

## **EGP 6th COUNCIL MEETING** **Berlin, 16-18 MARCH 2007**

### **Global Greens Workshop - Report**

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#### 1. America: report on American Federation Congress, political perspectives

Three points are being developed and debated:

- the new Argentinean party : « Iniciativa Verde » ;
- the priority of the issue of energy, nuclear, climate change from a global perspective. This issue was the central one of the Congress of the American Federation last December (with the relaunching of nuclear everywhere in South America) and is the central one of this Council and yet there is no one invited to give the perspective from another continent ; Greens from elsewhere are asking support on these issues ;
- the electoral strategy and the difficulties of Green parties all over the world in their relationship to the « traditional left ». The idea that we should be more pro-active and coordinate more is put forward. Eg: USA elections this year: what will be our positioning ? etc

Juan, general secretary of EGP stresses that indeed these issues are not to be forgotten but there is no time in the Committee to deal with them. Maybe a working group could be the solution: he suggests that a recommendation be made to the Committee.

Janna and Jean will draft a letter on behalf of the group.

#### 2. Africa : West African initiatives and 2007 continental meeting

Representatives from Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria are present and give their perspective on climate change and its dramatic effects in Africa.

Explanations are given on the postponing of the African Meeting that was due to take place at the same time as the Global Young Greens in January in Nairobi. Postponing that was due to internal African difficulties to agree on the format of the meeting (Federation or consultative meeting). The budget is there following the fundraising done and the meeting will take place when there is a joint proposal of the Africans.

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West Africa is organising itself in a positive way. After the Bamako meeting the West African Federation will officially be set up this summer. North Africans are also structuring themselves at regional level.

Green Forum is dedicating a big amount of funding to promote networking amongst African Greens all over the continent.

After debating there is a general trend to recommend to move forward with a similar approach to that of the Global Young Greens and have an open meeting with all African Green parties and NGOs to solve their functioning problems. It is of course for the African themselves to decide.

### 3.Global Greens Congress 2008 :

- a) 2007 Young Greens Congress, report Janna Schönfeld: two written reports are available: that of Janna as well as the slide show and of Catherine in the global green update paper to the Council.
- b) Update on the 2008 Congress, organisation, finances and political perspectives: The Steering Committee has worked well as far as logistics and finances are concerned. However there are some very serious difficulties regarding the choice of Nairobi, following the difficulties of the Africans to move on board in the « driver seat ». Final decisions will have to be taken very shortly.

### 4.Report on WSF, Nairobi :

Jean Rossiaud explains how on the positive side many EGP and young people were present. Good discussions on energy took place. The discussions in the WSF are more and more « greens » although with the decentralised organisation (no plenary, many workshops) it is not always so easy to be visible.

Good global campaigns: agrarian reform and Wangari Maathai global tree planting campaign.

The World Parliamentary Forum was more of a « mess » as it turned almost impossible to write a resolution with a hundred persons!

The conclusion of the workshop is a regret that there is no room for Global Greens in the Council (first time there is no « update ») and they were so many difficulties for the Global Young Greens to get the floor.

Follow up on the GGC 2008 will very soon be given by the Steering Committee.

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