

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BEYOND 2015: HOW FIT FOR PURPOSE IS THE ACP-EU FRAMEWORK?

PROGRAMME

30 September 2015

Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU

9h00-9h30 | WELCOME & REGISTRATION

9h30-9h45 | OPENING REMARKS

Martine Schommer, Director Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Luxembourg

Ewald Wermuth, Director ECDPM

Geert Laporte, Deputy Director ECDPM and facilitator of the meeting

9h45-11h00 | SESSION 1: THE ACP-EU PARTNERSHIP - TAKING STOCK AND PUTTING COTONOU IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Speakers: **Simon Maxwell**, Chair of the European Think Tanks Group and Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute

Cheikh Tidiane Dieye, Executive Director, Centre africain pour le commerce, l'intégration et le développement (CACID-ENDA)

Discussants: **Keith Nurse**, Senior Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, and World Trade Organization Chair, University of the West Indies

Gina Wharton, Advocacy Advisor, European Network of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF EN), and Member of the CONCORD Cotonou Working Group

Guiding questions:

- Has the Cotonou Partnership Agreement (CPA) delivered on its expectations from its various stakeholders?

- How fit for purpose is the CPA for addressing the global development agenda Post 2015?

Discussions

11h00-11h30 | Coffee break

11h30-13h00 | SESSION 2: APPLYING A POLITICAL ECONOMY LENS TO THE ACP-EU PARTNERSHIP - PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF ECDPM'S POLITICAL ECONOMY ANALYSIS ON RETHINKING THE ACP-EU PARTNERSHIP

Speaker: **Jean Bossuyt**, Head of Strategy, ECDPM

Discussants: **Patrick I. Gomes**, ACP Secretary general
Ambassador Mpeo Mahase-Moiloa, Ambassador of Lesotho and Chair of the Bureau of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors
Koen Doens, Director responsible for East and Southern Africa and ACP Coordination, Directorate-General for International cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO)
Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global issues, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Discussions

13h00-14h15 | [Lunch buffet](#)

14h15-16h00 | **SESSION 3: EXPLORING THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A FUTURE PARTNERSHIP RELATION**

Panel Discussion with:

Daniel Bach, Professor SciencePo Bordeaux, Centre Emile Durkheim
Mehari Taddele Maru, Member of the African Union High Advisory Group
Shada Islam, Director of Policy, Friends of Europe
Fatumanava III Pa'olelei Luteru, Ambassador of Samoa
David Jessop, former Director of the Caribbean Council and the Cuba Initiative
Koos Richelle, Former DG European Commission

Guiding questions:

- *How could a possible ACP-EU partnership still add real value in a context of growing regionalisation, alternative frameworks for collective action and the post 2015 agenda?*
- *To what extent and how can ACP and EU strengthen the political foundations of their relationship*

Discussions

16h00-16h30 | [Coffee Break](#)

16h30-17h30 | **SESSION 4: LOOKING FORWARD: NEXT STEPS IN THE REFLECTION PROCESS AND INITIAL SCENARIOS**

Open debate

18h00 | **Reception hosted by Mr Romain Schneider, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs on the occasion of the opening of the photo exhibition on Mali**

Venue: Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU
75, avenue de Cortenbergh | 1000 Brussels

The presentations and discussions will be held in English.

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