

Dear members

IFAT Europe becomes WFTO Europe

The Organization name swap from IFAT to WFTO Europe has been approved today in the WFTO AGM. With this new name, the European regional office aims to reach the general public with a renovated image designed to spread its Fair Trade values. It also reinforces the relationship between WFTO Global and its European office. This is one of the most important decisions made in the AGM since its repercussion will be worldwide.

The AGM started last Sunday at the Hyatt Regency in Kathmandu and it will finish tomorrow, June 22. Fazie Hasan Abed, the founder and chief of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee gave the keynote speech. Delegates from different WFTO member countries are attending the conference to support the uplift of the standards of marginalised economies. Paul Myers has highlighted that the support from top companies like Tata, Starbucks and Cadbury together with the WFTO members will help Fair Trade to reach a relevant level of progress and economic development.

More information available on www.fairtradegrouppnepal.org

G9 Elections

WFTO is sending a change agent to the 2009 G8 summit and the voting process is currently open for candidates to attend the 2009 G8 summit in Maddalena, Italy, on www.worldfairtradeday09.org. Carola Reintjes, President of IFAT Europe, is one of the candidates nominated to deliver a Fair Trade solution to poverty, climate change and economic crisis in this worldwide known occasion. The election takes the form of a rolling daily poll so keep an eye on the progress of your candidate. Voting closes June 9th so do not miss this opportunity to see some invaluable candidates!

Handbook of Good practices and payments receipts

As it was mentioned in a previous weekly update, WFTO Europe is working on the creation of a manual of Good Practices in the continent. Up to this point, we have received very few examples so please **we encourage you to send us information about your cases**. It will be very helpful and interesting for all of us to have a European outline about Fair Trade Good Practices. We will greatly appreciate your contributions.

It is also important to remind you that with the aim of improving the management and administration of the accountancy in the European regional office, Pilar Caballero needs your help by sending her by email or by post the receipt of the payment of your contributions for the years 2008 and 2009 (depending on each particular case). We will be thankful for your collaboration and we also apologise for the inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any doubt or request, please do not hesitate to contact Pilar at administration@ifat-europe.org

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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