS OF THE ATLAS



In September 2023, an earthquake struck Marrakech, impacting the Atlas Mountains. The region's geographical isolation and poverty have severely affected the health and menstrual hygiene of young girls and women. Limited access to menstrual hygiene products, coupled with a lack of information on their use, heightens the risk of infections and health complications.



A mobile health team from the New Hope Foundation is leading a campaign to improve menstrual hygiene and prevent infections. This initiative includes distributing hygiene kits for both personal and menstrual care to support women's health and living conditions.

How can we help support them?

Agora International is backing this initiative by offering argan gel for €15, or a gel with a hand towel for €20, along with options for donations and sponsorship. With your support, we can provide sustainable hygiene solutions and enhance the well-being of these women.

Thank you for your generosity, thank you for THEM!



Menstrual
HYGIENE
is a
NECESSITY
not a
LUXURY



THE HYGIENE KIT

- Two eco-friendly menstrual underwear (12-hour absorption, lifelong)
- Intimate hygiene soap bars
- Hand towel
- Argan soap
- Jute tote bag and pouch

A HYGIENE KIT INCLUDES:



10,000 to 15,000* fewer sanitary products polluting the planet, per woman



A savings of 25,000 dirhams (€2,275) per woman



It's also a way for women to regain their dignity by accessing healthy and sustainable hygiene solutions.

*Moss, R. (2015) - Huffington Post UK

If you would like to help preserve the planet and support the dignity of women in Marrakech, you can make a donation to the Agora International account with the reference "ATLAS."

Board & board assistants



All the boardies 2024/25 wish you a fantastic ACI day and we hope you celebrate our friendship with your club! Our ACI day was installed 10 years ago by Veerle de Jonge on November 14th to commemorate the charter of our first club in Lille, France in 1987.

[Read more about board members and board assistants!](#)

Please join our Agora Club International **WhatsApp Community**. If you want to join the HYM or the ACI Conference, you can find travel companions there and share good advice. We have added groups there to share ideas for social media and to get help with the ACW.



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Agora Club International Celebrates Diversity in Hanover

The first weekend of October saw Hannover transformed into a hub of international friendship and diversity as Ladies from 25 nations gathered to celebrate the ACI Conference 2023. This vibrant weekend marked the end of Gabriella Lerch's term as the 2023/24 President of Agora Club International (ACI) under the theme *#move_it*.

Councilor Meeting Welcoming Cyprus as a Full Member

The weekend kicked off on Friday with the Councilor Meeting, where important club proposals were discussed in advance. A special highlight was the announcement that Agora Club Cyprus has joined as a full member, marking an important step in ACI's growing international network.



Colorful Parade Through Hannover

Friday afternoon brought a colorful spectacle, as ladies in traditional national costumes paraded from the Opera House to the New Town Hall, accompanied by lively samba music. Upon arrival, a city representative welcomed the participants warmly. The joy of reuniting was palpable, and the evening continued with a lively celebration.

Saturday: AGM at the Sprengel Museum

Saturday centered on the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the renowned Sprengel Museum. The national delegates and the ACI Board entered under the *move_it* theme. Representatives of the "5 Clubs – 1 Vision" family were present and send their greetings. All the information can be found in the minutes and presentation of the meeting.

Jill Brees: New President with a Powerful Motto

A highlight of the AGM was the official induction of Jill Brees as the new President of Agora Club International. With her motto *Release Your Power*, she encourages members to unlock their potential and actively support the club's values and goals.

Laptops 4 Hope: A Heartfelt International Project

The *Laptops 4 Hope* project, which enters its second year, remains a key initiative for the coming term. The goal is to provide donated laptops to schools in Africa and Eastern Europe to improve educational opportunities. Financial donations are also welcome to continue advancing this impactful project.



Gala Evening at the Congress Center

The weekend concluded with a festive gala at the Congress Center. Guests celebrated in a colorful and joyful atmosphere, dressed in elegant evening wear. A lively band filled the night with music, the dance floor was packed, and a successful raffle added to the fun.

Looking Forward to the Coming Years

As members reflect on the successful weekend with gratitude, they eagerly anticipate the next international gatherings: next year in South Africa, followed by the Netherlands.

Agora Club International once again demonstrated the value of international friendship, cultural exchange, and joint dedication to make an impact.



ACI HYM ICELAND 2025

Iceland - your destination for 2025



Looking for a spring vacation? Want to catch up with friends and have fruitful discussions about our organization? Look no further. Come to the HYM in Iceland May 8th-11th 2025.

If you are wondering what Iceland has to offer, there is plenty to choose from. The meeting will take place in the picturesque capital of Iceland, Reykjavík. With a population of only 140 thousand it is a small city but has everything to offer that larger cities have. Reykjavík is known for its vibrant atmosphere of culture, nightlife, restaurants, shopping and attractions. Whale watching, museums, live music, local artists and Icelandic design are all things you can find within downtown Reykjavík. The feel of the city is unique, with it's quaint and colorful houses, international cuisine amidst traditional Icelandic food and fun things to do. There is generally a high standard of service with award winning chefs and experienced hotel staff in every corner.



Reykjavík is also surrounded by nature. Within the city there are many green areas, hiking trails, geothermal swimming pools in every neighbourhood and the view of mount Esja means "home" to many Icelanders. Just a short 45 minute drive will bring

you to Þingvellir national park, the historic site of the Icelandic parliament established in the year 930. Many other attractions are just a short drive from Reykjavík, including Geysir and Gullfoss, multiple horse riding farms and small towns.

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On the way from the airport in Keflavík, there is the famous Blue Lagoon, known for its mineral rich waters surrounded by lava. The Sky Lagoon is in the Reykjavík area, offering an infinity pool and spa experience. If you feel like indoor activities Fly over Iceland is a good choice, a ride taking you around Iceland via technology and a screen. Perlan also has a great museum and a good view of the city. Hallgrímskirkja is the church that towers over the city, you can take the elevator to the top and afterwards walk down Skólavörðustígur, where there are many cafes, small local shops and art work.



If you feel like extending your stay the choices are endless. Most people rent cars to take them around the island, but domestic flights will also take you to the various

corners of Iceland. Waterfalls, canyons, rivers, glaciers, small towns, mountains and caves. Iceland's nature is what draws most people to the country and will never disappoint.

Getting to Iceland is relatively easy, there are countless flights from all the major airports in Europe and several in the US. Icelandair is offering those who are coming to the meeting a discount of 15% based on the following preconditions: Travelling dates are between 4 May and 14 May 2025.

Booking is only available between 20 November and 30 November 2024. The booking site is

<https://www.icelandair.com>

Promo Code is wm2025 (entered on the first page where you choose your destination).



[41 World meeting & Agora HYM](#)

We look forward to seeing you all in Iceland



ACI Conference 2025

Agora South Africa invites you to join us for the exciting
"Big 5 in 2025" International Conference!
South Africa 25.-29.09.2025

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Dinokeng Big 5 Nature Reserve, this one-of-a-kind event promises a blend of adventure, fellowship, and unforgettable experiences in the heart of the African bush. From thrilling game drives to immersive cultural evenings, including a vibrant welcome party and African-chic Boma Dinner, we've curated the perfect balance of relaxation and celebration. Whether you're exploring the wildlife, enjoying lodge activities, or simply soaking up the serene beauty of the bushveld, we can't wait to share this remarkable journey with you.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in South Africa.

Registration is open: ACI Conference 2025

Download: [ACI Conference 2025 South Africa Brochure](#)



Welcome Party: Shebeen Scene - Kwalata

Experience the Vibrant Shebeen Culture with Traditional food and smooth vibes!



Dress: Traditional
 Represent your country with an UpCycle twist.



Bushveld Boma Braai: African-Chic with a wild twist! - Mongena

Enjoy South Africa's finest Braai Culture as you dine under the stars around a blazing open pit fire.

Dress: African-Chic
 Get creative with vibrant fabrics and add some



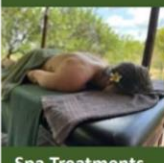
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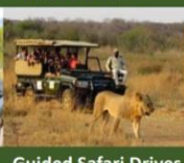
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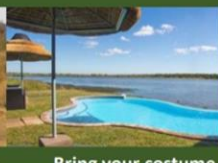
Guided Bush Walks



Spa Treatments



Guided Safari Drives



Bring your costume, binos, camera and an adventurous spirit!



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Aziz Cherkaoui



International President of Club 41 2024-2025

I am married to Awatef and father of 4 daughters (Ghita, Kenza, Zineb and Fati), grandfather 6 times



A - My life within the RT Family began in March 1983 (41 years ago) with the creation of the Marrakech 8 round table

-In 1986, I became the national president of Moroccan RT

During my life as Tablers :

1983 -1993: several international activities :

WOCO (2). - EMTM (5) - Belgium - Germany - Sweden - Austria - France - Italy - Finland - Iceland - Denmark - Holland - Luxembourg + several round table charters in Europe.

B - My life at the 41 club:

-1995: founding president of the club 41 of Marrakech 2, with a charter of 750 members 41 from different countries around the world.

-National President of 41 club Morocco (twice): in 1995-1996 and 2018-2019

-2015: Coordinator and sponsor of the creation of club 41 of Marrakech 6, then Marrakech 7

In 2018 Co-convenor of the HYM of Marrakech

-International activity was the area that I carried out the most, because I like meeting people from different countries, the only way to enrich

myself on an intellectual level

I was elected international VP in 2022 in Verona, Italy

The list of my trips is long:

National Assemblies: Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Israel, India, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, GB and I, Sweden, Iceland, Norway, Hungary, Romania, Austria, Portugal, Kenya, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Switzerland

-After taking the necklace of President, international of club 41 in Marrakech (June 2024) , I went to several countries in 2024: France, Austria, Holland, Dubai, Zambia, South Africa, Nepal, India, Romania, the Agora, international in Hannover, Belgium, and of course the HYM in Bern. In November, I will represent the 41 Club international in Madagascar.

Today, I want to be useful to our movement in Morocco and elsewhere to reach my year of international presidency in 2024-2025 and give the maximum. Me at 41 club which is a big part of me.

My logo: WITH LOVE, because everything we do with love can only be good.

Of course, my social program this year is called * the stars of the Atlas , a program of the *New Hope foundation of Belgium and which we do together with also the international Agora.

Furthermore, I want to produce a good program with RT Family. This is very important for me

Long live the friendship that binds us all.

With Love

Aziz Cherkaoui

41 INTERNATIONAL President 2024/2025

Tangent Club International

Anne Kokko



It's all about friendship

Dear Agora Ladies, I'm so happy that I have this opportunity to write to you and I'm going to use this possibility to tell you about Tangent Club International and its history in a nutshell, based on TCI Directory. I hope you are interested in your family-member and to know it better.

The first Tangent Club (the first Club for past members of Ladies Circle) was founded in 1950 by past Circlers of LC GB&I. The logo, a tangent that just touches the circle without crossing it, marks the close relationship with LC and as a continuum of circling life. Then in 1980s the Tangent GB&I became the godmother of Tangent Denmark and the chartering of TC Denmark took place in 1982.

The first real step, on the journey to forming Tangent Club International, to continue friendships made through Ladies Circle International, was taking in 2010 when Tangents GB and Denmark wrote a Memorandum of Understanding to encourage international links between all Tangent countries. After that, Ladies Circle International wrote a letter suggesting that it would make communication easier with past circlers, if there was just one point of contact, so Tangent nominated an International Relations Officer (IRO).

Finally in May 2014 the charter of TCI took place by 5 founder member countries (GB, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Cyprus). More and more countries were welcomed to TCI as full members or associated countries. For the moment we have 15 full-member countries and 5 associated countries and we are growing all over the world.

Nowadays TCI is a member of RT-family and we highly value side-by-side work. We have our main events together with Club 41 and the very good news is that Agora Club International will have their HYM at the same time as our AGM. This gives us an opportunity to strengthen the cooperation with our two associations, because in the end it's all about friendship.

Let the friendship continue
Anne,
TCI president 2024-26

Round Table International

Daniele Cusi



Ciao my dear Sisters from Agora Club, I'm Daniele Cusi, Round Table International President from RT Italy! Today I'm here to tell you how important for me it's the teamwork especially within members of RTI Family!

The quote I've just adapted to Round Table World comes from Vince Lombardi, one of the greatest american football head coach! American Football was part of my life for about 20 years and thanks to it, sharing the "battlefield" with my team's mates, I've learnt how important is the teamwork to achieve goals!

Teamwork is a crucial component of success in many areas, from professional environments to sports and community projects. When people work together towards a common goal, they bring diverse perspectives, skills, and ideas to the table. This collaboration allows for more comprehensive solutions and encourages innovation.

This year I've made a huge step in the direction of "Team Working" together with my "partner in crime" Lisha, the actual president of Ladies' Circle International, sharing the theme of the year "One Team One Dream" together with the Logo of the Year! We hope that this step will be an example for our members all over the world showing that teamwork it's a real thing!

Teamwork it's the key of our growth, it's the key for helping people in needs, it's the key for making our world a better place where to live!

If one member of our clubs can make the difference and a group of local members can have a huge impact on the local community, an association of our members can make impossible things become possible...and all the five clubs together can makes dreams come true!

Your in International Tabling
Daniele Cusi
Round Table International President 2024-2025

Ladies Circle International

Lisha Kufekisa



Dear Ladies of AGORA,

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to send this heartfelt greeting. As I began my journey as the LCI President in August, it has been truly inspiring to witness the unwavering support from AGORA International on the global level, as well as the dedication and strength of national AGORA clubs at the grassroots level. Together, we are shaping a future that radiates with the essence of our shared values—friendship, service, and unwavering commitment to uplifting women around the world.

The sisterhood we share with AGORA is a bond we hold close to our hearts. You are not only our big sisters but also our friends, mentors, and role models. Your wisdom, encouragement, and strength have created a foundation on which we can grow, both individually and as a collective. The journey we undertake each year, hand in hand with AGORA, adds depth and joy to our experiences and broadens the impact we can make within our communities.

This year, under the empowering theme **“Release Your Power,”** AGORA embarks on a path that reminds us of the

strength, resilience, and limitless potential within each of us. Just as your theme calls on you to release your power, I am inspired to see AGORA clubs worldwide step forward boldly, creating waves of positive change. May this year be one of breakthroughs and brilliance, where every AGORA member shines brightly, making a lasting impact wherever she goes.

In alignment with our own theme, **“One Team, One Dream,”** I am reminded of the beauty that comes from uniting diverse perspectives, talents, and dreams toward a common purpose. Our collaboration as Ladies Circle International and AGORA International demonstrates that by working as one team, with one shared dream, we can overcome challenges, amplify each other’s strengths, and reach new heights. Together, we are creating a legacy of empowerment and support that will inspire generations to come.

As we move forward into this year, let us continue to lift each other, support each other’s endeavors, and celebrate the milestones we achieve. It is in the power of our collective efforts that we find the strength to bring about lasting change. Whether it’s through community projects, friendship initiatives, or simply standing by one another, our shared journey is one of incredible purpose and possibility.

Here’s to a year of growth, sisterhood, and success as we walk side by side, hand in hand, for a future where every woman can release her power and join in the spirit of **“One Team, One Dream.”** I look forward to the wonderful impact we will make together, and I am grateful for each of you as a cherished part of our shared mission.

With all my best wishes and warm regards,

Lisha Kufekisa

Ladies Circle International President