



MEETING

Roundtable on the European Island's Challenges

Islands – key actors:

What kind of partnership at the EU level?

Tuesday 7 May 2013

16:00-18:00

Room A1H1

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Co-chaired by:

MEP Maurice Ponga, co-chair of the working group «*Islands and Overseas Entities*» of the European Parliament Intergroup «*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*», and the Ambassador **Ronny Jumeau**, President of the GLISPA steering committee.

Since its launch in 2005, the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) managed to involve policy makers throughout the world, including more than 60 governments of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), big island countries, countries with island territories, overseas territories, multilateral and bilateral organisations and international, national and regional organisations. This cooperation promoted high-level commitments and field projects for the conservation and sustainable use of islands' natural resources. In 2008, the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) recognised GLISPA as one of the mechanisms of the working program on island biological diversity. The CBD also welcomed the establishment of a coordination tool for GLISPA under the auspices of IUCN. GLISPA has since then contributed to catalyse more than \$130 million for the financing of island conservation.

In the perspective of the United Nations year on Small Islands in 2014, a debate is organised with the president of the GLISPA Steering Committee, Ambassador Ronny Jumeau, in order to analyse in detail the situation and role of islands within European and international policies. The European Union and its Member States have more than 200 islands and 33 political entities situated in all oceans. These islands are essential key partners for biodiversity conservation policies and the sustainable management of natural resources, also providing an instructive perspective of European and international programs.



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Opening Session

16:00-16:05 Welcoming address and introductory remarks by MEP Maurice Ponga

Challenges

16:05-16:20 Ambassador Ronny Jumeau, Seychelles, President of the GLISPA Steering Committee

16:20-16:35 Carl Gustav Lundin, Director, Global Marine and Polar Programme, IUCN
Carole Martinez, Programme Coordinator, EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories, IUCN

Actions and expectations of European Islands

16:35-16:45 Olivier Gaston, in charge of European Affairs, SODEPAR, Development Agency of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of OCTA

16:45-16:55 Fabienne Couapel-Sauret, Vice-President of the Regional Council of La Réunion Island

16:55-17:05 MEP Younous Omarjee – Climate Change

17:05-17:15 MEP Patrice Tirolien – Better coherence with regional cooperation

Activities and Perspectives of the European Commission

17:15-17:25 Karin Zaunberger, Policy Officer, Biodiversity Protection, DG ENV

17:25-17:40 Theodoros Saramandis, Head of Task Force, Overseas Countries and Territories, DG DEVCO
Jérôme Petit, Thematic officer, Climate Change, Environment, Natural Resources, Water, DG DEVCO

17:40-17:50 Pascale Wolfcarius, Head of Unit, Outermost Regions, DG REGIO



Conclusions

17:50-18:00 **Closing remarks by MEP Maurice Ponga and Ambassador Ronny Jumeau**

Cocktail

18:00-19:00