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Will the Climate Conference keep its promises?



Speaking about the results of the Addis Ababa conference on development funding, Ban Ki Moon stated that **«many concrete commitments would not have been there without civil society's engagement and involvement»**, adding that it played a key role in «resource mobilisation at the national level and pressuring donor countries for them to respect their commitments».

Even if the climate negotiation process is, ultimately, in the hands of State players, it is clear that the pressure exerted by civil society and its organisations nowadays plays a decisive role in creating a common basis on which international agreements are built. No fewer than 75 countries have given civil society, understood as the **gathering of socio-professional and non-governmental organisations**, a voice within the framework of economic and social councils (their titles sometimes include the words «environmental» or «cultural»). Some, such as France, have also organised this representation at local level with regional economic and social councils.

The Unions of Economic and Social Councils of Africa (UCESA), French-speaking countries (UCESIF) and French territories (CESER) thus decided to capitalise on this legitimacy to build a common platform on climate disruption change and the surrounding issues throughout 2015.

WORKING TOGETHER

As the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in December 2015 (COP21) is expected to result

in a universal climate agreement, many ESCs have been working actively over recent months to encourage and mobilise their members to step up their commitment on climate action.

COP 21 - RELATED CONFERENCE CYCLE

The need to share knowledge resulted in the following series of COP 21-related and labelled seminars and international conferences:

- Athens on 7 May, **on the contribution of economically viable, environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive family-run farms;**
- Dakar on 1 July, **on funding for efforts to mitigate global warming and promote economic adaptation;**
- Paris on 13 July, **on what is at stake as a result of climate change in terms of employment and population in Europe and at the local level.**

On 23 October, these networks, in collaboration with the Lille World Forum for a Responsible Economy, will hold a public conference to express with one voice civil society's hopes and fears, with a view to framing strong recommendations for the climate negotiators.

The event will reflect on joint European and African efforts to develop a low-carbon economy; it will propose local, industrial and behavioural solutions in the areas of climate change adaptation and mitigation and present ideas for managing implementation of the international agreement once it is adopted in Paris.





08.00	Welcome Coffee - croissant
09.00	<p>Introductory Round table/ <u>WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS ON COP 21?</u> Moderator: Céline MESQUIDA, Member of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council (French ESC) under France Nature Environnement and co-rapporteur of the opinion "Making a success of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference" Jean-Paul DELEVOYE, President of the French ESC Laurent FABIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France Georges DASSIS, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (European ESC) Nizar BARAKA, President of the Union of the Francophone ESCs (UCESIF) and President of the ESC of Morocco Aminata TALL, President of the Union of the African ESCs (UCESA) and President of the ESC of Senegal DISCUSSION</p>
10.15	Coffee break
10.45	<p>Round table 1/ <u>THE COMMON EUROPE-AFRICAN EFFORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOW CARBON ECONOMY</u> Moderator: Stéphanie HERRERA SALAS, Master Degree student in "Governance of sustainable development projects in the South", Paris-Saclay University Brenda KING, President of the Sustainable Development Observatory of the European ESC Bernard GUIRKINGER, Member of the French ESC under the protection of nature and environment, Co-rapporteur of the opinion "Making a success of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference" Moïse NAPON, President of the ESC of Burkina Faso Javier FERRER, Chairman of the Working Committee of sectorial policies and the environment of the ESC of Spain Bridget K. BURNS, Advocacy and Communications Director of WEDO, representative of the UN major group Women Dominique ATCHAWÉ, Vice-President of the ESC of Benin Dr. Rory O'DONNELL, Director of the NESC of Ireland DISCUSSION</p>
12.15	Lunch break
<i>SIDE EVENT</i> 12.30 -14.00	<p>Round table: The threat of the submersion of islands and low shores : what human consequences – for the displaced people - and what economical and geopolitical impacts?? Moderator: Nathalie BOYER, Delegate-general of the Association OREE Angelo FREBAULT, President of the French Polynesian regional ESC (RESEC), Patrick GALENON, Member of the French ESC, Manuel DIAS VAZ, Co-rapporteur of the opinion of the REESC of the Atlantique «Marine submersion and coastal erosion: knowing, preventing and managing natural coastal risks on the Atlantic coast» and Member of the REESC of Aquitaine, Gabriel Alain HIERSO, President of the Commission of spatial planning of the REESC of the Martinique, Patricia SAVIN, President of the Association OREE and Nicolas IMBERT, Director of Green Cross France and Territory</p>
14.00	<p>Round table 2/ <u>SOLUTIONS TO FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOR ADAPTATION WILL BE LOCAL, INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND IN OUR BEHAVIOUR</u> Moderator: Gilles BERHAULT, President of Comité 21 and of Club France Développement durable, Co-organiser of Solutions COP 21 Jean-Pierre NACRY, General Delegate of the World Forum Lille for Responsible Economy Steven FISH, Executive Director of the Canadian Business for Social Responsibility (CBSR, Canada) Sachin JOSHI, Director at Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CII-ITC) Mamadou CISSOKHO, Honorary President of the networks of the associations of African producers - ROPA (Senegal) Maryke VAN STADEN, Representative of the UN major group LGMA, Manager of Low Carbon program of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), World Secretariat André GARINO, President of the ESC of Monaco René NGONGO, President of the Environmental and Natural Ressources Commission of the ESC of the Democratic Republic of Congo DISCUSSION</p>



- 15.30 Round table 3/ **THE GOVERNANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS**
 Moderator: **Delphine BLUMEREAU**, Chair of CliMates, member of the UN major group YOUNGO, Co-organiser of the Conference of Youth
Anne-Marie DUCROUX, President of the section of the Environment of the French ESC under Humanité et Biodiversité
Wael HMAIDAN, Representative of the UN major group RENFO, Director of Climate Action Network (Lebanon)
Dimiter BRANKOV, Member of the ESC of Bulgaria and Vice-president of the Bulgarian Association of the Industry
Hadja Rabiathou Serah DIALLO, Vice-President of the UCESIF and President of the ESC of Guinea
Mohamed Séghir BABES, President of the National ESC of Algeria
Pierre-Jean COULON, Member of the European ESC, President of the Section TEN/CESE and Secretary Confederal Europe-International CFTC
Pierre CUYPERS, President of the Agriculture, Environment and Rurality Commission, coordinator of works related to climate change of the RESEC of Ile-de-France
DISCUSSION
- 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.30 Round table 4/ **TOWARDS A DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ONES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES**
 Moderator: **Catherine TISSOT-COLLE**, Vice-President of the section of the Environment of the French ESC under MEDEF and member of the Business Climate Summit
Reading of the joint declaration by a student
Nizar BARAKA, President of the UCESIF
Aminata TALL, President of the UCESA
Georges DASSIS, President of the European ESC
Monseigneur Agripino NÚÑEZ COLLADO, President of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS), President of the ESC of Dominican Republic
DISCUSSION
- 18.15 Conclusions
Michaëlle JEAN, Secretary General of La Francophonie, Former Governor General of Canada
Hakima El HAITE, Minister Delegate in Charge of Environment, Morocco
Jean Paul DELEVOYE, President of the French ESC
Annick GIRARDIN, Minister of State for Development and Francophony (France)

Additional information:

Place: Palais d'Iéna, French Economic, Social and Environmental Council, 9, place d'Iéna, 75016 Paris

Languages: Simultaneous interpretation from English, French and Spanish into English and French

The symposium is open to the public with free registration. [To register, click here](#)

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The day before, during the World Forum for Responsible Economy, a preliminary symposium will be held in Lille with several speakers of the round table 3, entitled

COP21: How to overcome national commitments to fight against global warming?