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## **36<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

**3-5 December 2018**

**Cotonou (Benin)**

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**AGENDA**

**and WORK PROGRAMME**

**Website of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly:**  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/acp>

## **MONDAY 3 DECEMBER**

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

### **Conciliation meetings on urgent motions for resolution**

11.00 a.m.

### **Formal opening sitting of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

List of speakers:

- Michèle Rivasi, acting Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Joseph Owona Kono, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Patrice Talon, President of Benin
- Adrien Houngbedji, President of the National Assembly of Benin

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

### **Sitting of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

#### **Constituent meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly and accreditation of non-parliamentary representatives**

1. **Adoption of agenda**
2. **Approval of the minutes** of the last sittings of the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 2 December 2018
4. **Statement by Neven Mimica**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for international cooperation and development
5. **Debate with Neven Mimica**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for international cooperation and development – catch-the-eye
6. **Question Time to the Commission**
7. **Action taken by the Commission** on the resolutions adopted at the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
8. **The fight against cybercrime and drug trafficking**  
Committee on Political Affairs  
Co-Rapporteurs: Deirdre Clune and Agnima Alain Michel Lobognon (Côte d'Ivoire)

## **TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER**

*9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.*

9. **Statement by** Issa Doubragne, Minister of Economy and Development Planning (Chad), President-in-Office of the ACP Council
10. **Statement by** Maria-Magdalena Grigore, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Secretary (Romania), replacing President-in-Office of the EU Council
11. **Question Time to the Council**
12. **Debate with the Council** – catch-the-eye
13. **Combating the destabilizing effects of wildlife trafficking in ACP countries and promoting the implementation of the external dimension of the EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking**  
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment  
Co-rapporteurs: Gilbert S. Mangole (Botswana) and Catherine Bearder
14. **Urgent topic 1:** The impact of the rise of populism on globalisation
15. **Summary reports from the workshops**

*3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.*

16. **The concrete involvement of the international community in the fight against terrorism in the Sahel**  
Debate without resolution with Mohamed Ibn Chambas, UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for West Africa
17. **Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) development at the heart of economic transformation in ACP countries**  
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade  
Co-rapporteurs: Sangeet Fowdar (Mauritius) and Nicolas Bay
18. **Post-Cotonou: the future partnership of the EU-ACP after 2020**  
Keynote debate with Maurizio Carbone, Professor, University of Glasgow (United Kingdom), School of Social and Political Sciences

## **WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER**

*8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.*

*Meeting of ACP Drafting Committee  
Possibly, meetings of EP Political groups*

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

19. **Report on the 16th regional meeting held in Yaoundé, Cameroon (Central African Region) from 17-19 July 2018** – report by the Co-Presidents
20. **The political situation in Cameroon**  
Debate without resolution with Nsoh Christopher Ndikum, Head of Department of Political Science, University of Buea, Cameroon
21. **Urgent topic 2:** The impact of climate change, in particular on small, developing island states
22. **Young people with disabilities in the context of sustainable development**  
Debate without resolution with Alba Gonzalez, EU Policy Officer, International Advocacy & Alliances, CBM International
23. **New Beninese electoral code**  
Exchange of views with Robert Gbian, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly of Benin on political reforms in Benin: state of play and outlook

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

*Meeting of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly*

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

24. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
25. **Vote** on the urgent motions for resolution
26. **Report by the economic and social partners**  
Presentation by Jaroslaw Mulewicz, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee
27. **Report on the Youth Conference**
28. **Report on the Women's Forum**
29. **Any other business**
30. **Date and place** of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly