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Global Greens full-time secretariat established in Brussels – March 2013



Inauguration of Global Greens Secretariat in Brussels

As part of the implementation of the Global Greens Dakar 2012 Congress resolution on the Future of the Global Greens, **the Global Greens have now established a full-time secretariat in Brussels.** The secretariat is based at the EGP headquarters and will be located there until after the 4th Global Greens Congress to be held for the first time in Europe at the end of 2016.

Alice Rosmi, former organizer of the Global Greens Congress in Dakar, has been appointed as secretary. Alice speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish and is keen on improving the communications and visibility of the Global Greens. “I think the establishment of a full time secretariat, with the support of all the 4 federations, is already an achievement for strengthening the Global Greens as an organization. But more and important steps forward need to be made. I hope the secretariat will also be seen as an accessible hub helping to establish connections within Greens from different parts of the world.”



James Tonson and Alice Rosmi

James Tonson, who has been part time secretary of the Global Greens since April 2010, has finished up in the role and handed over the responsibilities of the Secretariat. “Working for the Global Greens has been a wonderful experience. I’ve met so many passionate greens from around the world and learnt a lot about trying to implement green ideas in many different cultures and contexts. My thanks to everyone I’ve worked with and all those who’ve supported the Global Greens to get to this point. I wish the Global Greens and the new secretary all the best and look forward to hearing about the growing achievements of the Global Greens.” James has taken up a new role as the Coordinator of the Understandascope, an independent center for environmental education in Melbourne, Australia.

Greens at World Social Forum 2013 – Tunis, Tunisia

The Greens believe another world is possible, especially with the mobilisation and energy of citizens to construct it. **The World Social Forum 2013 is now taking place in Tunis, from March 26th till 30th, for the first time in the Arab world.** The Maghreb, and in particular the Tunisian social movements offered to organise the event, and Greens from Africa, Europe and other places are actively participating.



Greens Events on the agenda:

* 28th March, 14:00 - 19:00: *Le Gaz de Schiste au Maghreb et en Europe*, co-organised by Malika Benarab (Green Member of the European Parliament) & GIEST



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* 29th March, 09:30 - 12:30 *Quelle énergie pour la démocratie - quelle démocratie pour l'énergie*, co-organised by the Greens in the European Parliament and the Tunis Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Hotel Belvédère, 10 Avenue des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, 1002 Tunis-Belvédère. ☒Contact: info@tn.boell.org

* On 28th March, 13:30 -1500, Jean-Jacob Bicep (Green Member of the European Parliament) workshop on *De la Colonisation aux Réparations*, room TD 14, ☒Contact: jean-jacob.bicep@ep.europa.eu

Greens will also participate in the *World Parliamentary Forum*, inside the WSF, on the El Mannar University Campus. The WPF deals with "Women and gender equality in the Arab Spring", "Peace and Democracy in the Southern Mediterranean and Sahel", "Migrations, Free Trade Policies, Austerity and Debt. For contact and registration: forumparlementairemondial2013@gmail.com.

For more information: [world social forum 2013 blog](#), by the Green Group in the European Parliament

Federación de Partidos Verdes de las Americas, annual meeting in Bolivia, November 2013.



The American Greens Federation, *Federación de partidos Verdes de las Americas* (FPVA), is preparing its 2013 Annual Assembly which will take place in La Paz, Bolivia in November 2013. In the frame of the federation's event, the Global Greens Coordination is invited to host its annual face to face meeting, and the Bolivian Green Party will hold its congress, preparing for upcoming national elections the following year. The assembly will elect the board members of the FPVA and evaluate the current executive. The American Greens Federation is growing constantly and proceeding towards a Greener America. For more information, contact the Global Greens representatives Dr. Manuel Diaz, FPVA executive from Venezuela or Margot Soria, Bolivian Green Party.

Asia Pacific Greens Network 3rd Congress in Philippines, March 14-16, 2014



Members of Asia Pacific Greens Network

The Asia Pacific Greens Network announces the 3rd APGN Congress will be hosted by the GREENS PH (Philippine Green Party/Partido Kalikasan) in Cebu City, Philippines March 14-16, 2014. The programme includes plenaries, open space discussions, study-tours on green best practices, elections of the Asia Pacific Green Network Coordination Committee, a green business exposition and more. On the agenda, sessions on opportunities and challenges in the Asia Pacific



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Region, discussions on electoral campaigning, managing Greens in governance and political networks, committees meeting on Climate Change, Green Energy and No Nuclear, Indigenous People Communities, Biodiversity and Resources Mobilisation. APGN Congresses are usually held every 4 to 5 years and are an exceptional opportunity to advance Green politics through face-to-face collaboration. For further information check the [APGN website](#).

European Green Party Spring Council, Spain, May 10-12 2013



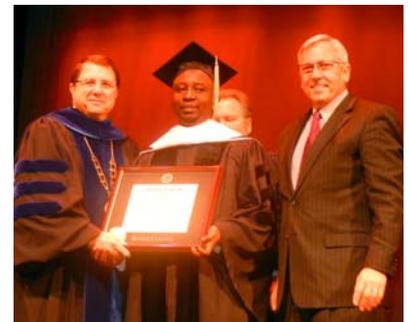
The European Green Party Spring Council is being held May 10-12, 2013, in Madrid, Spain, to provide the opportunity to understand where Europe is today, and how greens, together, can create a European society that strives to be fair.

The council provides opportunity to meet with the young Spanish green party EQUO, to present proposals for a viable energy sector for Europe and Spain, with a focus session co-organized by the Green Group in the European Parliament, and to continue the preparation for the EU2014 elections with both structured and informal debates.

The council will also elect the European Green Party's representatives to the Global Greens Coordination. For more information: <http://europeangreens.eu/madrid2013>

Frank Habineza receives Doctoral Degree

Frank Habineza, founder and president of the Opposition Democratic Green Party of Rwanda, received an honorary Doctoral Degree from Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana, USA. The degree is presented in honor of Frank Habineza's work in promoting democratic reforms and human rights in Rwanda and across Africa.



Frank Habineza receives the honorary PHD

The Democratic Green Party of Rwanda was officially launched in August 2009 as an alternative to President Paul Kagame's ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front, where most of its founding members had belonged. Given the difficult circumstances, in 2010 Habineza had to leave the country for Sweden, where he stayed for two years. He was finally able to return in September 2012, in order to re-establish the party and enable its participation in the parliamentary elections. In addition to forming the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda, Habineza is president of the African Greens Federation and representative to the Global Greens Coordination.