



*International Association of Economic and Social Councils
and Similar Institutions*
(AICESIS)

SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Athens, 27-28 June 2022

The meetings held in Athens (Greece) on June 27 and 28, 2022 brought together - in a hybrid way - under the chairmanship of Ms Lydia MIKHEEVA, nearly 100 people, including 35 Members, 2 observers and the ILO. The list of participants is attached.

1- BOARD / Monday, June 27

NB: Gabon gave mandate to Morocco (UCESA) and China, Spain and France attended online.

1/ The agenda is adopted without modification.

2/ The Board approves the transmission to the GA of the activity and financial reports, as well as the various working notes on each of the items on the agenda.

3/ The Councils of France and Spain ask to modify the agenda of the GA (they ask to change the last point to put it first during the GA).

4/ The next Board meeting will be held in Belgrade (Serbia) in December 2022.

2/ GENERAL ASSEMBLY / Tuesday, June 28

NB: Speech by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr. Miltiadis VARVITSIOTIS

1/ Agenda: The agenda is adopted without modification.

2/ Activity report: The 2021 activity report is adopted without modification.

3/ Financial report: The GA adopts the report for the 2021 financial year, as well as the provisional account for the year 2022 and grants its discharge to the SG for his management of the accounts for the year 2021.

Several members pointed out the ethical issue that raises the participation at the works of AICESIS bodies of number of Councils who lack to their obligations regarding the payment of their annual contribution to the Association.

The next financial report will include an estimation of both future inputs and outputs as well as a mapping of annual contribution by the members.

4/ Partnership with the ILO

The GA was informed by the ILO representative, Mr. GHELLAB, of the positive and active evolution of the partnership as well as the prospects for development. The President of the CNESE, Mr. Sidi Mohammed BOUCHENAK KHELLADI took the floor to state the commitment of his Council to host the next conference organized by AICESIS, ILO and the ESEC of Algeria in 2023 (date tbc) in Algiers on "*The role of ESC-SIs and dialogue in the resolution of growing inequalities in the digital age*", a call was made to encourage ESC-SIs to answer the questionnaire which will be distributed soon and to participate in the event.

It is suggested to reflect on the idea to ensure a better follow-up at the national level of the conclusions and recommendations resulting from the joint AICESIS-ILO international conferences and to have more specific action projects, particularly in Africa. The GA expresses its satisfaction and agrees with the planning of the forthcoming event.

5/ Partnership with ECOSOC

The GA is informed by the permanent representative of AICESIS to the UN, Mrs. MEZOUI, of the prospects for partnership with the UN ECOSOC.

The President of ECOSOC has personally invited the AICESIS SG to attend the ECOSOC ministerial segment on July 18, 2022 in New York, where, during his stay, he will have meetings with senior ECOSOC officials. The AICESIS members are invited to send to the SG their ideas for actions to be carried out jointly with ECOSOC, for example studying one (or several) SDG in a more precise and concrete way, being accompanied by ECOSOC experts in the development or improvement of national reports on the SDGs.

AICESIS members are invited to take an active part in ECOSOC meetings on youth and women in early 2023 by sending delegations to New York to express the views of the Association and civil society.

6/ Website

Members take note of the updates made to the website.

The SG encourages the members to answer the questionnaire concerning the database in order to complete the common AICESIS-ILO database project on existing ESC-SIs throughout the world.

7/ AICESIS Articles

Several remarks made must be taken into account, in particular to use the word Board instead of presidium and Presidential Council; talk about Asia instead of Eurasia-Middle East, review the geographical divisions and some articles, use the principles of UN human rights, integrate environmental issues alongside economic and social ones.

It is necessary to add a table comparing the 2 versions of the Articles and explaining the changes.

It is decided to continue the work within the working group. **Amendments from members wishing to contribute to the work should be sent to the SG.**

English will be the working language for the reference text to avoid translation problems.

8/ Main working topic

Living in the Age of the Internet: Looming Challenges and the Urgency to Find Solutions

Format: Organization of online debates, which will be followed by a final forum with concrete recommendations in a report to be presented to the United Nations, in particular on the role of social dialogue institutions.

In May, the 1st round table took place on *digital inequality as a factor preventing growth*, with comments from many members. For the Latin America and Caribbean region, a webinar was held on digitization.

A new series of round tables will be organized this year on the contact of citizens with technologies, the digital transition, digital education, the digital transformation of institutions, how to integrate the seniors socially and digitally, how to protect labor rights in the digital age.

It is decided to set up 2 working groups on:

- the energy transition and the food supply chain - UCESA as general rapporteur
- the social and solidarity economy - ESEC of Senegal as general rapporteur

9/ Miscellaneous

- GA 2023: Moscow, October 2023
- A motion from the European ESCs (Juan MOSCOSO, Spain; Nataliia NENUICHENKO, Ukraine; Jacques LANDRIOT and Adrien LABAUNE, France; Francisco ASSIS, Portugal) was voiced, proposing that the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation voluntarily and prematurely end its chairmanship at the AICESIS. Based on the results of the discussion, the proposal was not supported.

The President



Lydia MIKHEEVA

The Secretary-General



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