



Roundtable on

Education and the Elimination of Child Labour in the EC's Aid Programming to ACP Countries

Tuesday 27th of November 2007

Time: 9.00 – 13.00

Hosted by: EEPA

Venue: Quaker House

Square Ambiorix 50

1000 Brussels

With opening speech of MEP and panellists from African Embassies, European Commission, EDF 10 Committee, EU Member States, Alliance2015 partners and partner organisations from the South

This Round Table, organised by the Stop Child Labour campaign of the Alliance2015¹ will discuss the EC's support to education and to the elimination of child labour in its aid programming up to 2013.

There are 218 million child labourers aged 5-17 around the world today. That is one in seven children going to work instead of going to school. They work in fields and factories, they sew footballs and t-shirts, they pick coffee and cocoa, they mine, they dig, they fight in wars. They are trapped in poverty with little hope of escape. Sub-Saharan Africa has the greatest incidence of economically active children – 26.4 per cent of all 5-14 year-olds, compared to 18.8 per cent for Asia and the Pacific and 5.1 per cent for Latin America.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – particularly goal 2 – will only ever be realised if all forms of child labour are eradicated and all children have the opportunity of full-time quality education.

¹ Alliance2015 was established with the mission to contribute to the MDGs and to monitor the efforts by the international community to help achieve them. Since 2004, Alliance2015 publishes 2015-Watch reports in which it looks at the efforts of the EU to help implement the MDGs. The current report focuses on a very specific topic directly related to the achievement of the MDGs: child labour.

The European Commission (EC) is planning its aid programmes for the period up to 2013 – a period which covers almost all the remaining time left for realising the MDGs. The EC's aid programme, with a value of approximately € 51 billion, is an important tool for the realisation of the European Union's (EU) ambition to contribute substantially to the eradication of poverty.

The Round Table adds further substance to the lobby actions already taken by the Alliance2015 and the issues raised there, for example the Alliance2015's most recent 2015-Watch report, which concluded that the EC needs to step up its efforts to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), but also the benchmark paper. The Roundtable follows the publication of this year's 2015-Watch and the more recent Alliance2015 report on EC's orientation towards HIV&AIDS across the next generation of ACP CSPs.

The Stop Child Labour Campaign (SCLC) of Alliance2015 has made an analysis of the information available on the draft CSPs of five African countries: **Angola, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**

The SCLC would like to present its findings and ask the Round Table to come up with concrete wording on education and child labour for the ACP Country Programmes that reflects the EU commitments on education and the elimination of child labour set out in its policies and communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Programme

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9.30 – 9.45

Opening and welcome

Frithjof Schmidt, (tbc)

MEP, Vice-Chair of the Development Committee, Member of
Delegation to ACP/EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

9.45 – 10.15

Introduction to the “Stop child labour-campaign”

Caroline Wildeman

Member of the Alliance2015

Sandra Overhoff

Chair of the Stop Child Labour Campaign's Lobby group

10.15 – 10.45

A view from the South

Christopher Wakiraza

Kids in Needs, Uganda

Manuel Henrique

German Agro Action, Angola

10.45 – 11.15

Conclusions and recommendations from the analysis of the Country Programmes and the financing agreements for GBS and SBS

Heidi van Hoof

Policy and Programme manager EEPA

Eleonora Avagliano

Junior Policy and Programme manager EEPA

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45

Panel debate on the inclusion of child labour and education in the EC country programmes

Facilitator: Mirjam van Reisen

Director EEPA

Anton Jensen

Policy desk officer - Education and Training, EC DG Development



EDF-committee member

Representative from a Permanent Representation to the EU

ACP ambassador

Witness Chikoko

CACLAZ, Coalition Against Child Labour in Zimbabwe

Sasja Bökkerink, (tbc)

Policy advisor Oxfam Novib

12.45 – 13.00

Conclusions and follow-up

Caroline Wildeman

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