

## ASSEMBLEE GENERALE ANNUELLE

Exercice 2006 – le 27 Juin 2007

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L'Assemblée générale annuelle d'HELIO International pour l'exercice 2006 s'est tenue le 27 Juin 2007 dans les locaux de l'association, 56, rue de Passy, 75016 Paris.

**Présents :** Helene Connor (HC); Elie Chachoua (EC), Pierre Beaudouin (PB); Thomas Bonduelle (invité d'ENERCOOP).

**Procurations :** à **Hélène Connor** : Axel Michaelowa; Peter Tulej; Rod Janssen; Robert Gould; Mithra Moezzi; Laura Williamson; Ian Shearer; Fulai Sheng; Piotr Tulej; Pierre Mukheibir; Houda Allal;

à **Laura Williamson** (passés à HC) : Richard Heede

**Réponses** (sans procuration explicite): Alain Guinebault, .....?

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### 1. Vérification du quorum

Le **quorum** requis, constitué d'un quart des membres actifs qui représentent l'Assemblée générale d'HELIO International (SG, STAC, Coordinateurs de poles et CA), est atteint : 3 membres du CA sont présents, 21 ont envoyé des procurations ou ont répondu, sur 43 participants ayant droit de vote). La réunion peut se tenir valablement. Elie Chachoua prend les notes.

### 2. Accueil par la Présidente - Hélène Connor.

### 3. Approbation de l'ordre du jour

L'agenda est approuvé à l'unanimité..

### 4. Adoption des minutes de l'Assemblée générale annuelle tenue le 10 Juillet 2006.

Ces minutes ont été adoptées lors de la première réunion du Conseil d'administration ayant suivi la rencontre.

Elles sont entérinées à l'unanimité par l'AG..

### 5. Rapport moral de la Présidente - Hélène Connor

*L'année 2006 a été une année d'intense travail pour HELIO. Le rapport d'activité ci-joint en fait preuve.*

*Le passage incontesté du climat au premier plan des préoccupations mondiales a stimulé une intensification des activités existantes dans le domaine de l'énergie et une nouvelle série de rencontres, cette fois plus politiques, au niveau européen, mais également français. Par contre, paradoxalement, les moyens à la disposition des associations pour faire face à ce surcroît d'engagements se sont tout sauf accrus. Nous ne voyons pas autour de nous une seule association en bonne posture financière. HELIO se maintient grâce à la bonne volonté de ses membres, au travail dévoué et hyper-efficace de Laura et de ses bénévoles. Que tous soient ici remerciés !*

*HELIO International, fête cette année ses dix ans d'existence. Les membres fondateurs sont encore là, compréhensifs devant les demandes qui leur sont faites par l'association, même s'ils sont loin : Emilio, Steve, Youba qui ont été les premiers soutiens, et Laura et Rod impliqués dans les tourbillons de notre administration stricte et opérant à petit budget... Nul ne dira les heures consacrées pour qu'HELIO joue un rôle proactif utile à la communauté et offre des outils éclairant la voie énergétique vers l'écodéveloppement. Maintenant HELIO a des coordinateurs sur tous les continents et ceux-ci ont permis d'identifier des observateurs-reporters (OR) de qualité dans une cinquantaine de pays. Ce réseau n'est pas mobilisé en permanence bien sûr, mais il a le mérite d'exister et d'être composé de chercheurs de première classe, bien connus dans leur pays et soucieux de l'intérêt public (nos critères de sélection). Leurs rapports sont sur le site d'HELIO et sur CDROM. Ils sont disponibles à tous, décideurs nationaux, gens d'affaires, ONG, citoyens de tous les pays.*

*Le travail avec SSN se poursuit et s'étend maintenant aux travaux d'IIED, grâce au bon travail de Rod qui a abandonné la présidence d'HELIO en début d'année. Voir les fiches de Rod incluses dans le rapport d'activité préparé par Laura.*

*En plus de sa qualité d'observateur de longue date à l'UNFCCC et au PNUE, HELIO INTERNATIONAL a obtenu en 2006 son accréditation à ECOSOC et peut donc maintenant participer routinement aux réunions des Nations Unies.*

*Pour continuer sur son mode original et proactif, HELIO doit suivre attentivement les développements internationaux et continuellement renouveler sa pensée. Dans cette recherche, il lui faut aussi impliquer ceux qui viennent à l'association pour travailler avec nous, convaincus que nous sommes sur la bonne voie pour contribuer à un développement meilleur et plus équitable, et non pas au statu quo. Il faut donc prendre le temps de les former et de les acclimater à HELIO, association qui opère de façon assez atypique, nous en sommes conscients.*

*En effet, nous sommes toujours essentiellement un centre virtuel, écartelé aux quatre horizons de la planète, avec un pôle d'activité de plus en plus conséquent aux Etats-Unis. L'apport de Laura est devenu indispensable, ce qui ne doit pas nous empêcher d'améliorer notre implantation physique en France, ou ailleurs... Nous ne pouvons/voulons pas engager de salariés, mais nous pourrions avoir des stagiaires plus régulièrement et puis nous avons décidé d'avoir recours au chèque emploi associatif (CEA) pour rémunérer nos consultants français qui n'ont pas le statut de travailleur indépendant. Trouver un espace de bureau/centre de documentation, de préférence près d'une association similaire, reste à l'ordre du jour. Notre comptable Pierre Bourgeois a pris sa retraite et nous avons du mal à le remplacer tant il était bien intégré à HELIO...*

*2006 a vu la naissance d'HELIO-Afrique sous l'impetus d'Ibrahim Togola, Malien d'origine rencontré à Vienne (UNIDO) et qui a fait ses études à Moscou. C'est sans doute ce mix original qui explique qu'il se soit trouvé immédiatement sur la même longueur d'onde qu'HELIO... Ce lien africain privilégié permet à HELIO d'avoir une vraie "tête de pont" authentiquement "local" et de pouvoir investir à coup sûr et mieux travailler dans cette région du monde particulièrement affectée par le réchauffement climatique, la désertification et le pillage des ressources. Nous avons offert cette expertise au RAC pour leur projet COP13, mais ils ont finalement dû engager une jeune stagiaire française.*

*HELIO s'est rapprochée sélectivement d'autres associations françaises, en particulier eden-energy dont la présidente devient membre du CA d'HELIO et a invité la présidente d'HELIO à se joindre au CA d'eden, devenu agora energy. Cette association voit un grand intérêt dans le concept du CUBE. HELIO participe régulièrement au Plan Bleu de la Méditerranée et contribuera au travail de l'ADEME sur les indicateurs d'énergie renouvelable. Nous nous rapprochons également d'Enercoop pour notre travail sur la gouvernance énergétique.*

*A l'étranger, nous avons contribué bénévolement aux travaux du Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) pour la préparation de leur supplément destiné au reporting des compagnies d'électricité. Mais*

*comme trois ONGE faisaient face à 10 utilités électriques et 7 autres personnes du monde des affaires, nous ne garantissons pas la version finale du questionnaire... Nous avons également été invités par la Fondation Friedrich Ebert à parler de gouvernance énergétique à Brasilia avec des membres de syndicats d'Europe et d'Amérique latine. Les membres et les OR d'HELIO contribuent de leur côté à de multiples fora, tel que les COP (Nairobi en 2006), les rencontres de l'AIE, ECEEE, INFORSE, CURES et autres groupes actifs dans le domaine de l'énergie.*

*En conclusion, après dix ans d'existence, l'essor d'HELIO se confirme, tant en France qu'à l'étranger. L'équipe est solide, mais elle doit encore se renforcer pour faire face au surcroît de sollicitations créées par les ratés du développement et leurs impacts sur la planète et ses habitants. HELIO doit également se préoccuper davantage de faire valoir son travail, notamment en France, pour pouvoir contribuer davantage à la vie publique et non pas seulement par son appartenance à d'autres réseaux. Saurons-nous nous mettre en avant ? C'est tout un défi et il semble que nous ayons besoin d'une aide professionnelle... car il ne suffit pas de bien travailler !*

## **6. Rapport d'activité préparé par la Directrice de projets, Laura Williamson et discussion**

2006 was an extremely busy year and Laura became Project Manager to coordinate our preparation for the UN CSD14 and the administrative tasks of the other projects as well. Financing was difficult to come by especially after IISD's failure to find any. Fortunately for the first time, we were able to secure some funding from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The ESOA/EVE project took a lot of energy from the Board and we couldn't pursue our lobbying on CUBE properly, but all the other projects unfolded normally. Rod resigned as president on February 27, 2006 and was succeeded by Hélène who was then vice-president.

Our **core activity** was performed by the **ESOA/EVE Project**– 20 reports were launched at CSD 14 (May 2006) in New York. A very successful side event to present the reports and to discuss their application in the broader context of energy access and security was held in cooperation with INFORSE and the MAE represented by Edgar Blaustein replacing Nicolas Lambert. CD ROMs were distributed and time was spent assessing opportunities for collaboration with other organizations. Laura managed that activity very successfully and made good contacts while in New York. Christophe and Hélène contributed to the dissemination of the reports during 2006, writing articles, attending conferences and meeting future possible partners.

### **• Current Projects**

#### **NEEDS**

HELIO researched possible individuals and organisations to be considered for the stakeholder consultation of the social criteria and indicators. Over one hundred names were submitted for consideration. Some participants were selected and asked to participate in the process once having filled a questionnaire. The others were invited to send back the questionnaire. HELIO contributed directly to the consultation at the Delphi Consultation directly as a participant (Laura and Hélène). HELIO also participated in the NEEDS First Meeting of the Policy Advisory Group in Rome (Helene) and the Stuttgart review meeting (Alain). During the course of 2006 HELIO reviewed and provided input to NEEDS papers as requested. Helene Connor is now the project leader.

#### **PRO ECO CHINA**

HELIO participated in a two day kick-off meeting for the project (30-31 March 2006) in Rome and on various conference calls with other team members concerning the following subjects:

1. the CDM Training Workshop planned for late November 2006
2. the Handbook with Feasibility Checking Tool and Best Practice for CDM in China
3. sections of the handbook relate to carbon markets and sustainability.

HELIO contributed to the CDM Training Workshop (26 November through 2 December 2006) in Beijing. Several days were spent preparing a presentation for that workshop concerning market and financial

aspects of CDM project preparation. HELIO also organised and facilitated the Business Meeting held as part of the China workshop and participated at various internal team meetings in Beijing. These internal meetings focused primarily on project administration, project finance, the handbook, and upcoming project activities. During 2006, HELIO began the development of HELIO's contribution to the handbook. Robert Gould is the project leader.

### SSN

Project sheets available on request.

### ESOA (SEW core activity)

HELIO produced a series of reports for CSD 14 (May 2006) that used the SEW indicators to assess the impact of energy policies on the four pillars of ecodevelopment. 18 countries' and one region's progress in meeting energy sustainability goals was assessed:

- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- China
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- European Union
- France
- Haïti
- India
- Iran
- Mali
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Tunisia
- USA

A global report, "The Ultimate Challenge: Energy for Global Ecodevelopment" synthesized the main findings and lessons learnt as identified by the country-level reporting. The reports were produced on CD ROM and are available on the HELIO website. A side event "Sustainable Energy: where we are now and where can we be" was held at CSD 14 in cooperation with INFORSE. The MAE gave 90,000€ for the project. These funds allowed HELIO to pay country reporters and regional coordinators, to translate all of the English reports into French, refurbish the HELIO website and cover all logistical, production and staffing costs. The project was managed by Laura Williamson.

### ENCOURAGED (Energy Corridor Optimisation for the European Markets of Gas, Electricity and Hydrogen)

The focus of this project was to assess economically optimal energy corridors, (electricity, natural gas and hydrogen) between EU and neighbouring countries, identify barriers and benefits and recommend policy measures for reaching a pan-European 'energy network'. HELIO was responsible for coordinating the participation and input of NGOs, but was given no time nor means to do so. Robert Gould was the project leader. The project closed in December 2006.

### GRI – Electricity Utility Sector Reporting Supplement

This project will result in a sector specific sustainability reporting guidance document furthering the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines #3 for the electric utilities sector. The focus of this Supplement is on the generation, transmission, distribution and retail of electricity and will be generally applicable to companies in the sector, regardless of their size, type of generation, ownership structure or geographic location. Three meetings were held in 2006 and comprised of:

1. defining the scope of the Supplement and identifying range of sustainability issues under four broad themes of economic, environmental, social, and cross-cutting issues
2. prioritizing the range of issues to determine whether issues are unique or significant enough for the sector to be addressed in the Supplement
3. developing concrete indicator proposals/commentary on the Guidelines content and drafting the introductory section
4. agreeing on a set of indicators for inclusion in a draft version of the Electric Utilities Sector Supplement for public comment

A 90-day formal public comment period began in mid-January 2007. HELIO is not paid for its work although travel expenses are covered. Helene Connor is the project leader

- **Upcoming Projects** - discussions was initiated in 2006 but the work was carried out in 2007.

**RAC/MAE**

HELIO was approached by the RAC to prepare a report on energy and development in francophone countries. This report is to be part of a larger project working to build the capacity of francophone NGOs on the issue of climate change. The project was largely designed by Christophe Rynikiewicz and is funded by the MAE; the budgeted amount for HELIO is 3800€. Unfortunately there has been a misunderstanding as to the report structure and process with the result that HELIO is now a member of the Advisory Committee and the anticipated amount has been reduced to 500€. The work is to be carried out by HELIO Afrique, led by Ibrahim Togola who contributed to the IEPF Workshop in Paris and supported by Helene Connor.

**ADEME**

The work will entail producing a report evaluating the costs and benefits, and associated economic and social impacts of introducing renewable energy in rural and peri-urban communities in the Mediterranean area. The four countries to be studied are: Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Egypt. The project is projected to be 32 months in duration. HELIO will receive 30,000€ of which approx. 6000€ will go to the HELIO general account. The contract was signed late 2006. Hang Blanchard de la Brosse worked as intern for 2 months to identify existing resources and indicators on the topic. Helene Connor is the project leader.

**SEW: Preliminary assessment of energy and ecosystem resilience in ten African countries**

This project was started in Feb 2007 as a preliminary attempt to identify points of vulnerability as they relate to climate change-related events and sketch out what changes are needed--both politically and programmatically--to increase resilience. A policy report was offers recommendations on how best to ensure that issues of sustainable energy development, adaptation and resiliency are central components of any poverty reduction strategy. This report drew country level reports from 10 African countries. The countries studied for this report were: Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Democratic Republic of Congo; Kenya; Mali; Nigeria; South Africa; Senegal; Tanzania; and, Uganda. The project was funded by the General for International Cooperation and Development French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Directorate. A side event was held May 7th at the UN CSD 15. Project budget is 40,000€. Laura Williamson is the project leader.

**CLACC** - Capacity Strengthening in the Least Developed Countries for Adaptation to Climate Change). HELIO's role will be to monitor and evaluate the CLACC Programme at IIED. The work entails an annual evaluation Programme management, in-country outcomes of CLACC partners and CLACC Fellows. This project will start mid-200. Rod Janssen is the project leader. See attached project sheet for more details.

**• Project Proposals Submitted**

**ASIA INVEST** – Capacity Building Project under Asia Invest programme 2006-2007.

Project focus was on strengthening the capacity for developing carbon finance projects at SMEs in Laos and Cambodia. The aim was to to improve the capacity of all key stakeholders in the development and appraisal of carbon finance projects (including Kyoto Protocol CDM projects) at small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Laos and Cambodia. Emphasis was to be on renewable energy (especially biomass) and energy efficiency. Project was submitted early 2007 but was not accepted to the second project round.

**ECODREAM** - Eliciting Consumers Demand for Renewable Energy and their willingness to Adopt energy saving Measures.

This is a small scale research project being coordinated by Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) to better understand consumer demand/preferences in relation to the adoption of clean energy. There are 8 participating European organisations. HELIO's role would to incorporate the views of practitioners in the energy supply, regulatory areas, and civil society. HELIO, in coordination with EDF-Polska (Poland), will engage stakeholders and guide the development of an advisory board to provide guidance on the way questions are asked and addressed. Budget amount for HELIO not yet determined. The project was submitted April 2007 – we are still awaiting the response. Project leader will be Isabelle Haynes supported by Helene Connor.

- **General Developments**

**HELIO logo:** A new logo was developed August 2006. It is meant to represent the various forms of renewable energy sources. Biomass was initially included but removed after general consultation primarily because of visual issues – there was too much information such that is made the logo difficult to recognize

**Office Space:** This issue has still not been resolved. New space is needed to house our documentation and to host an intern or two.

**Accountant:** Pierre Bourgeois, our accountant since 2005 left HELIO at the end of 2006. He graciously stayed on until the books were complete (early Feb 2007). Hang de la Brosse will take over with Jean Nicolas' help, another AGIR retired consultant..

7. **Establishment and Development of HELIO Afrique – Ibrahim Togola**

The convention has been signed for the creation of HELIO-Afrique by Mali Folkcenter and HELIO International. Presidents of both associations are ex-officio members of the other association's Board of Administration. Ibrahim Togola was supposed to attend the GA, but his place was delayed and he couldn't be in time. Pierre Dembele contributed to the meeting of Ingénieurs sans frontières in March 2007 in Paris and Ibrahim to the IEPF Meeting in April 2007 in Paris.

8. **Financial Report and 2007 Budget**

- The Board had approved the 2006 accounts at its January meeting and the GA ratified unanimously.

9. **Elections**

**New members:** were unanimously voted in:

- Ibrahim Togola, as ex-officio member representing HELIO-Afrique.
- Valérie Blanchot-Courtois, President of Agora Energy based in Sophia Antipolis.
- Hang Blanchard de la Brosse, accountant, will become treasurer for the association.

Their CVs are available on request.

**Departures:** Elie Chachoua explained his departure for the University of Columbia to study for a Master degree in Public Administration. We wished him good luck. Christophe Rynikiewicz' demission from the position of vice-president was regretted and hope was expressed that he would come back when his personal carrier was better assured.

**Bureau:** HELIO's president, Helene Connor, agreed to stay until Spring 2008 or until a new president can be found. Laura Williamson will be the new Secretary general, a role she already fulfils in fact. Hang Blanchard de la Brosse will be treasurer.

10. **General Items**

- Upcoming attendance/input into the "Grenelle de l'environnement". It is decided that HELIO's contribution would be more useful in the Governance Working Group and contacts will be pursued with Ecologie sans Frontières (Franck Laval), the NGO in charge of the topic.
- Accreditations: HELIO is now accredited to ECOSOC other UN accreditations include: UNFCCC and UNEP
- HELIO has also become a member of ANPED

11. **Close**

Meeting closed at 1 p.m.

***HELIO INTERNATIONAL is an international non-governmental network incorporated in France. It created the SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WATCH and nodes of observers-reporters around the world to assess and monitor the contribution of energy policies and systems to sustainable development.***

*The members of its Board of Administration, its Steering Group and its Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, as well as its Observers-reporters, are world-renown independent energy and environmental experts who contribute their work on a voluntary basis for the promotion of a more viable and equitable way of life for all.*

## **VOTING MEMBERS OF HELIO INTERNATIONAL:**

### **Board Members**

President	Hélène Connor, Sustainable Energy Watch (SEW)
Secretary-general	Laura Williamson, Project Coordinator
Treasurer	Hang Blanchard de la Brosse
Member	Pierre Beaudoin, President, FRAPNA
Member	Valérie Blanchot-Courtois, President, Agora Energie
Member	Robert Gould, Environment Consultant
Member	Alain Guinebault, Director General, GERES
Member	Rod Janssen, Energy Consultant
Member	Benoit Lebot, Climate Change Technical Advisor, UNDP-GEF
Member	Mithra Moezzi, Consultant
Member	Ibrahim Togola, President, Mali Folkscenter and HELIO-Afrique

### **Steering Committee**

Samir Allal	Université de Versailles, France
Hélène Connor	Sustainable Energy Watch, France
Emilio Lebre La Rovere	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
John Robinson	Sustainable Development Research Initiative, University of British Columbia, Canada
Ian Shearer	Sustainable Energy Forum, New Zealand
Fulai Sheng	UNEP, Switzerland
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Richard Heede	Climate Mitigation Services, USA
Hazel Henderson	"Ethical Markets" and Ethical Markets Media, USA
Rod Janssen	Energy Consultant, UK
René Karotki	Adviser, Sustainable Development, Denmark
Axel Michaelowa	Perspectives, Switzerland

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Africa - English speaking Pierre Mukheibir  
Africa - French speaking Ibrahim Togola  
Africa - North and Middle East Houda Ben Jannet Allal  
America - Latin and South Emilio Lebre La Rovere  
America - North Laura Williamson  
Asia Ram - M. Shrestha  
Asia - South East - Sujay Basu  
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