

Minutes of the first meeting of the Elo Project
Translated from the Portuguese

The first meeting of the Technical Supervisory Chamber of the Elo Project, proposed by the partnership between the Dom Helder Câmara Project (DHCP) and the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA), was held on the Fourteenth Day of the Month of March, in the year Two Thousand and Five, with the aim of making public the Elo Project and setting up the Technical Supervisory Chamber of the said project.

The meeting was attended by:

Mr. Andrew Bennett, Executive Director of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture;

Mr. Joaquim Machado, member of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture;

Mr. Felix Nicolier, member of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture;

Mr. José Humberto Oliveira, Secretary for Territorial Development / Ministry of Agrarian Development;

Mr. Espedito Rufino de Araújo, Director of the DHCP;

Ms. Maria Sarah Vidal, Coordinator of the Elo Project / DHCP;

Mr. Pedro Carlos Gama da Silva, Director of the EMBRAPA (Brazilian Institute of Agrarian Research) "Semi-Arid";

Mr. Guillermo Gamarra, Coordinator of the Arid Interior (Sertão) Project / DHCP;

Mr. Walmar Jucá, Planning Coordinator of the DHCP;

Mr. Ronald de Queiroz Fernandes, representative of the SEBRAE – Pernambuco;

Mr. Marco Antônio Araújo Andrade, representative of the Federal Agrarian University of Pernambuco;

Mr. Pierre Landalt, member of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture;

Mr. José Aldo dos Santos, representative of the Dispute of the Semi-Arid Region (Articulação do Semi-Árido) – ASA/PE.

Mr. Ricardo Menezes, Specialist in Poultry-keeping of the DHCP;

Mr. Fábio José de Souza, Assistant Local Supervisor of the DHCP/PB;

Mr. Alex Sandro Chagas, Assistant Local Supervisor of the DHCP/SE;
Mr. Flavio Henrique Gonçalves, Local Supervisor of the DHCP;
Mr. Marcos Lima, Planning Advisor of the DHCP;
Ms. Antonia Felix, Coordinator of Training, Education and Health of the DHCP;
Ms. Maria do Carmo de Andrade Lima, Communications Advisor of the DHCP;
Ms. Fabianna Freire Pepeu, Press Advisor of the Secretary for Territorial Development (SDT);
Ms. Angélica Brasileiro, DHCP.

The Coordinator of the Elo Project, Ms. Sarah Vidal, offered welcoming remarks, then turned to Secretary for Territorial Development (SDT) of the Ministry of Agrarian Development (MDA), Mr. Humberto Oliveira, who described the importance of DHCP as a government undertaking closely tied to rural livelihood improvement.

The Director of the DHCP, Mr. Espedito Rufino, gave a brief presentation of the DHCP Project, pointing out its general objectives; strategic focus; principle directives, programmes and components; and methodology. He explained DHCP project management, and gave project examples from various territories of the DHCP. Taking the floor, Mr. Oliveira emphasised that DHCP helps develop project and issue references for the Department of Public Policies.

The Director of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFAS), Mr. Andrew Bennett, explained the Foundation's mission, its strategic focus, its activities, why it is active in the North-East of Brazil and what it expects from this partnership. Finally, he pointed out that the members of the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture are hopeful and enthusiastic to be working with the DHCP.

Ms. Vidal then presented the Elo Project and its objectives, and its place within the DHCP. She stressed that the Elo Project will complement the activities of the DHCP.

Planning Coordinator, Mr. Walmar Jucá, explained according to Brazilian Law the most appropriate designation for the enterprise is "Project". The Director of the DHCP, Mr. Espedito Rufino, suggested:

Project for the Regeneration of Agricultural Production in the Semi-Arid Region – **Elo (“Link”) Project**, a name easily remembered and one underscoring the Project intent to be interactive and collaborative.

Ms. Vidal offered the Resolution of the Technical Supervisory Chamber of the Elo Project for discussion in the plenary session. Modifications were noted, and the necessary amendments having been made, the Resolution (attached) was approved in its entirety by all the participants. There being nothing else to declare, all participants signed these Minutes.

Recife, 14 March 2005.

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