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Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee CONF/DEM(2013)OJ2

Strasbourg, 4 June 2013

Draft agenda
Wednesday 26 June 2013
9.30 am – 1 pm
Room G03, Agora

- 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the draft agenda**
- 2. Approval of the draft synopsis of the meeting held on 22 January 2013**
- 3. Local authorities and citizen participation: sharing good practices**

Introduction : Anne-Marie CHAVANON, President of the Committee

Rt Hon. Jeffrey DONALDSON, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, United Kingdom, author of the report on "*Good governance of large metropolises*", geared towards citizen participation

Kayhan KARACA, European correspondent of NTV Turkey: recent events in Istanbul

Nicolas DETRIE, Director of [Yes We Camp](#), citizen initiative in Marseille (Marseille 2013 OFF)

Didier PARIS, academic, Chair of Lille Metropolitan Area Development Council (tbc)

Antonella VALMORBIDA, Director of ALDA, co-ordinator of the working group on promotion of the [Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process](#)

Discussion

4. Global challenges

4.1. Human rights and climate change

Annelise OESCHGER, Chair of the Human Rights Committee

Edith WENGER, co-ordinator of the ad hoc working group: presentation of the state of progress

Discussion

4.2. The situation in Syria, humanitarian NGOs' involvement

Pierre SALIGNON, Director General, [Médecins du Monde](#)

Jean-Pierre ESTIVAL, Co-ordinator of the Working Group on the political and social evolutions in the Southern and Eastern countries of the Mediterranean, author of a book on Syria

Discussion

5. Committee's participation in Council of Europe's 2013 activities

- 5.1. **Seminar on Good Democratic Governance at Local and Regional Levels** (Strasbourg, 17 and 18 June 2013) – Patrice COLLIGNON, Director of the NGO RED
- 5.2. **7th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention** (Strasbourg 26-27 March 2013) – Patrice COLLIGNON, Director of RED, and Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair (IFHP)
- 5.3. **Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)**, 27-29 May 2013 – Gerhard ERMISHER, co-ordinator of the Landscape and Social Cohesion Working Group, Secretary General of CIVILSCAPE
- 5.4. **2013 European Landscape Award** - Anne-Marie CHAVANON
- 5.5. **Belarus civil society communication platform**, 14-15 June – Vera JOHN-MIKOLAJEWSKI, Vice-Chair of the committee

6. Partnerships with other Council of Europe bodies

- 6.1. World Forum for Democracy: Re-wiring democracy: connecting institutions and citizens in the digital age (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013)
- 6.2. Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth and Joint Council on Youth, Budapest 3-5 April 2013, by Israël MENSAH, Vice-Chair, participation in the No Hate Speech Movement
- 6.3. European Local Democracy Week: “Active citizenship: voting, sharing, participating”, in liaison with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- 6.4. Migration and democracy: presentation of the working arrangement established with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Silvano MARSEGLIA, President, and Jean-Claude GONON, Secretary General, of the European Association of Teachers (AEDE), co-ordinators of the [ad hoc working group](#)

7. Update on working group activities

- European Citizenship, H el ene PICHON, working group co-ordinator
- Follow-up to the declaration on genuine democracy, by Jean-Bernard MARIE
- Relations with the European Union, Claude-Laurent GENTY, working group co-ordinator
- Housing and Health, Bernard AUBERT, working group co-ordinator

8. Establishment of a new working group : “Social cohesion and intercultural dialogue”

Isra el MENSAH (OIEC), Vice-Chair of committee, and Laure-Marie SCHAER (IFHP)

9. Other business

10. Next meeting