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Seminar of the European Economic and Social Councils on Paris Climate Conference (COP21), its stakes and its promises

Co-organised by the French Economic and Social Council and the European Economic and Social Committee

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8:45 Welcome coffee

9:15 Opening speeches

Henri MALOSSE, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (European ESC)

Jean-Paul DELEVOYE, President of the French Economic and Social Council (French ESC)

Ségolène ROYAL, French Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energies

10:15 Guest speakers

Artur RUNGE-METZGER (European Commission), Director of the International Climate Strategy at the Directorate-General for Climate Action

John H. KNOX* (United Nations), General Rapporteur on the issue of Human Rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 1st Session / The stakes of the climate negotiations for the work world

Moderator: Pierre-Jean COULON (European ESC), Vice-president of the section Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and Information Society

Peter POSCHEN (International Labour Organization), Director of the Job Creation and Business Development Department: *The solutions the work world could bring to the adaptation to climate change and its possible contribution to the implementation of the Paris Agreement*

Gary KNEIP (Luxembourg's ESC), Vice-President: *The position of Luxembourg's social partners regarding climate change*

M. X (ESC of Spain), Chairman of the Working Committee of sectorial policies and the environment: *Criteria and reference documents on climate change of the ESC of Spain*

Marie-Béatrice LEVAUX (French ESC), Member: *co- rapporteur of the opinion « The jobs of the energy transition »*

Falko LEUKHARDT* (German Council for Sustainable Development - RNE), Project Manager for Climate policies

Andrea BACHER (International Chamber of Commerce – ICC), Policy Manager for Environment and Energy: *representative of UN major group « Business and Industry non-Governmental Organizations » (BINGO)*

Anabella ROSEMBERG (International Trade Unions Confederation - ITUC), Policy Officer for Sustainable Development and Occupational Health: *representative of UN major group « Trade Unions non-governmental organizations » (TUNGO)*

Discussion

13:15 Lunch

14:30 2nd Session / The societal and geopolitical stakes of climate change

Moderator: Yves VEYRIER (French ESC), President of the European and International Affairs Section

Lutz RIBBE (European ESC, Gr III/DE), President of the Sustainable Development Observatory: *rapporteur of the opinion “Role and expectations of the civil society towards international climate negotiations”*

Mindaugas MACIULEVIČIUS (European ESC, Gr III/LT), Members: *rapporteur of the opinion “The effects of the EU climate and energy policies on the development of agricultural and forest sectors”*

Céline MESQUIDA and Bernard GUIRKINGER (French ESC), Members: *rapporteurs of the opinion “The stakes of the Climate Conference”*

Angelo FREBAULT*, Patrick GALENON* et Winiki SAGE* (CESC of French Polynesia), President and members: *opinion “The future of French Polynesia facing sustainable governance of its marine heritage”*

Thomas SPENCER (Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations - IDRII), Programme Director

Sacha GABIZON (Women in Europe for a Common Future - WECF), Executive Director: *representative of UN major group « Women and Gender »*

Pierre MANENTI (CliMates), Director of Research: *member of UN major group « Children and Youth » (YUNGO)*

Discussion

16:30 Conclusions and closing remarks

Bernard SOULAGE (European Committee of the Regions), Organizer of the World Summit on Climate and Territories, former European Deputy

Anne-Marie DUCROUX*(French ESC), President of the Environnement Section

Jean-Paul DELEVOYE, President of the French ESC

Henri MALOSSE, President of the European ESC

*To be confirmed

Additional information:

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