

Decisions / Conclusions of the meeting of the Liaison Committee of February 12, 2016

Present: Martine Levy, Patrick Gallaud and Mohammed Larbi Haouat Philippe Beaussant, Thierry Brault, Leonardo Martins, Aicha Bah Diallo, Vicky Lovelock and Cyril Noirtin

For UNESCO: Sabina Colombo

Skype: Shen Che, Violeta Tsankova Sozopol representative, Diego Gradis

- Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 16 December 2015.
- Adoption of the agenda
- Reminder: only the decisions / conclusions will be on site, some of which can be argued.

1. Overview of the previous year (document from the Chair for Internet publication)

Decision

After the approval of several amendments, the document will be translated into English and both versions will be set on the Liaison Committee's website.

(Comment a month later, the two versions were sent to put on the site.)

2. Results of the meeting with Eric Falt on Guidelines

Decision

After Diego Gradis, gave information about the meeting on January 8, 2016 with Eric Falt, it was decided that Diego will convene as soon as possible a meeting for restitution working group, where will be invited the Liaison Committee and Sabina Colombo.

(Comment a month later: the group will meet on March 22 at 10 am room 103)).

3 Financial point and 2016 draft budget

- After a detailed presentation by Cyril Noirtin on 2015 spending, where Cyril urged to be more careful in the expenditure of future forums in order not to reduce the capital of the Committee,
- After the presentation of the draft budget 2016
- Noting that Cyril and Vicky must submit an activity report and a financial report on COP 21 and the day of NGOs on climate,

It was decided to adopt the financial point.

4 Upcoming Forums

PEACE

- ✓ Note that the platform will cease March 15
- ✓ Noting that negotiations are under way with Mexico, on the desire of all to see a Forum in Latin America,
- ✓ noting a preference for keeping the Forum at the end of the year,
- ✓ Noting that 50 to EUR 60 000 are needed for the organization of a Forum,

It was decided to let Philip Beaussant Cyril Noirtin Serge Gouteyron, leading to the organization of this Forum, to continue the work

✚ ENVIRONMENT AND OCEANS (working title "change minds by the climate")

- ✓ Knowing that Morocco will host the COP 22 in November in Marrakech
- ✓ Noting the interests of different sectors, of the Oceanographic Commission for the subject
- ✓ Noting the particular interest of Morocco for the oceans, cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and climate, the effect of climate change on societies
- ✓ Noting that a concept note UNESCO/Committee should be sent to Mr. Millward, head of the UNESCO Office in Rabat,
- ✓ Noting a possible financial assistance in the context of the COP 22

It was decided to ask Patrick Gallaud, Thierry Brault and Vicky Lovelock, leaders for the organization of this Forum, to quickly organize a group of preparation with NGOs.

(Comment a month later: the meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 March, XVI dining Bonvin at 2:30 p.m.)

(Another comment: the concept note was sent to Mr. Millward)

5 Regionalization (sectors)

Decision: postpone discussion at the next meeting

6 International Conference of NGOs in November 2016 (dates to be fixed - Agenda - Elections etc.)

Decisions:

- ✓ Set the dates as soon as possible; based on availability of all, and on upcoming events which date is not fixed yet
- ✓ Reflect as soon as possible to the theme of the Conference

(Comment a month later: the officers will meet Tuesday, March 15 to reflect and make proposals to the Committee at its next meeting.)

7 International Migrants Day

- ❖ Françoise Bouteiller, representing Mrs Martin, presented the project with 4 axes around migrants and many practical presentations
- ❖ Noting the need to update the project that does not reflect the current situation
- ❖ Noting that the budget is not adequate
- ❖ Noting that the relevant UNESCO sectors have not been involved in the preparation of the project

It was decided

- That Martine represents the Liaison Committee with the preparation group
- that the situation should be clarified within the group to have hope to celebrate the day.

(Comment a month later: a meeting was held on March 10, Mrs. Marin was absent, a letter was sent asking her, among others, to propose one or two people who can attend the meeting with the sectors).

8 Astana Project

- Noting that it is the Social and Human Sciences Sector, Division of Social Transformations and intercultural dialogue, of Intercultural Dialogue Section approached the Liaison Committee
- Noting the proposal to have an activity of the Liaison Committee at the Universal Exhibition of 2017 in Astana (Kazakhstan)

It was decided: to ask Patrick Gallaud to continue the work already started with a small group of NGOs

9 Training of hydrologists

It is decided not discuss this point

10 Other business

- ✚ Intern (Request to study - Agreement with CIOFF)
 - ✓ Proposal by Philippe Beaussant : an intern studying environment for 3 months
 - ✓ Time shared between CIOFF and the Liaison Committee for a cost of 500 euros per month (50/50)

It was decided: the CIOFF will contract with the IUT and the Liaison Committee and the CIOFF

It was decided: not to accept the request of a Belgian whose English level is low

11 Bulgarie (Proposed Meeting in Sozopol)

- ✓ Kiril Arnautski proposed a few weeks ago to organize an event in Bulgaria
- ✓ Several times he asked for a working theme.

It was decided: the Committee agrees to this event but asked to review the dates.

12 Other information

- ✓ Shen Che will be there for the next meeting.

After several changes, the next meeting of the Liaison Committee takes place on Monday 4 April of 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5042 Fontenoy building room (5th floor)