



## ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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

#### **MINUTES**

of the meeting of Saturday 15 June 2013, from 15.00 to 18.00  
Brussels

*The meeting opened at 15.07 with Michèle Rivasi  
(EU Co-Chair) in the chair*

#### **1. Adoption of agenda (AP101.365)**

**Speakers:** Norbert Neuser and Michèle Rivasi.

The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

#### **2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 21 and 22 March 2013 (AP101.361)**

The minutes were approved.

#### **3. Co-chairs' announcements**

The Co-Chair made a number of announcements, which included information on the workshop, the formal opening ceremony of the 25th Session of the JPA, receptions and the exhibition on renewable energies.

**\*\*\*Vote\*\*\***

#### **4. Human resources for health in ACP Countries**

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

- Consideration of amendments (AP101.294/AA)

- Adoption of draft report (AP101.294/A)

The Co-rapporteurs Charles Kakoma (Zambia) and Edit Bauer thanked Members for contributing the amendments that enriched the report.

**Amendments adopted:**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Oral AM ACP3 (replacing AM 10), 11, 12, COMP1 (covering AM 13, 24, 40), 14, COMP2 (covering AM 15, 35), 16, 17, 18, Oral AM 1 (replacing AM 19), Oral AM ACP1, 20, 21, 22, 23, Oral AM 2 (replacing AM 25), 26, 27, 28, 29, Oral AM 3 (replacing AM 30), 31, 32, 33, 34, Oral AM ACP2 (covering 36, 38), 37, 39.

**Amendments fallen:**

13, 15, 19, 24, 25, 30, 35, COMP3, 36, 38, 40.

**Decision:** The draft report, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

**\*\*\*End of Vote\*\*\***

**5. The social and environmental impacts of Pastoralism on ACP Countries**

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

- Exchange of views on the basis of working document (AP 101.373)

The Co-rapporteurs Abdourahamane Chégou (Niger) and Fiona Hall presented the working document, underlining the need to address the major challenges facing pastoralism in ACP Countries, such as access to land, animal-human settlement conflicts, as well the provision of basic social services such as education and healthcare to pastoralists.

Members acknowledged the contribution of pastoralism to food security, climate-change adaptation, economic growth, security, and the preservation of knowledge. In order to guarantee the future of pastoralists in the changing world, there is need to have a holistic approach.

**Speakers:** Horst Schnellhardt, Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroun), Catherine Bearder, Edit Bauer, Achille Tapsoba (Burkina Faso), Christa Klass, Netty Baldeh (Gambia), Adjedoue Weidou (Chad), Michèle Rivasi and Bernard Rey (European Commission).

*The meeting continued with Job Yustino Ndugai (ACP Co-Chair, Tanzania)*

*in the chair*

## **6. Deep Sea Mining**

- Exchange of views with experts

Tom Marsters (Cook Islands), Paul Lynch, Commissioner for Seabed Minerals in the Cook Islands, Michael Petterson, Director of the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission, and Josh Brien, Acting Head of the Economic Legal Section from the Commonwealth Secretariat, introduced the Cook Islands position on the deep sea minerals (DSM) sector. Successive governments on Cook Islands have remained optimistic but cautious, mindful of addressing the potential dire financial and environmental concerns. The Cook Islands has chosen to consult widely and obtain the best international and regional advice before it commits to receiving applications for DSM exploration. Papua New Guinea has signed with a Canadian firm the first license in the world for the exploration of DSM. Capacity building and training is required for Cook Islanders to be able to wisely manage and benefit from this exciting resource, in both environmental and financial terms.

Members also noted the support from the European Union to the Pacific Region through the EU/SPC DSM Project 2011.

**Speakers:** Adjedoue Weidou (Chad), Catherine Bearder, Tony Aimo (Papua New Guinea), Michèle Rivasi, Fiona Hall, George Yosiwo (Micronesia), Christa Klass, and Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

## **7. Decision on the title of the next report**

**Speakers:** Michèle Rivasi, Fiona Hall, Catherine Bearder, Michael Peyrefitte (Belize), Christa Klass, Horst Schnellhardt, Norbert Neuser, and Edit Bauer.

**Decision:** The title of the next report would be *Social and environmental impacts of exploration of minerals and oil from the seabed*.

## **8. The post-MDGs agenda**

**Speaker:** Norbert Neuser.

**Decision:** Due to lack of time, this item would be accorded top priority on the agenda of the next meeting.

**9. Urgent and topical subjects**

None.

**10. Any other business**

None.

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

The next meeting will take place in Brussels on 19 and 20 September 2013.

*The meeting closed at 18.00 p.m.*

ANNEXE/ANNEX

LISTE DE PRESENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Présents/Present

ACP

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

PE/EP

Michèle Rivasi, Co-Chair  
Edit Bauer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair  
Horst Schnellhardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Co-Chair

Michael Peyrefitte (Belize)  
Odirile Motlhale (Botswana)  
Achille Marie Joseph Tapsoba (Burkina Faso)  
Mo-Mamo Karerwa (Burundi)  
Bobbo Hamatoukour (Cameroun)  
Arnaldo Andrade Ramos (Cape Verde)  
Abdou Djabir (Comores)  
Tom Marsters (Cook Islands)  
Manuel Jiménez (Dominican Republic)  
Netty Baldeh (Gambia)  
Constant Raveloson (Madagascar)  
George Yosiwo (Micronesia)  
Abdourahmane Chegou (Niger)  
Tony Aimo (Papua New Guinea)  
Charles W. Kakoma (Zambia)

Catherine Bearder  
Fiona Hall  
Jutta Haug  
Christa Klauf  
Norbert Neuser

Egalement présents/Also present

ACP

Bravo, Avelimo, Txipoia (Angola), Matchon (Benin), Motshome, Saub (Botswana), Kuntwari, Bamporubusa, Doamba, Ouedraogo, Kere (Burkina Faso), Nzeyimana (Burundi), Affono, Tekilo, Adji, Ngarsoulede, Boular (Chad), Maka, Moleko, Anastasie (Democratic Republic of Congo), Ngali, Aden (Kenya), Kaunda (Malawi), Haileka, Ndaningaweni (Namibia), Cazalica, Ousmane, Maina, Tondy (Niger), Aber, Solomon (South Sudan), Attiat (Sudan), Ramsubagh, Johnston (Trinidad and Tobago), Nzowa, Mukome (Tanzania), Podjoley (Togo), Mubanga, Ngulube, Nakaponda, Lambwe, Namwiinga (Zambia).

Commission européenne/European Commission  
Rey, Metdepenningen (DEVCO)

Groupes politiques/Political groups

Llovet (EPP)  
Desnuelle (ADLE)  
Mutafchieva (S&D)  
Kosinska (EPP)

Co-secrétariat ACP/Co-secretariat ACP  
Kakule

Co-secrétariat PE/Co-secretariat EP  
Cole, Illan Sailer, Pribaz

Assistance/Assisted by  
Batteauw, Canart