



## ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### **Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment**

#### **MINUTES**

of the meeting of Thursday 19 September 2013, from 15.00 to 18.30  
and Friday 20 September 2013, from 9.00 to 12.30  
Brussels

*The meeting opened at 15.10 with Michèle Rivasi (EU Co-Chair) in the chair*

**1. Adoption of agenda (AP101.507)**

The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of Saturday 15 June 2013 (AP101.380)**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Co-chairs' announcements**

The Co-Chair informed on the themes of the two urgent resolutions, the subjects for the workshops and the subjects for debate without resolutions, for the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the JPA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**4. Mining for oil and minerals on the seabed in the context of sustainable development**

- Appointment of co-rapporteurs and exchange of views

Pending the nomination of the EU Co-rapporteur, the Committee confirmed the appointment of the ACP co-rapporteur Joe Koim Komun (Papua New Guinea). The ACP Co-rapporteur welcomed the Committee's interest in deep sea mining, noting that Papua New Guinea has cautiously embarked on explorative activities in

collaboration with a Canadian Firm.

Iain Shepherd (DG MARE, European Commission) underlined that the EU needs to retain its manufacturing industry for which raw materials are needed. Deep-sea provides unexplored resources that can be used.

Members noted that deep sea mining raises concern, particularly on the protection of the environment and of vulnerable populations, and reflected on the experiences of in-land mining activities, where social and environmental impacts have been recorded.

**Speakers:** Catherine Bearder, Jutta Haug, Christa Kläß, Manuel Jiménez (Dominican Republic), Arnaldo Ramos (Cape Verde), Nobert Neuser, Michèle Rivasi, Myriam Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso) and Netty Baldeh (Gambia).

## 5. The post-MDGs agenda

- Exchange of views

Vincent Chasteloux (DG DEVCO, European Commission) underlined that although the current MDGs framework has had a catalyzing power with some results, important areas remain to be accomplished. He noted that the next development agenda should address sustainable development and the eradication of poverty, in a holistic way.

**Speaker:** Rajaon Andriamisata (Madagascar).

## 6. Development and humanitarian assistance

- Exchange of views with Raoul Peck, director of "Fatal Assistance"
- Viewing of the film documentary "Fatal Assistance"

Members viewed a documentary film entitled "Fatal Assistance" directed by Raoul Peck, narrating the nature and logistic intervention of humanitarian and development assistance in Haiti after the devastating earthquake of 2010.

Members noted the frustrating situation depicted in the film, clearly indicating dis-functioning institutional framework in Haiti, which was exploited by internal donors and NGOs alike. Members noted the lack of consultation with the beneficiaries in the aftermath of the earthquake, particularly, with respect to construction projects.

**Speakers:** Catherine Bearder, Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Job Ndugai (Tanzania), Michèle Rivasi, Co-President Joyce Laboso (Kenya) and Odirile Motlhale (Botswana).

*The meeting adjourned at 6.43 pm on Thursday, 19 September 2013, and resumed on Friday, 20 September 2013, at 9.07 am with Job Ndugai (ACP Co-Chair) in the Chair.*

## **7. The social and environmental impacts of pastoralism on ACP Countries**

Co-rapporteurs: Abdourahamane Chégou (Niger) and Fiona Hall

- Consideration of draft report (AP 101.526/A)

The Co-rapporteurs underlined that pastoralism is an important part of economic development, however it is highly neglected in the countries where it is practised. Pastoralists contribute to environmental protection, nutrition, and security, but face numerous challenges namely lack of appropriate facilities for education, health, political inclusion, and the growth of urbanised areas.

Wendessen Gulelat from Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia, and Ahmadou Barre from Karkara Niger, informed Members that the pressure for pastoralism is very high as there is normally no land use plan to accommodate poor pastoralists.

Members emphasised the need for legal provisions, as well as the political will to better protect and organise the sector of pastoralism. Roberto Aparicio (DG DEVCO, European Commission) noted that the EU is committed to continuing to support pastoralism, particularly within the context of the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> EDF programming cycle, in support of fighting malnutrition in Africa.

**Speakers:** Christa Klaß, Catherine Bearder and Adjedoué Weidou (Tchad).

**Decision:** The deadline for tabling amendments was set for 24 October 2013 at 12h00.

## **8. The inclusion of persons with disabilities in developing countries**

Paragraph 24 of the JPA Resolution on the Inclusion of persons with disabilities in developing countries, “calls on the ACP-EU JPA to report on, review and highlight good practices and progress on inclusion in ACP Countries on a two yearly basis”. In this regard, Members underlined the need to have reports both from the EU and ACP Member States.

**Speakers:** Catherine Bearder, Michael Peyrefitte (Belize), Odirile Motlhale (Botswana) and Adjedoué Weidou (Tchad).

**Decision:** The Co-chairs will write to the Bureau of the Assembly to invite it to decide on what procedure should be followed.

## **9. Urgent and topical subjects**

A presentation was made by Simon Wright, President of Global Health Advocates, on "Child health in ACP Countries: the challenge of ending preventable child mortality". Although substantial progress has been made towards achieving MDG 4 (Reduce Child Mortality), regions such as Sub-Saharan Africa and Oceania have not reduced under-five mortality by 50% or more. Simon Wright highlighted the upcoming opportunities in promoting child health and universal health coverage in the post-2015 agenda discussions, at various levels.

Members noted the important role governments and non-governmental organisations have in improving child health and the challenge of the increasing birth rates in some countries in reducing child mortality.

**Speakers:** Michael Peyrefitte (Belize), Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Catherine Bearder, Abdourahamane Chégou (Niger), Rajaon Andriamisata (Madagascar), Attiat Abdelhalim (Sudan) and Mo-Mamo Karerwa (Burundi).

## **10. Any other business**

Members were updated on the steps taken by the EU to ease the difficulties ACP JPA Members are facing in securing Schengen visas. Members also proposed that the possibility of ACP JPA Members being issued long-term Belgian visas when they are in Brussels attending JPA Meetings, be explored.

**Speakers:** Catherine Bearder, Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Michael Peyrefitte (Belize), and Mo-Mamo Karerwa (Burundi).

## **11. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Saturday, 23 November 2013.

*The meeting closed at 11.17 a.m.*

LISTE DE PRESENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Présents/Present

ACP

Job Ndugai(Tanzania), Co-Chair  
Adjedoué Weidou (Tchad), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

PE/EP

Michèle Rivasi, Co-chair<sup>(1)</sup>

Odirile Motlhale (Botswana)  
Michael Peyrefitte (Belize)  
Achille tapsoba (Burkina Faso)  
Mo-Mamo Karerwa (Burundi)  
Andrade Ramos (Cape Verde)  
Djae Ahamada (Comores)  
Manuel Jimenez (Dominican Republic)  
Netty Baldeh (Gambia)  
Abdourahmane Chegou (Niger)  
Joe Koim (Papua New Guinea)  
Charles Kakoma (Zambia)

Catherine Bearder  
Fiona Hall<sup>(2)</sup>  
Jutta Haug  
Christa Klauf  
Norbert Neuser  
Maurice Ponga

<sup>(1)</sup> Present only 19 September 2013

<sup>(2)</sup> Present only 20 September 2013

Egalement présents/Also present

ACP

Nepe, Jaime (Angola), Borland (Belize), Motshome, (Botswana), Ouedraogo, Doamba, Zoungrana (Burkina Faso), Karekezi, Nshimirimana (Burundi), Bandouboula (Congo Brazzaville), Moleko, Basiala (D.R. Congo), Camara (Gambia), Laboso (Kenya), Rajaon, Razafison (Madagascar), Mwachande (Malawi), Haileka (Namibia), Foukora, Maman, Natitia, Younoussa (Niger), Dalhatu, Irabur, Kakiyat, Nsiegbé (Nigeria), Balagetuna, Kapi, Balagetuna (Papua New Guinea), Cheikh (Senegal), Attiat, Abudullatif, Yassin (Sudan), Nzowa, Kayola, Zungu, Kamala, Mwanjelwa, Yakubu (Tanzania), Affono (Tchad), Ramsubagh (Trinidad & Tobago), Nabbanja, Bihande (Uganda), Mwasa, Kalumbu, Nakaponda, Kashinka, Mubanga (Zambia).

NGOs/Organisations

Peck (Fatal Assistance), Van Troos (Vétérinaires Sans Frontières), Gulelat (Pastoralism Forum Ethiopia), Barré (Karkara, Niger), Wright (Global Health Advocates)

Commission européenne/European Commission

Metdepenningen, Mastrogiacomo, Aparicio, Pilger, Marx, Chasteloux (DEVCO), Mukengeshayi, Amato, Fernandez-Zincke, Angelini (ECHO), Shepherd (DG MARE)

Groupes politiques/Political groups

Kosinska (EPP)  
Zink (S&D)  
Mutafchieva (S&D)  
Itziar (ALDE)  
Walelign (V/ALE)

Co-secrétariat ACP/Co-secretariat ACP

Kakule, Latu, Awuku

Co-secrétariat PE/Co-secretariat EP

Cole, Sailer, Pribaz  
Assistance/Assisted by  
Batteauw, Lorentzen, Hellman

