

COMESA – EAC – SADC Ambassadors' Workshop

The 2010 Review of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement

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Today's agenda

- 9h30 **Welcome & introduction by H.E. the SA Ambassador**
- 9h45 **ECDPM presentation :**
*Recent challenges for ACP-EU relations &
The 2010 Review of the Cotonou Agreement*
- 10h00 Discussion
- 10h30 **Session 1: Reviewing the Political Dimension**
- 11h00 Coffee / tea break
- 11h15 **Session 2: Reviewing Economic & Trade Cooperation**
- 11h45 **Session 3: Reviewing Development Finance Cooperation**
- 12h15 **Session 4: Reviewing Institutional Arrangements**
- 12h45 **The way forward:** next steps in Revision & role of this Group



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Context of CPA Review

- Why a Review now?
- Calendar for the Review
- Previous Review in 2005
- Evolving context since last Review
- Internal challenges for ACP
- Discussion points for each session
- A look to the future

Why a Review now?

- 20 year Agreement (2000-2020)
- Opportunity for a Review every 5 years
- Process set out in Article 95
- Calendar
 - Preparation negotiating mandate – late 2008
 - Approve mandates by February 2009
 - Notify areas for change to other party by end February 2009
 - 2 months to react & add related issues
 - Negotiations: May 2009 – February 2010

2005 Review

- Focused on (inter alia):
 - Political dialogue Art.8 & Art.96
 - Fight against terrorism & WMD (Art.11)
 - Support for Rome Statute
 - Eligibility for financing (Art.58)
 - AU, decentralised authorities, local NSAs
- Only ratified in July 2008 – impact ?
- Review of Annex IV still on-going
 - Procedures, procurement rules, etc

Evolving context since 2005

- Joint Africa-EU Strategy (Dec 2007)
 - Financing comes mainly from EDF
- EPA negotiations not finished
- Development & other policies: new ideas
 - Security nexus, governance, state fragility
 - Migration: global approach
- Aid effectiveness: international dialogue
 - Paris, Accra: ownership, accountability...
- New EU policy thinking: PCD, Div. of Labour
- Vertical funds – Use of Intra-ACP envelope

Internal challenges for ACP

- Differentiation trends in Group
 - Different members & regions have different needs
 - Development needs vary
 - Regional integration processes vary
- Lack of conclusion on EPAs
- How to make space for continental & regional organisations?
- Hard to maintain unity & solidarity

What to Review?

- Light Review?
 - Avoid issues reviewed in 2005
- Ensure CPA remains up to date/relevant
 - Adjust for new thinking:
 - Paris, Accra, Migration, PCD ...
 - Adjust for new political realities: AU
- Moment to pin down commitments
- Preparing ground for post-Cotonou?

Discussion points for each session



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First session:

The Political Dimension

- Political dialogue at continental level – AU role?
- Emphasise donor governance & mutual accountability (Paris Declaration)?
- Governance incentive & situations of fragility
- Policy Coherence for Development – reciprocal application of Art.12?
- Introducing provisions for circular migration?
- Consequences for ACP countries that have not ratified Rome statute (ICC)?

Second session:

Economic & Trade Cooperation

- EPA process
 - Continued relevance of preparatory periods?
 - Alternatives to EPAs?
- EPA and CPA institutions
 - Harmonisation of new & old CPA institutions?
 - Role of Joint ACP-EC Ministerial Trade Committee?
- Monitoring and implementation of EPAs
 - Need for concrete provisions?
- Rules of Origin
 - Need to simplify & specify cumulation within ACP?
- New provisions needed on
 - Aid for Trade, Trade & climate change etc.?

Third session:

Development Finance Cooperation

- Programming of the Intra-ACP envelope
 - Reflect recent improvements made
- Pan-African envelope
 - Provide means for AU to fulfill its mandate?
- Resources to be available under EDF11
 - Clarification on type & amount (ODA increases)
- EDF funding to NSAs
 - Systematic information to NAOs

Fourth session: Institutional arrangements

- New EPA institutions
- Place for new actors
 - Role of regional organisations?
 - African Union?
 - National parliaments?
- Mandates of CTA and CDE
- Organising an ACP-EU Summit ?



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The way forward: Next steps in revision process

- Role of COMESA-EAC-SADC Group
 - In finalising ACP mandate?
- Timing
- Looking beyond 2010
 - 2015 Review – prepare post-Cotonou ?
 - Post-Cotonou talks will start mid 2018
 - *What does the ACP want beyond 2020?*



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