



ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

22 April 2016

12th REGIONAL MEETING (SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION) **OF THE ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

Gaborone, Botswana
20-22 April 2016

AGENDA **and** **WORK PROGRAMME**

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SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 19 April

Arrival of Members

WEDNESDAY, 20 April

08.30 – 10.30 Meetings of ACP and EU Members (separately)

11.00 – 12.00 Official Opening of the 12th Regional Meeting of the JPA

14.00 – 17.30 Start of the meeting

19.00 Reception

THURSDAY, 21 April

08.30 – 12.00 Continuation of the meeting

13.30 – 18.30 Field visits

FRIDAY, 22 April

09.00 – 12.30 Continuation of the meeting

14.00 – 16.00 Conclusion of the meeting

16.00 Press conference

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 20 April

11.00 – 12.00 ***Official Opening of the 12th regional meeting (Southern African Region) of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly***

List of speakers:

- Gladys Kokorwe, Speaker of the National Assembly of Botswana
- Netty Baldeh, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Michèle Rivasi, Acting Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

12.00 – 12.30 ***Official Group Photo***

12.30 – 14.00 ***Lunch break***

14.00 – 17.30 ***First Working Session***

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Co-Presidents' announcements
3. Regional integration and cooperation
 - i. Progress and challenges of regional integration in the region, including Economic Partnership Agreements and EDF financing
Angelo Mondlane, Political Director, Planning and Resources, Southern African Development Community
 - ii. Migration in the Southern African region
Elizabeth Warn, Regional Thematic Specialist on Immigration and Border Management, Regional Office of the International Organisation for Migration, Pretoria

19.00 Reception

THURSDAY, 21 April

08.30 – 12.00 *Second Working Session*

4. Gender based violence
Virginia Ntombi Setshwaelo, Board Member of Gender Links, Gaborone Office
5. Natural resources management
Keith Jefferis, Managing Director of Econsult, Gaborone

12.00 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 – 18.30 Field visits
(Separate programme organised by the host authorities)

FRIDAY, 22 April

09.00 – 12.30 *Third Working Session*

6. Agriculture and food security in the region
Timothy Simalenga, Executive Director, Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA)
7. Energy supply and requirements in the region
Musara Beta, Acting Coordination Centre Manager, Southern African Power Pool, Harare

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 16.00 *Conclusion*

8. Adoption of the Gaborone Communiqué
9. Closing remarks
 - Netty Baldeh, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
 - Michèle Rivasi, Acting Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
 - Gladys Kokorwe, Speaker of the National Assembly of Botswana

16.00 *Press Conference*

The Co-Presidents and Speaker of the National Assembly with local media