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SER visit to the General Assembly AICESIS in Algeria,

September 10-12th 2013.

REPORT

A delegation of the Sint Maarten Social Economic Council (SER) attended the AICESIS General Assembly in Algiers, Algeria September 10th-12th in 2013.

The SER Sint Maarten delegation consisted of:

- René A. Richardson, chairman SER
- Joseph H. Lake Jr., board member SER
- Bas Peters, policy worker SER



1. The program of the visit

Tuesday 10th of September 2013

- 18.15 AICESIS awards ceremony
- 20.00 Welcoming Dinner

Wednesday 11th of September 2013

- 09.30 Opening General Assembly
- 10.00 Introduction of the AICESIS report by the General Rapporteur
- 10.30 Discussion
- 11.00 Speech by Algerian dignitary on youth Unemployment
- 11.30 Discussion / International round table
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Interventions of SEC regarding the financial crisis
- 16.00 Working report financial crisis
- 16.30 Adaption of the agenda
- 17.00 Future activities AICESIS
- 17.30 AICESIS MDG (millennium development goals) award





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- 18.00 Closing
- 20.00 Gala dinner at Sheraton Hotel Club de Pins

Thursday, 12th of September 2013

- 09.00 Election of the new board of AICESIS 2013-2015
- 09:30 Exchange of experience regarding fight against corruption and economic crime
- 10.00 Presentation World Business Council in Romania
- 11.00 New memberships
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Presentations on the fight against poverty
- 16.30 Date & place of the next General Assembly
- 17.00 Speech by the new president of AICESIS
- 17.30 Closing speech by Mr. Babes President of the Algerian CNES
- 20.00 Closing dinner at Djenane El Mithak

Friday, 13th of September 2013

- 09.00 Departure

2. Written account of the General Assemblée

Wednesday 11th of September 2013

The General Assembly was hosted by the CNES, the Algerian Social Economic Council, in the Palace of Nations Club de Pins just outside Algiers. The President of AICESIS Mr. Babes welcomed all of the 34 delegations to the General Assembly and introduced the main topics of the agenda.

The director-general of the Ministry of Labor Affairs of Algeria elaborated on youth employment in Algeria. Due to flexible labor laws and a relative low minimum wage for employees under 24-years-old youth unemployment is around 10 percent. Compared to other countries in the region this is an exceptional low percentage.

The deputy director of the ILO presents the report that was written in close cooperation with AICESIS regarding the consequences of the financial crisis on youth employment. According to the ILO around 75 million young people are currently unemployed. Honorary President of AICESIS professor Manzano presented his findings on this topics in a report which addresses the United Nations Social and Economic Council. This report contains several policy recommendations to decrease youth unemployment globally and increasing social-professional integration. AICESIS will monitor the reactions of this commission and report back in future AICESIS meetings. Several countries contributed to this main topic and elaborated on the challenges of their country.

The working document of the consequences of the financial crises and the interventions of ESC's was adopted after lengthy discussion.

The president mr. Babes presented the financial report of AICESIS to the members. The report concludes that the financial basis is healthy but contribution from member countries should be higher to accommodate the growing



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organization. Too many contributions are contributions in kind. Therefore Brazil has prepared a motion to be discussed on the 2nd day of the General Assembly.

After discussion the President Mr. Babes concluded that the AICESIS summer school 2014 will be held in Russia. Russia will be able to accommodate up to 60 participants.

The prime minister of Algeria Mr. Abdelmalek Sellal paid a short visit to the General Assembly to welcome the delegations to Algeria and expressed his hope for a strong connection between civil society and government in the all the countries represented in AICESIS.

Thursday, 12th of September 2013

The ESC of Italy (CNEL) presented a report on the fight against economic crime and corruption. The main recommendation is to base the fight of corruption and economic crime on statistical and realistic criteria and steer away from perceived problems given the discrepancy between both in many countries.

Rumania presented its World Economic Business Forum to be held in Bucharest November 14-16, 2013.

The new board of AICES was elected by the General Assembly after some discussion regarding the representation of the countries from Africa. Rumania was also added to the board. The AICESIS board now has 18 board members.

Several countries made their contribution by presentation on the fight against poverty.

The delegation of Congo-Brazzaville presented the working report on food security to the General Assembly. This report came about after the AICESIS meeting in Congo-Brazzaville in May 2013.

The chairman of the Russian delegation, dr. Evgeny Velikhov accepted the nomination to become the President of AICESIS for the years 2013-2015. The new President will seek relations with larger countries like India and Mexico. The President will also seeks to explore stronger relationships with the G20 and to merge future workgroup themes in AICESIS with important themes from the G20 forum. Mr. Babes from CNEs Algeria congratulated dr. Velikhov with the Presidency and expressed his hope that AICESIS will continue to grow in the coming years.

