

International Conference:
Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue in Development

Paris, 10th December 2012

167 boulevard de la Villette, 75010

Paris Federation of the *Ligue de l'enseignement*

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PROGRAMME

Registration 09.30 – 10.30

Plenary session

10.30 – 11.00 **Welcome Speeches**

Mr François Didier, Director of CIDEM – Civisme et Démocratie

Mr Jean-Pierre Gohel, Maison de l'Europe Caen, Organization Member of the Governing Board of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies – ALDA

11.00 – 12.30 **Round table: Human Rights and development. Exploring the linkages between HR and global development**

Mrs Catherine Lalumière, President of the French Federation of the Houses of Europe

Mr Pierre Barge, Honorary President of the European Association for the Defense of Human Rights – AEDH

Mr Christoph Eberhard, Professor in Anthropology and Theory of the Law at the University of Saint Louis, Brussels

Mrs Cécile Leuba, Terre des Hommes France and member of the CONCORD Human Rights Based Approach Task Force

Mr Xavier Verzat, Coordinator of the International Center Joseph Wresinski / ATD Fourth World

Mrs Mélanie Laudric, Member of the Steering Committee of the *Parlement Européen des Jeunes-France*

Moderator: **Mrs Antonella Valmorbida**, Director of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies – ALDA

12.30 – 12.45 **Presentation of the afternoon working methodology**

Mr Alfonso Aliberti, Project Manager, ALDA – Association of Local Democracy Agencies

12.45 – 14.45 Lunch Break

Informal working session

14.45 – 16.45 **Working sessions**

1. Where lays the nexus between human rights, democracy and development? Lead by ALDA – Association of Local Democracy Agencies

2. Human Rights and Environment: an inextricable link? Lead by FISPMED - International Federation for the sustainable development and the fight against poverty in the Mediterranean-Black Sea

3. Do we need a human rights-based approach to schooling? Lead by CIDEM – Civisme et Démocracie

4. How women contribute to the development of their countries? Lead by Forum Femmes Méditerranée

16.45 – 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 – 17.30 **Instant reports from the working sessions**

On the occasion of the celebration of the **Human Rights Day**, date chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on 10 December 1948, of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, ALDA, in cooperation with CIDEM - Civisme et Démocratie, has the pleasure to announce the International Conference "**Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue in Development**" that will be held in Paris on the 10th December 2012.

The conference has been organized **within the framework of the WTD – Working Together for Development** programme, which aims at exploring the opportunities Local Authorities and Civil Society Organizations have in working together to promote more sustainable global development achievements.

The conference will mainly focus on the role those actors have in **promoting human rights values and intercultural dialogue** practices in their own communities and how this can affect the global development agenda.

Bearing in mind that the question of the human rights and of the intercultural dialogue represents essential aspects for the entire Europe today and being aware of the rich cultural diversity in the enlarged Europe, we think that the local political representatives, as well as CSOs leaders, have to deal with a colossal challenge: the peaceful and constructive dialogue between cultures. It is a "sine qua non" condition for the European construction, for its economic, social and cultural dimension.

The Conference will gather together academic experts, political representatives, CSOs leaders, human rights activists and citizens to discuss together the need for a more incisive promotion of Human Rights values, in and outside Europe, as a valuable tool to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

We are confident that this event will be interesting for you and represents an important opportunity to share your vision on that with many European and international actors.