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Draft Program

Conference of the Progressive Alliance

Empowering the people: Our agenda for a democratic, inclusive and sustainable society

10 - 11 November 2017, San José, Costa Rica

Friday, 10 November 2017

Hotel Aurola Holiday Inn

5th Avenue and 5th Street

San José, 1000, Costa Rica

<http://www.aurolahotels.com/>

08:00 hrs **Registration**

09:00 hrs **Meeting of the Steering Committee**

All parties and associated organisations of the Progressive Alliance are entitled to send delegates to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee prepares the conference, discusses and approves resolutions and the upcoming activities of the Progressive Alliance.

Chaired by **Konstantin Woinoff**, Coordinator,
Progressive Alliance

Welcome by the Citizens' Action Party (PAC)

- **Marcia González**, President, Citizens' Action Party (PAC), Costa Rica



Introduction into the input paper

- **Bonaventure Mbaya**, President, Citizens' Convergence (CC), Republic of the Congo

Current Situation in Iraq

- **Sadi Pire**, Member of the Politburo, Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), Iraq, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance

Challenges and Opportunities for Peace in Middle East

- **Esawi Frej**, Member of Parliament, Meretz Party, Israel
- **Faraj Zayoud**, Fatah, Palestine

Amendments of the Guiding Principles of the Progressive Alliance

10:00 hrs

Coffee Break

10:30 hrs

Progressive Alliance Working Group on Gender

Chaired by **Marja Bijl**, Vice-Chair, Dutch Labour Party (PvdA), Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance and **Bahia Amra**, Palestinian National Initiative (PNI)

Prospects for gender equality policy in Costa Rica

- **Nielsen Pérez**, Citizens' Action Party (PAC), Costa Rica

Prospects for gender equality policy in Nicaragua

- **Ana Margarita Vijil**, President, Sandinista Renovation Movement (MRS), Nicaragua

Prospects for gender equality policy from the European perspective

- **Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group, Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), Spain

Introduction into the “Guidelines for an inclusive gender approach” and discussion

- **Marja Bijl and Bahia Amra**

11:45 hrs

Progressive Campaigning

- **Robert Fox**, National Director, New Democratic Party (NDP), Canada
- **Marije Laffeber**, Deputy Secretary General, Party of European Socialists (PES)
- **Iain McNicol**, Secretary General, Labour Party, Great Britain, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance
- **German Pino**, Secretary General, Party for Democracy (PPD), Chile

Moderator: **José Irán Moreno Santos**, International Secretary, Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), Mexico

13:00 hrs

Lunch

14:00 hrs

Plenary Session: Empowering the people: Our agenda for a democratic, inclusive and sustainable society



- 14:00 hrs **Welcome**
- Margarita Bolaños Arquín**, Citizens' Action Party (PAC), Costa Rica, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance
- 14:10 hrs **Video** 14:15 hrs **Introductions into the first topic: Technical innovation and Social Justice – Our Progressive Agenda**
- Speech**
- Víctor Báez**, Secretary General, Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA-CSA)
- Speech**
- Elke Ferner**, Deputy Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Member of the Board of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Germany
- 14:45 hrs **Video**
- 14:50 hrs **Key Debate: Technical innovation and Social Justice – Our Progressive Agenda**
- **Dante Delgado**, National Coordinator, Citizens' Movement (MC), Mexico
 - **Katarina Nevedalova**, Vice President, Party of European Socialists (PES), SMER – Social Democracy, Slovakia
 - **Eduardo di Pollina**, Member of Parliament of Santa Fe, Socialist Party (PS), Argentina
 - **Pablo Velozo**, International Secretary, Socialist Party of Chile (PSCh), Chile, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance



Moderator: **Humphrey Polepole**, Ideology and
Publicity Secretary, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM),
Tanzania

- 16:00 hrs **Progressive Alliance Award for special political
courage to Etta Rosales**
- For the jury of the Progressive Alliance Award:
Giacomo Filibeck, Deputy Secretary General, Party of
European Socialists (PES)
- 16:05 hrs **Laudatory Speech**
- Mathias Tegnér**, Member of Parliament, Swedish
Social Democratic Party (SAP), Sweden
- 16:15 hrs **Speech by the Laureate**
- Loretta Ann “Etta” P. Rosales**, Chair emeritus of
AKBAYAN, Philippines
- 16:30 hrs **Video**
- 16:35 hrs **Speech: Central American’s challenges to build
democratic, inclusive and sustainable societies**
- Carlos Andrés Alvarado Quesada**, Presidential
Candidate, Citizens’ Action Party of Costa Rica (PAC)
- 16:50 hrs **Speech**
- Monica Xavier**, Secretary General, Socialist Party of
Uruguay (PSU), Uruguay, Member of the Board of the
Progressive Alliance

- 17:05 hrs **Speech**
Josh Osih, Vice President, Social Democratic Front (SDF), Cameroon, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance
- 17:20 hrs **Key Panel Discussion: Empowering the people: Our agenda for a democratic, inclusive and sustainable society**
- **Moussa Boly**, Vice President, Movement of People for Progress (MPP), Burkina Faso, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance
 - **Neena Gill**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group
 - **Eran Hermoni**, Secretary General, Israeli Labour Party, Israel
 - **Jesus Zambrano**, Member of Parliament, Party of Democratic Revolution (PRD), Mexico, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance
- Moderator: **Kirsten Meijer**, International Secretary, Labour Party (PvdA), The Netherlands
- 18:30 hrs **Family Photo and Closure**
- 19:30 hrs **Reception**

Saturday, 11 November 2017

11:00 hrs **Discussion: Recent Developments in American Countries**

- **Rafael Baéz Pérez**, International Secretary, Modern Revolutionary Party (PRM), Dominican Republic
- **Johanna Paola Ortega Ghiringhelli**, International Secretary, Party for a Country of Solidarity (PPS), Paraguay
- **Viviana Piñeiro**, International Secretary, Socialist Party of Uruguay (PSU), Uruguay
- **Rotsay Rosales**, Professor at the University of Costa Rica

Moderator: **Sandra Cartin**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Costa Rica

12:30 hrs **Lunch**

13:15 hrs **Visit and Discussions**

Visit local experiences that promote environmental sustainability

There are two options to choose.

Tour 1: Visit to the cooperative farm *COOPENARANJO* to get to know the production and processing of coffee beans grown at high altitudes. These are among the best coffee products because of its aroma and flavour. The cooperative is located in the Naranjo district of Alajuela province.

Tour 2: Visit to the Rural Aqueduct Association of *Paso Ancho y Boquerón*, to learn about small-scale water resources management as a rural development



experience. The project's aim is to promote the protection of water resources, sustainable agriculture and rural landscapes. It was launched and implemented by the Rural Ecotourism and Multiple Services Cooperative *Paso entre Volcanes* which is situated in the Oreamuno district of Cartago province.

Note: *for both tours it is necessary to have suitable footwear to walk on farmland, as well as comfortable clothes and a parasol. It is recommended to bring a coat in case of temperature changes, especially for the visit to the Oreamuno district.*

18:00 hrs

End of the Conference

Return to Hotel Aurola, evening at your free disposal.