



NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee meeting.
Sofia, Bulgaria

8 August 2015

Present: Eric Falt, Sabina Colombo, Martine Levy, Thierry Brault, Patrick Gallaud, Diego Gradis, Philippe Beaussant, Victoria Lovelock, Kiril Arnautski
Excused: Aicha Diallo, Cyril Noirtin, Shen Che, Pablo Gentil

Notetakers/Note takers: Victoria Lovelock and Philippe Beaussant

Quorum obtained

Item	Discussion	Decision
Welcome speeches	<p>Welcome Sozopol Foundation, Martine Levy and Eric Falt</p> <p>Eric Falt: Thank you to Sozopol Forum Recognition Citizen of honor- Kiril Forum in China- success - first forum in China. 27 countries.</p>	
Directives	<p>Sharing the results of the conclusions of the working group. The work today reflects the view of 30 some organisations out of almost 400 official partner NGOs. Start of reflection. Note Bernard Loing- missed the last mandate it is incompleteit has an historical perspective.</p> <p>Eric Falt: If it is to advance decision guidelines of 2011 welcome, if is going against less welcome. Very far from 2017 to make any changesstart talking about it now.</p> <p>Diego: no wish to return on decisions rediscuss the fundamentals of the 2011 guidelines. Sharing on the document product from the working group</p> <p>Feedback Eric Falt: short feedback. Assured Reassured on certain points and worried on other points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment of B. Loing text – historic. • Bothered by ostracism towards national organisationsorganizations. • P.1 There is a decline in founder organisationsorganizations. Big change in civil society. Worried about distinction international and national NGOs. Would be difficulties in implementing this kind of system. • Could reconsider association and consultation status (but not national and international). Better to have only one statuscategory. • Share withConsult the CL consultation on of applications for official partnership - will be difficult – already difficult to treat process applications. Have found funds for one person to do this. Important backlog- one more filter will be make it more difficult. • P.3 financial participation to programs and projects- 5-6 years ago UNESCO could give money- now cannot. ERI Budget reduced by 50% in last 3 – 4 years. China forum funded by private person. 	<p>CL needneeds to discuss this issue and see how to move forward. CL will request a meeting with Eric Falt</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra budgetary is increasing, governments give less. Need to find more private sector money. • Need to react to problems with that NGOs encountering with sectors. Will organize a meeting with sectors. Could organise a meeting with NGO Liaison committee during which an hour to share problems can be devoted to the CL. • Impact on C4 C5 will not be as before- the permanent delegations have control of this. • Did not understand question reference on to secretariat : (“secretariat” meant rather sectors than ERI). • Question of the renewal of the mandate of the President. Sees this as positive- difficult to convince to change this because same as for Pres. of Gal. Conf. and Exec. Board. • Number of Forums is complicated – but positive for two 2016. Raises visibility. The Secretariat will do its best to make it feasible. • Common language – should not try to reinvent things. It works. Will be many political problems. • Dismemberment- need to find a way to work together in spite of differences. • Not in agreement to share copy to the Delegations the newsletter aimed towards the for NGOs. Will cause restrictions. • Need to talk about further discuss link with committee PNG- there is a problem Some work need to be done (see below). <p>How will these discussions continue? Will the secretariat continue to discuss with CL or with the NGOs. Should the WG continue to meet? A meeting should be held soon – mix CL and NGOs part of the WG [after internal discussions, it will be only with CL members and information will then be given to WG members].</p>	
<p>PNG committee</p>	<p>Intervention by Eric Falt: Approached several times by member states about duration of the committee. Some wish for a meeting of only one day. None asking for extra days. Budget concerning governance was not reduced at UNESCO (auditors report). Actual mandate previews “one session per year depending on needs”. Since 2012 the PNG is one day. Need to ask the question if we have the best platform, currently there is no dialogue and interaction during this day. It should not just be an administrative question. Should try to target the delegations.</p>	

	<p>There will be a one-day meeting during general conference. We have to think of another modality than the PNG Committee perhaps to establish dialogue.</p>	
Quarterly report	<p>Intervention by Eric Falt: Submitted by DG and not the Executive Council. Completed by national commissions and detailed information by sectors on contributions of NGOs. LC also requested to write towards the report. Arrive towards the end of the report (was foreseen for June) should be finished by 20 August and will be shared with LC for comments. Report presented <u>for information</u> to EC. Very tight calendar. 33 organisations/organizations are under examination today about the continuation of partnership.</p> <p>Diego Gradis: LC members did not receive, as had been decided at previous meeting, the draft part of the report on Collective cooperation with NGOs written by Patrick before being sent it was sent to the secretariat. (very/Very tight schedule).</p>	Send to LC Patrick's draft part of the report to LC.
Forums in 2016	<p>Intervention by Eric Falt: Dominican republic with Funglode –potentially moving forward. Thematic on peace convenes on this. Also possibilities with India. Should discuss together about possibilities. Need a reply by September in order to work on planning for next year.</p> <p>Question concerning Arab countries. Also on list of objectives. Not for 2016. Very complex question Palestine (not for the immediate future- also linked to questions of neighboring countries).</p> <p>Who will be the coordinators of these forums? Decide in September. Philippe is interested by coordination of Forum Dominican republic.</p> <p>Martine a proposé un Forum au Maroc en 2016, en suivi de la COP21 ; Eric Falt a trouvé cela intéressant. De même</p>	<p>The LC has accepted that Philippe Beaussant will be the coordinator of the Forum for the Dominican Republic. The CLACSO should be one of the partners for this forum</p>

	<p>qu'une rencontre de Martine lors d'un voyage au Maroc en octobre 2015 avec Monsieur Millward, Directeur du Bureau UNESCO pour le Maghreb sis à Rabat (Maroc).</p> <p>LORS DE LA REUNION DU CL A SOFIA, MARTINE A RAPPELE CETTE PROPOSITION ; ERIC FALT S'EST MONTRE ENCORE D'ACCORD, PENSE QUE C'EST POSSIBLE ET A DIT QUE LA DELEGUEE PERMANENTE POUR LE MAROC SERAIT CONTACTEE AVANT FIN SEPTEMBRE.</p>	
Forum Role of Women in the fight against poverty	<p>Intervention by Thierry Brault:</p> <p>271 participants. 415 inscriptions 12 NGOs who presented themselves during 3 minutes. As Nigeria; Madagascar; Koweït; Turkey; Mexico; Bangladesh; and Pakistan.</p> <p>Certain number of countries we do not normally see Careful use of how NGOs communicate about the CL- use of NGO – non-agreement for this etc...- "Ce Forum essentiellement centré sur les savoir-faire dans la lutte contre la pauvreté mériterait de se prolonger sur la prospective à peine évoquée pendant les deux jours"</p> <p>- "A noter l'utilisation totalement inacceptable du logo du CL par l'Institut Destrée qui a revendiqué d'avoir contribué à la tenue du Forum, ce qui est parfaitement inexact."</p>	
First event 70 years	<p>Intervention by Philippe Beaussant: International Folk Festival CIOFF® on July 3 in UNESCO House with 8 foreign Folk dance Groups = success with more than 1000 persons. Important to share about work of LC. Martine gave a speech. Majority people from the UNESCO. LC is not known within the NGOs. Need to profit from this kind of event.</p> <p>Diego Gradis: Logo of the NGO-UNESCO LC used- the use was not requested. This precedent could be problematic. Use was ok by the Executive Committee (Philippe Beaussant intervention)</p>	<p>Can make a report of the events for the 70 years celebrations at the end of the year</p> <p>Need to discuss use of the logo</p>

Forum China	<p>Intervention by Patrick Gallaud: Two working groups. One on theme – rapprochement of cultures, a second group ‘cultures’ to find cultural elements to make the forum ‘lively’. Forum paid by the national commission of China and by a private sponsor (in domain of intangible heritage). Participation 80 international participants (Jordan, Pakistan, Qatar, Tunisia, Senegal, Mali, Mongolia, Brazil, Mexico....etc) Interventions by varied countries Report will be shared in the next weeks. There was no conclusion or final declaration. Follow up will be share with SHS and ERI Sector in September 2015. 35 NGOS who expressed their views during 3 minutes. Very well received.</p>	
September LC to China	LC invited by HPA, celebration of award, which is being presented. Part of the 70 year celebrations of the UNESCO.	
COP21	<p>Intervention Vicky Lovelock: Sharing of the work so far, 5 meetings, 17 NGOs present. An online questionnaire in French and English has been created. Request to the NGO Liaison committee sent two weeks ago for validation. Need to have this validated ASAP and shared with the Desk for the email to be sent to all NGOS in partnership with the UNESCO. Need to follow up with Sabina for the room request Request to receive financial support from the NGO Liaison committee as there is money available for the 6 October NGO Action Day Will make a request for a stand for the NGO Liaison Committee and intervention on the declaration in the NGO Village in Le Bourget.</p> <p>Eric Falt: Many events in UNESCO and few in Bourget.</p>	<p>Ok for stand secretariat COP21, Vicky and Philippe will make the request. LC to take a decision for the request for funds based on the budget presented.</p>

Communication	Need to be 2- 3 people in charge of the FB page Intern for communication.	Ask Cyril to add administrators Agreement for intern- makes agreement in CIOFF and LC.
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