

European Parliament Intergroup "Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Fourth World committee": press release

Sylvie Goulard, (ALDE, France) is delighted to present the new bureau of the European Parliament Intergroup "Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Fourth World committee". The intergroup bureau consists of 5 MEPs; Jean Lambert (Greens, UK), a long-standing member of the bureau, as well as three new members: Jürgen Klute (GUE, Germany), Silvia Costa (S&D, Italy) and Veronica Lope-Fontagné (EPP, Spain). Sylvie Goulard has been nominated President, following the departure of the former President Inigo Mendez de Vigo (EPP, Spain) to take up the post of Secretary of State in the Spanish government.

Coming from diverse Member States and with diverse political positions, they will work together to promote understanding and discussion about poverty and the issues surrounding it. Over the coming months and years, as well as working together to influence legislative proposals through tabling joint amendments, they will organise debates and conferences linked to poverty and social exclusion, ensuring that the voices of those experiencing these problems are also heard.

The intergroup organised a well-attended discussion with Magdalena Sepulveda, United Nations special rapporteur responsible for developing a set of guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights, in June 2012.

The next event will be in the European Parliament on 17th October 2012 at 15h00 (JAN4Q1), to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Professor Banerjee, co-author (with Esther Duflo) of *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty* - winner of the Financial Times Business Book of the Year 2011, Professor of Economics at MIT, will make a key note speech.

For more information on this event please visit: <http://www.atd-quartmonde.org/Public-event-How-to-ensure-that.html>

For more information about the new president and bureau of the intergroup, or to be added to its mailing list please contact sylvie.goulard@ep.europa.eu.

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