



ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment

MINUTES

of the meeting of Sunday 25 November 2012, 14.00 - 17.30

Paramaribo (Suriname)

The meeting opened at 14.12 with Michèle Rivasi (Co-Chair) in the chair

1. Adoption of agenda (APP/101.273)

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 20 and 21 September 2012 (APP/101.272)

The minutes were approved.

3. Co-Chair's announcements

The Co-Chair announced the themes of the two workshops and recalled the title for the next report: *The social and environmental impacts of Pastoralism in ACP Countries*.

4. The importance of access to energy for sustainable economic development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

Co-rapporteurs: Manuel Jiménez (Dominican Republic) and Horst Schnellhardt

- Consideration of amendments (AP101.251/AA)
- Adoption of draft report (AP101.251)

The Co-rapporteurs Manuel Jiménez (Dominican Republic) and Horst Schnellhardt thanked Members for the amendments that enriched the report.

Decision: The amended report was adopted unanimously.

5. Human Resources for health in ACP countries

Co-rapporteurs: Charles Kakoma (Zambia) and Edit Bauer

- Exchange of views with Edward D. van Eer, General Director of Medical Mission, Suriname, on the basis of a working document (AP 101.274)

Edward D. van Eer described the work of Medical Mission, Suriname, in the provision of health services, in particular the Suriname model of task shifting with the use of health assistants in rural areas.

The Co-rapporteurs Charles Kakoma (Zambia) and Edit Bauer presented their working document, underlining the need to address the shortage of health workers in ACP countries.

Members emphasized the need to provide incentives for health workers in order to supply services in rural areas.

Speakers: Jutta Haug, Anna Rosbach, Catherine Bearder, Philippe Boulland, Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroon), Eleni Theocharous, Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Frédéric Assomption Korsaga (Burkina Faso), Mahamane Ousmane (Niger), Attiat Hallim (Sudan), Michèle Rivasi and Lyssandros Stathopoulos (European Commission).

6. The impact of the extractive industry (mining, oil) on sustainable development in the Caribbean region

Members exchanged views with Lloyd Read, Chairman of the State Oil Workers Union Suriname, and Jean-Philippe Palasi from Conservation International, on the impact of the extractive industry (mining, oil) on sustainable development in the Caribbean region. Members were informed of the need for relevant legislations for the extractive industry in the Caribbean Region, in particular those which take into account environmental and land rights issues.

Speakers: Michèle Rivasi, Frédéric Assomption Korsaga (Burkina Faso), Catherine Bearder, Adjedoue Weidou (Tchad), Tom Marsters (Cook Islands) and Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

The meeting continued with Job Ndugai (Co-Chair, Tanzania) in the chair

7. Poaching of African Elephants

Members exchanged views with Ian Redmond, a tropical field biologist and conservationist, on the Poaching of African Elephants, on the basis of a draft declaration by Catherine Bearder. Members did not reach a consensus on the text of the draft declaration. However, the ACP countries concerned agreed to continue the negotiations.

Speakers: Catherine Bearder, Anna Rosbach, Olebile Gabarone (Botswana), Frédéric Assomption (Burkina Faso), Job Ndugai(Tanzania), Manuel Jimenez (Dominican Republic) and Michèle Rivasi.

8. Urgent and topical subjects

Members received presentations from experts on the following subject matters:

- Supporting a strategy of Disaster Risk Reduction in developing countries to contribute to sustainable development and poverty eradication
- The Global Fund- Update

9. Any other business

Members asked the European Commission to provide a written response on the actions taken on the impacts of the floods that affected countries in Central and West Africa in 2012.

Decision: The representative of Burkina Faso will present the exploitation of mines in his country at the next meeting.

10. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 21-22 March 2013 in Brussels (Belgium).

The meeting closed at 17.50 pm.

LISTE DE PRESENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Présents/Present

ACP

Ndugai (Tanzania), Co-Chair
Weidou (Chad), Vice-Chair

Joaquim (Angola)
Gaborone (Botswana)
Korsaga (Burkina Faso)
Karerwa (Burundi)
Hamatoukour (Cameroun)
Marsters (Cook Islands)
Jímenez (Dominican Republic)
Baldeh (Gambia)
Rakotoarivelo (Madagascar)
Ousmane (Niger)
Tagelagi (Niue)
Kakoma (Zambia)

PE/EP

Rivasi, Co-Chair
Schnellhardt, Vice-Chair
Bauer, Vice-Chair

Bearder
Boulland (for De Mita)
Christensen
Handzlik (for Ronzulli)
Haug
Jääteenmäki (for Hall)
Kiil-Nielsen (for Joly)
Lisek (for Delvaux)
Łukacijewska (for Estaras Ferragut)
Neuser
Ouzký
Ponga
Rosbach
Theocharous (for Coelho)
Vaughan

Egalement présents/Also present

ACP

Motshome (Botswana), Kere (Burkina Faso), Nzeyimana (Burundi), Basiala Maka, Moliwa Moleko (Democratic Republic of Congo), Tondy (Niger), Okorie (Nigeria), Attiat (Sudan), Casteleen Guno (Suriname), Zungu, Mwanjela, Nzowa, Yukubu (Tanzania), Kabwe, Mbewe, Mubanga (Zambia).

European Parliament/Parlement européenne

Lebeda (DG Comm)

Commission européenne/European Commission

Metdepennigen, Stathopoulos

Groupes politiques/Political groups

Kosinska (EPP)
Mutafchieva (S&D)
Desnuelle (ALDE)
Goldsmith (ECR)

Others

Edward D. van Eer (Medical Mission Suriname), Lloyd Read (State Oil Workers Union, Suriname), Jean-Philippe Palasi (Conservation Internationale), Svend

Robinson (The Global Fund), Marja Naarendorp (Suriname Red Cross), Ian Redmond (Consultant Wildlife Biologist).

Co-secrétariat ACP/Co-secretariat ACP
Kakule

Co-secrétariat PE/Co-secretariat EP
Pribaz, Luise, Ramet

Assistance/Assisted by
König, Costello