



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT

Public Hearing

The Situation in the Great Lakes region

25 June 2008, 15.00-18.30 h.
European Parliament, Brussels
Room: ASP 3E2

Chaired by Mr. Thijs Berman MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Development

Moderated by: - Jürgen Schröder MEP, Chair of the Hearing

- Alain Hutchinson, MEP

- Johan Van Hecke, MEP

PROGRAMME

(* = *Speaker to be confirmed*)

I. General introduction

15.15 - 15.20 **Welcome** by Mr. Thijs Berman MEP, Vice-Chair DEVE / Mr. Jürgen Schröder MEP, Chair of the Hearing

15.20 - 15.35 **First keynote speech** by Commissioner Louis Michel

15.35 – 15.50 **Second keynote speech** by Reverend Malu-Malu, President of RDC National Electoral Commission and Chief mediator Goma Peace process,

II. First panel: the regional context

15.50 - 16.35

Moderator: Mr. Johan Van Hecke MEP

Introduction by Mr. Van Hecke - 5 min.

Presentation by Ambassador Andebrhan Weldegiorgis, Africa Director, International Crisis Group - 10 min.

Presentation by Local Expert* - 10 min.

Comments by Elisabeth Tison, Head of Unit responsible for Central Africa and the Great Lakes (European Commission representative) - 5 min.

Exchange of views - 15 min.

III. Second panel: the humanitarian situation - working in situations of fragility

16.35 - 17.20

Moderator: Mr. Alain Hutchinson MEP

Introduction by Mr. Hutchinson - 5min.

Presentation by Prof. Mashako Mamba, President 'Partie Humanitaire', Goma peace process - 10 min.

Presentation by Mr. Thierry Dethier, Oxfam Solidarité - 10 min.

Comments by Dr. Philippe Maughan MD, Head of Sector, Central and Southern Africa Region, ECHO - 5 min.

Exchange of views - 15 min.

IV. Third panel: the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo

17.20 - 18.05

Moderator: M. Jürgen Schröder MEP

Introduction by Mr. Schröder - 5 min.

Presentation by Hon. Léon, Bariyanga Rutuye, the President of the Provincial Assembly of North Kivu - 10 min.

Presentation by Mr. Kris Berwouts, Director EurAC, - 10 min.

Comments by Elisabeth Tison, Head of Unit responsible for Central Africa and the Great Lakes (European Commission representative) - 5 min.

Exchange of views - 15 min.

V. Conclusions

18.05 - 18.30

Conclusions and recommendations: *moderators of panels (+ if still present: Commissioner Louis Michel, and Reverend Malu-Malu)*