

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION INVITES

all social organisations interested in the EU/Mexico relations to the

THIRD EU-MEXICO CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

Objective

The European Commission, in co-ordination with the Mexican Government and with the collaboration of the European Economic and Social Committee, is pleased to invite Mexican and European civil society organisations, and other organizations following the EU-Mexico relations, to the EU/Mexico civil society dialogue forum between the EU and Mexico which will take place in Brussels on 13 and 14 November 2008. This Forum aims at encouraging a dialogue between civil society organisations, the Mexican authorities and the European Commission, in order to promote the participation of civil society in the relations between the two parties.

The development of the dialogue will allow identifying tools that will contribute to enriching the relations between Mexico and the European Union in all the areas.

This is the third Forum; the first Forum took place in Brussels in 2002 and the second in Mexico City in 2005.

The main themes will be:

- A. **Political dialogue**
- B. **Cooperation**
- C. **Trade**
- D. **Institutionalisation of the Dialogue with civil society**

Participation

Participation to the Forum will be open to representatives of European and Mexican civil organisations such as: non governmental organisations, trade unions, farmer organisations, employers' associations, the academic and scientific Community (universities, research centers, etc.) and other actors not included in the public sector.

For additional information and more details on the content of the Forum and registration, please consult the Internet page to be published in the coming days:
http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/la/index_en.htm