

TACKLING POVERTY THROUGH **FAIR TRADE** A **CONSUMER COOPERATIVE CHOICE**

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CV SPEAKERS & ROUND TABLE DISCUSSANTS

Bowdler Duncan

Duncan Bowdler is Head of Trade Liaison, Food Retail Division, the Co-operative Group. The Co-operative Group is the UK's largest Co-operative retailer and operates over 2,000 food stores throughout the UK. Trade Liaison is part of the federal services that are provided by the Co-operative Group to other Co-operative Societies and Trade Liaison advises Co-operative Societies on the action they should take in complying with retail trading legislation. He is the Co-operative Group's representative on the Board of Euro Coop and Chair of its Environmental Policy Working Group. Duncan is also active within the UK Co-operative Movement in his own right and is an elected Member of the Board of the Co-operative Group.

Cavallini Roberto

Roberto Cavallini is a journalist who lives and works in Florence. He is responsible for social policies and communication at the Tyrrhenian district of the Italian Consumer Cooperatives Association. He is director of the review "Coop Informa". For the Italian Consumer Cooperatives Association he co-ordinates the campaigns for solidarity and international cooperation as well as development policies for Fair Trade. He is member of the Board of Fair Trade Italia. Cavallini participates in a number of Boards for the development of Fair Trade, in the political committees for consumers and in those for international cooperation of the Italian Regions of Tuscany, Umbria as well as of the Florence municipality.

Corbalán Sergi

Sergi Corbalán is the new Advocacy Co-ordinator of the Fair Trade Advocacy Office. He is responsible for developing and advocating political positions in the area of Fair Trade and trade justice. Corbalán has spent the past nine years advising business and non-governmental organisations on the policies of the European Union and international organisations such as the WTO, ISO and WHO. He also provided counsel on managing advocacy strategies in various fields, in particular trade, development, consumer protection and the environment. Corbalán has a degree in Law from the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and the University of Geneva, and has also studied International Politics at the Free University of Brussels and WTO Law & Economics at the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland.

Gouveia Rodrigo

Rodrigo Gouveia is Secretary-General of EURO COOP, the European Association of Consumer Cooperatives. Lawyer by training, he holds a Post-graduate degree in consumer law and one in public regulation both from the University of Coimbra. Since 1998 he has been working on consumer and environmental issues at FENACOOOP, EURO COOP Portuguese member organization. Gouveia has a sound knowledge of EU affairs, gained representing EURO COOP in several meetings and conferences at EU-level. In his capacity of Secretary-General, he is responsible for the general coordination of the EURO COOP Secretariat and of its lobbying activities in policy areas such as food safety, environmental and consumer protection and internal market.

Hall Fiona

Fiona Hall is the Liberal Democrat MEP for North East England. Fiona was elected to the European Parliament in 2004 and is a substitute member of the Development Committee. She was the ALDE Shadow on the 2006 report on Fair Trade and Development and is a member of the Parliament's Fair Trade Working Group. She is a member of the Durham City Fair Trade Partnership Group in her constituency as well as working actively with other Fair Trade groups across North East England.

Henriquez Chino

Chino Henriquez is the general manager of Apicoop, a honey coop located in the Southern part of Chile (Valdivia). Apicoop has been trading with all members of EFTA and conventional companies under fair trade conditions (FLO) for quite a long time. He is the chairman of FLO Cert board (representing the producers) and his organisation is a member of IFAT (he has been a member of IFAT Latin American board before).

Morgantini Luisa

Luisa Morgantini is Vice President of the European Parliament and Member of the European United Left/ Nordic Green Left Group. She was elected the first time in 1999 and again in 2004. During the present term (2004-today) she has been Chair of the Committee on Development and co-chair of the election coordination group, two bodies of which she is now member. She is also member of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, of the Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council, of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, and substitute member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and of the Delegation for relations with the Pan African Parliament.

Reintjes Carola

Carola Reintjes is the President of IFAT Europe, the European branch of the International Fair Trade Association, the global network of Fair Trade Organizations with membership basis in 61 countries. She is the European representative at the international Board of Directors of IFAT/the World Trade Organization. She studied Political Science and Philology, and has a Master Degree of Environmental Management. Carola Reintjes has been involved in Fair Trade and Solidarity Economy for the last twenty years, up to date her responsibility is Institutional Relations in IDEAS, a Fair Trade Organization. She is representing IFAT at the Global Reporting Initiative and the International Council of the World Social Forum. In today's round table she speaks on behalf of IFAT,FLO,NEWS! and EFTA.

Soldi Aldo

Aldo Soldi is the President of the Italian Association of Consumer Cooperatives. He graduated in Political Sciences at the University of Siena. And at the age of 24 he became member of the Board of Directors of "Coop La Proletaria". After a professional career in the Social Policies and Personnel Sector and as Vice President, he became President in 1995. He has been President of Coop – National Association of Consumer Cooperatives since June 3, 2004. He is also member of the National Board of the League of Cooperatives, Vice President of Euro Coop and member of the General Council of the International Cooperative Alliance. Since 2004, he is Professor of Economics of Cooperation within the Masters program of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Rome "Roma Tre". In 2007, he was professor of Organization and Management of Enterprises within the Consumer Cooperation at the University of Florence.

Steel Gareth

Gareth Steel is completing a period of secondment from the British civil service to the European Commission which began in 2003. Throughout that time he has been working on sustainable development issues in the Directorate General for Trade. Earlier he headed the Bonn Office of the British Embassy in Germany, where he had been seconded as agricultural attaché after a career in what is now the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs in London. Current responsibilities include negotiating for the EU on sustainable development issues in the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with seven African, Caribbean and Pacific regions, and in agreements under negotiation with South East Asian countries (ASEAN) and China; drawing up regulations on shipments of non-hazardous waste, and following fair and ethical trade issues.
