
‘Right to appeal’

International Financial Institutions and accountability – on the way to independent compliance and appeal mechanism for the European Investment Bank - Conference

Thursday, 30 November 2006, Brussels,
Eurovillage, 80 Boulevard Charlemagne - 1000 Brussels, BELGIUM

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00-9:10 Opening and welcome by the organisers

I. 9:10-10:30 Why the accountability of financial institutions is important? Need for accountability in the context of democracy deficiency

Chair: Magda Stoczkiewicz, CEE Bankwatch Network

Dr. Maartje van Putten, former member Inspection Panel World Bank and former MEP

Alain Lipietz, Member of the European Parliament

David Barnden, Center for Human Rights and Environment (CEDHA)

Lee Marler, Deputy Chief Compliance Officer European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

10:30-11:00 coffee/tea break

II. 11:00-12:30 What are the existing accountability mechanisms on the EU level to keep the EIB accountable?

Chair: James Barnes, NGO consultant

Dr. Ludwig Krämer, Professor, European Environmental Law, University of Bremen

Peter Maertens, Inspector General, European Investment Bank

Ian Harden, Secretary General, European Ombudsman

12:30-14:00 lunch

III. 14:00-15:45 Standards' framework for EIB operations (international standards/conventions, EU law)

Chair: Antonio Tricarico, Campagna per la Riforma Della Banca Mondiale/Manitese

Richard Bissell, former member Inspection Panel World Bank

Steve Herz, consultant - Environmental framework

Tom Griffiths, Forest Peoples Programme – Social/Development framework

Gabriele Zimmer, Member of the European Parliament

15:45-16:00 coffee/tea break

IV. 16:00-17:45 What accountability mechanism we are looking for for the EIB?

Chair: Jennifer Kalafut, Bank Information Center

Samuel Nguiffo, Centre for Environment and Development/, Friends of the Earth Cameroon

David Hunter, Asst. Professor, American University Washington College of Law

Kunibert Raffer, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Vienna

Response from Peter Maertens, EIB and other speakers, discussion

17:45 – 19:30 Closing remarks, reception

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