

EGP/Global Greens Co-ordination-Report to Barcelona Council, March 2010

1. The EGP Committee has designated the following to serve as its representatives on the Global Greens Co-ordination:

Monica Frassoni
Monika Vana
Steve Emmott

It has also designated three alternate members:

Juan Behrend
Eva Goës
Jean Rossiaud

and the six of us function as an EGP steering group.

2. This team met with the representatives of the other Global Green Federations over several days during the climate change summit in Copenhagen. Minutes of the discussions are available.

A decision was taken to recruit a part-time secretary for one year, as foreseen in the Sao Paulo Resolution-Next Steps for Global Greens- subject to satisfactory funding. EGP has offered to contribute €10,000 towards the employment costs on the basis that the Australian and New Zealand Greens will provide at least matching funds. Other member countries will also be asked to contribute.

3. We staged a very successful public event “Copenhagen and Beyond” with a top-level panel of speakers including Marina Silva (Brazil), Senator Christine Milne (Australia), MEPs José Bové and Catherine Grèze (France) and Elizabeth May (leader Canadian Greens), attended by an audience of over 1000 people. Hundreds of Greens of all nationalities joined in the mass demonstration march on the middle Saturday.

4. Next Global Greens Congress?

After the inaugural 2001 Canberra Congress and the follow-up in Sao Paulo in 2008, a third Congress could be held in 2012 or later (there is no formal schedule). The EGP made an offer in Sao Paulo to host this but so far no firm decision has been taken. In Canberra it was foreseen that Africa should host the second Congress but logistically this turned out to be impossible. The African Greens are now planning to submit a proposal to host the next Congress. The Global Green Co-ordination has developed detailed criteria for hosting such events and it remains to be seen whether the African Greens can satisfy these criteria in a timely manner.

This leaves open the EGP position. The Committee remains willing in principle to honour the offer made in Sao Paulo but no work has yet been done to cost this nor to plan the logistics and of course it would need to fit in with our other keynote activities and priorities. If the African proposal does not meet the criteria, we will need to consider carefully how we should respond.

The Committee will monitor the situation carefully and report back to the autumn Council.

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for the EGP Global Greens Co-ordination