

LEGION OF GOOD WILL

Provisional Agenda

NGO Preparatory Regional Workshop for the
High Level Session of ECOSOC of 2004
Latin American and African NGO working groups

“Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries”

Place: ParlaMundi of the LGW
Brasilia/Federal District – Brazil

Description of the Meeting for the
Participants of the Panels and Workshop Groups

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Introduction

Upon invitation received by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), NGO Section/ECOSOC, the Legião da Boa Vontade - LBV (Legion of Good Will – LGW) will promote a preparatory regional workshop with the participation of Non-Governmental Organizations – NGOs of Latin America and African countries (Portuguese language communities). The workshop will cover the theme: *The eradication of poverty in the least developed countries*, and it will take place at the ParlaMundi of the LGW, in Brasilia, capital of Brazil on March 10th and 11th, 2004.

Objectives:

- To hold a preparatory regional workshop together with interested NGOs from Latin America and African countries. The NGO working groups will propose an agenda that promotes communication and exchange of information among organizations to develop projects with focus on *The eradication of poverty in the least developed countries*, making possible the transference of Social Technologies developed, implemented and experienced in Latin American countries, which may be implemented in Portuguese speaking LDCs of the African continent.
- To identify useful strategies, to improve human being's worthy quality of life with job opportunities, especially on gender equality issues, concrete recommendations for social and economic development; to bring up solutions for the world economy, the social disparity, health problems; to facilitate cultural exchange of information, educational

cooperation, encouraging the universal respect towards the human rights and freedom; to reinforce and contribute to the increased awareness and mobilization of Latin American and African NGOs to support the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

- The *LGW*, a Brazilian Non-Governmental Organization in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC, with branches in 5 Latin American Countries, assumes the role of articulating a network of Latin American and African organizations that will contribute to the *Eradication of Poverty in the Least Developed Countries*.

Proposal for the event

Considering the problems pointed out by the United Nations Agencies regarding African Least Development Countries the workshop will cover the following sub-themes:

- Eradication of extreme poverty and hunger;
- Promotion of gender equity issues and the empowerment of women;
- Fight against HIV/AIDS;
- Alternatives of creation of jobs and incomes;
- Mobilization of resources and realization of global partnerships for social development.

Description

The 2-day workshop will approach the theme: *Eradication of poverty in the least developed countries*. The event will start with an open Magna Conference addressed to local authorities and to the public in general. The NGO(s) proposals and recommendations for the High Level Segment of ECOSOC will be discussed in the format of working groups with the participation of NGOs invited, assembled according to their working practices for sharing expertise. Each working group will be composed by at least 10 NGO(s) representatives with a rapport to write their concrete recommendations and proposals as well as practical approaches for their implementation.

The lectures and the conferences will be presented in Portuguese language, with simultaneous translation to English and Spanish.

Place: ParlaMundi – LGW

SGAS 915 lotes 75/76 - Brasilia – capital of Brazil.

Date: March 10th and 11th, 2004.

Workshop Group components:

The Non-governmental Organizations with activities related to the theme will be invited by the LGW to make up the groups.

At the present moment the list of some NGO(s) to be invited are:

Instituto Qualivida

Family Welfare in Brazil Civil Society (BEMFAM)

Rede de Desenvolvimento Humano (REDEH)

Fundação Oásis “Cidade Aberta” (FOCA)

Federação de Órgãos para Assistência Social e Educacional (FASE)

Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Econômicas (IBASE)

Instituto de Ação Cultural (IAC)

Instituto Paulo Freire

Fundação Palmares

Viva Cazusa

Moradia e Cidadania

International Coordination for International Rehabilitation – Washington D.C.

Rotary International Brazil Office

Vivamos Mejor – Guatemala

Asociacion Becaria Guatemalteca

Ark Foundation of Africa – Tanzania

Agora – Associação para Projetos de Combate à Fome

COEP – Rede Nacional de Mobilização Social

Immediately after NGO(s) representatives confirm their attendance to the workshop, they will be organized and aligned in working groups expedient to their capacities and area of action.

The Legion made possible the availability of a specific secretariat office to give support to confirmations and information to the NGOs.

Detailed Program:

March 10th - Wednesday	
8 a.m.	
9 a.m.	Solemn Opening – LGW’s President Jose de Paiva Netto – Brazil’s President H.E Luis Inácio Lula da Silva –Ecosoc/UN Representatives Place: Austregésilo de Athayde Auditorium
9:50 a.m.	Magna Conference – (Key-speaker to be confirmed)
10:30 a. m.	Coffee-break
11 a.m.	1st Panel
	The UN/ECOSOC and the Eradication of Poverty (Africa’s Reality) Key speaker: Najet Karaborni (40 minute speech)
11:40 a.m.	2nd Panel
	The Culture of Peace and Social Development
12:40 p.m.	Lunch
2 p.m.	Working groups Place: 3 rd underground floor - Foreseen closing: 6 p.m.
March 11th - Thursday	
8:30 a.m.	Opening of the activities for the day Place: Austregésilo de Athayde Auditorium
9 a.m.	Working groups (continuation) Place: 3 rd underground floor - Coffee-break: 10:30 a.m.
12 p.m.	Lunch
2 p.m.	Final Plenary Session Presentation of the proposals suggested by the working groups Place: Austregésilo de Athayde Auditorium
4 p.m.	Closing

Group Work:

March 10th: 2 – 6 p.m. March 11th: 9 am. – 12 p.m.	1st Group Eradication of Poverty and Hunger	2nd Group Promotion of equity of gender and the empowerment of women	3rd Group Alternatives of creation of jobs and incomes
	4th Group Fight against HIV/AIDS	5th Group Mobilization of resources and realization of global partnerships for the development.	

- The participation in the sub-groups should be programmed taking into consideration the simultaneous actions of the work.
- Contemplate in each group: a mediator, a narrator and an African representative.