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AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES COMMITTEE
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Strasbourg, 8 June 2012

**DRAFT AGENDA
of the meeting to be held on 26 June 2012
from 9:30 to 13:00
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 26 January 2012**
- 3. Council of Europe bodies' 2012 Commitments on Democracy**

Introduction by Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair

Interventions by

 - **Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly**
 - **Keith WHITMORE**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
 - **Alfonso ZARDI**, Head of the Democracy, Institutions Building and Governance Department
 - **Jean-Marie HEYDT**, President of the Conference of INGOs

Discussion: Towards an agenda in common?
- 4. Charter on Democracy project** by Giuseppe GUARNERI, Head of the ad hoc Working Group
- 5. Committee's contributions to the World Forum for Democracy and the European Democracy Week**
- 6. Other Major 2012 Global Issues**
 - 6.1 UNCSO - [RIO + 20](#) - Three viewpoints : Cyril RITCHIE, President of the Conference of UN-NGOs, Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Head of the Heritage, Landscape and technical Assistance Division of the Council of Europe and Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Delegate from the International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) – Committee's Contribution ([link to website](#))
 - 6.2 UNFCCC - [DOHA climate change conference](#) – Qatar (26 November – 7 December 2012) – Joint work proposition from the parliamentary Assembly)

Discussion

7. Gender equality : a condition for success of the Arab Spring

7.1 Introduction by a speaker from the MENA region

7.2 Draft resolution and recommendation by Anje WIERSINGA, Head of the Working group on *"Including Gender perspectives in political and democratic processes, in particular during and after conflicts"*

8. Point on the Committee's working groups activity

- Climate Change and Human Rights (Edith WENGER) [link](#)
- European Citizenship (Hélène DUQUIN) [link](#)
- Health Risks and Mobility, a Global Challenge (Thierry MATHIEU)
- Housing and Health (Bernard AUBERT) [link](#)
- Landscape, a social Cohesion Tool at Threat (Gerhard ERMISCHER) [link](#)
- Migrations and democracy: situation, problems and provided examples of answers (Jean-Claude GONON) [link](#)
- Relations with EU Bodies of Civil Society (Claude-Laurent GENTY) [link](#)
- Social and political evolutions in Southern Mediterranean Countries (JP ESTIVAL) [link](#)
- Women's participation in political and democratic processes particularly dealing with conflicts (Anje WIERSINGA) [link](#)

9. Representations or the Committee and/or the Conference of INGOs

- European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR) - 2-3 April 2012 - Anne-Marie Chavanon
- Bern Convention, 24 – 26 April 2012 -:Strasbourg - Edith WENGER (BEE)
- European Steering Committee for Youth and Advisory Council on Youth, March 2012 - Israel MENSAH
- Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP): 15 – 16 May 2012 - Patrice COLLIGNON (RED), Gerhardt ERMISCHER (CIVILSCAPE)
- European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) – Hearing of Anne-Marie CHAVANON and Antonella VALMORBIDA (ALDA)
- Sub Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – 23 May 2012 - Paris – Hearing of Anne-Marie CHAVANON on the Committee's contributions to Rio and Doha Summits
- International Observatory on participatory democracy (OIDP) – 12 Jun 2012 - Porto Alegre (Brazil) – Participation in a round table - Anne-Marie CHAVANON
- UNCSD - RIO de Janeiro 11-23 June 2012, Cyril RITCHIE, Anne-Marie CHAVANON

10. Forthcoming activities and appointments

11. INGOs Service, A financial tool of the INGOs to support our common activities, Marie-José Schmitt, treasurer

12. Future meetings