

Target group

The seminar will be attended by a mix of some 70 participants from different institutions and interest groups including EU member states, ACP countries, the ACP Secretariat, the European institutions, the BRICs, multilateral and civil society organisations.

Methodology

On Day 1 (Thursday 30 June), a high level panel discussion will be organised in the afternoon, involving key representatives from the ACP, the EC, EU member states and independent eminent persons. The high-level speakers will be asked to provide their views on the key questions of the seminar: What impact does the expanding global agenda and the emerging economies have on ACP-EU relations? What common interests could ensure an effective partnership between the EU and the ACP as a group and as separate regions? Can the ACP Group reinvent itself to impact the new global landscape? Each of these topics will be discussed in more detail during the following day.

On Day 2 (Friday 1 July), a full day seminar will be facilitated by ECDPM to discuss each of the key questions in more detail in panels that will include a mix of policy makers, practitioners, policy researchers, civil society organisations and eminent persons.

Language

The working language is English.

Date

30 June - 1 July 2011

Venue

Day 1 : European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)
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Day 2 : European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)
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ECDPM 25th Anniversary Seminar

Global changes, emerging players and
evolving ACP-EU relations:
towards a common agenda for action?

Maastricht, 30 June - 1 July 2011

Context

Rapid and fundamental changes are taking place at a global level. The multitude of global challenges and the rapid rise of emerging players in the global economy are affecting international relations. They require a substantial rethinking of development cooperation strategies and modes of operation. At the same time, the EU and the ACP Group are also changing. The implementation of the Lisbon Treaty triggers major shifts in the EU with the aim of reinforcing its role as a global player with the EU reconsidering its various partnership agreements. As a result, growing doubts are expressed in relation to the continuing relevance of the ACP-EU framework and its capacity to accommodate new global challenges. On the ACP side, internal reflections have also begun to redefine the place and role of the ACP Group in a multi-polar world and in a Post Lisbon EU.

Against this background and on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) will organise on 30th June and 1st July 2011 in Maastricht, an international seminar that will assess the future of the ACP-EU partnership in the light of the new global challenges, the growing role and impact of emerging economies and the ongoing change processes within both the ACP Group and the EU.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 30 June At ECDPM

- 12:30 Arrival and registration (*light lunch buffet*)
- 14:30 Welcome by [Lingston Cumberbatch](#), Chairperson of the ECDPM Board
- High-level panel, moderated by [Paul Engel](#), Director ECDPM
Debate on 'Global Changes, emerging players and evolving ACP-EU relations: towards a common agenda for action?'
- Interventions by:
- [Mohamed Ibn Chambas](#), Secretary General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group
[Françoise Moreau](#), Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Development and Cooperation
[Sutiawan Gunessee](#), Ambassador of Mauritius to the EU and Chairperson of the Ambassadorial Working Group on Future Perspectives of the ACP group
[Adebayo Olukoshi](#), Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and Director of the Africa Governance Institute (AGI)
[Glenys Kinnock](#), Member UK House of Lords, formerly MEP and Co-President of EU-ACP Joint Parliamentary Assembly
[Bram van Ojik](#), Director, Department for Social Development, MFA The Netherlands
- 16:30 Group picture of participants / informal networking
- 17:30 Ceremony for the official opening of the renovated ECDPM building and the inauguration of Prince Claus Hall, in the presence of [His Royal Highness Prince Constantijn of The Netherlands](#), followed by a cocktail reception
- 19:15 End of reception
- 20:00 *Welcome drinks and dinner at Bonnefontenmuseum, restaurant Ipanema*

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Friday, 1 July

At EIPA - European Institute of Public Administration (just next door to ECDPM)

- 9:00 Coffee
- 9:15 Welcome
- 9:30 *Session I* - moderated by [Geert Laporte](#), Deputy Director ECDPM
The expanding global agenda and emerging economies: what impact on ACP-EU relations?
- Panel: [San Bilal](#), Head of Programme Economic and Trade Cooperation, ECDPM
[Cui Hongjian](#), Director China Institute of International Studies
[Carlos Primo Braga](#), Special Representative and Director External Affairs, Europe, World Bank
- Open discussion
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 *Session II* - moderated by [James Mackie](#), Head of Programme Development Policy and International Relations, ECDPM
What common interests could ensure an effective partnership between the EU and the ACP as a group and as separate regions?
- Panel: [Pi Gomes](#), Ambassador of Guyana to the EU
[Elisabeth Pape](#), Advisor ACP-EU relations, European Commission, DG Development and Cooperation
[Pieter Jan Kleiweg](#), Head of External Affairs Division, European Integration Department, MFA, The Netherlands
- Open discussion
- 13:00 *Buffet lunch at ECDPM*
- 14:15 *Session III* - moderated by [Jean Bossuyt](#), Head of Strategy ECDPM
Can the ACP Group reinvent itself to impact the new global landscape?
- Panel: [Roy Mickey Joy](#), Ambassador of Vanuatu to the EU
[Henri Bernard Solignac-Lecomte](#), Head of Unit, Europe Middle-East & Africa, OECD Development Centre
[Vijay Makhan](#), former Assistant SG of the Organisation of African Unity
- Open discussion
- 15:45 *Coffee break*
- 16.15 Closing panel: Concluding remarks and next steps
- 16:45 Closure of the meeting
- Informal drinks at ECDPM