

TACKLING POVERTY THROUGH **FAIR TRADE**

A **CONSUMER COOPERATIVE CHOICE**

HOSTED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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BRUSSELS - 12 NOVEMBER 2008, 4:30 - 6:30 PM - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - PHS 1C51



AN AWARENESS-RAISING RECEPTION WITH **FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS** WILL FOLLOW

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PROGRAMME

16:30 pm - PANEL - The perspective of EU Institutions and consumer cooperatives on Fair Trade and its role in sustainable development

Chair and introductory remarks: Ms Luisa Morgantini,
Vice President of the European Parliament

- ✓ Mr **Gareth Steel** – Policy Desk Officer, Sustainable Development and SPS Issues (DG TRADE)
Fair Trade: the European Commission approach
- ✓ **Ms Fiona Hall, MEP** – Member of the EP Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and Substitute Member of the Committee on Development
The role of the European Parliament in the promotion of Fair Trade
- ✓ **Mr Aldo Soldi, President of ANCC/COOP** Italian Consumer Cooperation
The contribution of the European consumer co-operatives to Fair Trade - The Italian experience
- ✓ **Mr Roberto Cavallini, ANCC/COOP**, Responsible for the “Stop World Poverty” Campaign
Presentation of the international Solidarity Campaign

5:30 pm - ROUND TABLE – Fair Trade: a viable tool to tackle world poverty?

Chair: Mr Rodrigo Gouveia - Euro Coop Secretary General

Debate with the speakers of the panel and participation of the public including:

- ✓ **Mr Chino Henriquez** – Fair Trade producer, Apicoop - Chile
- ✓ **Mr Sergi Corbalán** - Fair Trade Advocacy Office Coordinator
- ✓ **Ms Carola Reintjes** – IFAT Europe President, on behalf of IFAT, FLO, EFTA and NEWS!
- ✓ **Mr Duncan Bowdler** - Trade liaison Manager Corporate Affairs, The Co-operative Group - UK

6:20 pm - CONCLUSIONS

Mr Rodrigo Gouveia, Euro Coop Secretary General

An awareness-raising reception with Coop Fair Trade products will follow Atrium, PHS level 2

English/Italian simultaneous interpretation will be provided.