

ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

6 April 2009

17th SESSION

4 to 9 April 2009

**PRAGUE (Czech Republic)
Clarion Congress Hotel**

AGENDA

and WORK PROGRAMME

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

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DEADLINES AND SPEAKING TIME

1. Deadline for tabling questions to the Council and Commission

Wednesday 18 February at 3 p.m.

2. Deadline for tabling urgent motions for resolution

Monday 2 March at 3 p.m.

3. Deadline for tabling compromise motions for resolution

Monday, 6 April at 3 p.m.

4. Deadline for tabling amendments

to the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the standing committees

Monday, 6 April at 6 p.m.

to compromise resolutions and other urgent motions for resolution to be put to the vote

Tuesday, 7 April at 3 p.m.

5. Deadline for requests relating to voting methods (votes on separate parts of the text, by secret ballot, or by separate houses)

Wednesday 8 April at 6 p.m. in writing

6. Limitation of speaking time (cf. Article 14(2) of the Rules of Procedure)

5 minutes for introductory statements

3 minutes for speakers in debates (unless speaking time is allocated differently on the basis of a division of the total time available)

2 minutes for winding up

Other meetings

SATURDAY, 4 April

10 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Women's Forum (Plenary Hall)

2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade (Plenary Hall)

5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
(simultaneously)

Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs (ACP Hall)

Meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment (Plenary Hall)

SUNDAY, 5 April

9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Bureau (Plenary Hall)

2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit

MONDAY, 6 April

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Conciliation meetings on urgent motions for resolution

MONDAY, 6 April

11.30 a.m.

Formal opening sitting of the 17th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

List of speakers

- Mr Jan Kohout, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in charge of development
- Mr Wilkie Rasmussen, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Dr Mirek Topolánek, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
- Ms Glenys Kinnock, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
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12.30 p.m.

Press Conference

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sitting of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

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

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 16th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (OJ C61 of 16.3.2009)
3. Co-Presidents' announcements including decisions taken at Bureau meeting on 5 April
4. Statement by Mr Louis Michel, Member of the Commission with responsibility for development and humanitarian aid
5. Question Time to the Commission
6. Action taken by the Commission on the resolutions adopted at the 16th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, held in Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)
- 6a. Statement by Mr Louis Michel, Member of the Commission, on the situation in Madagascar, followed by a debate
7. Debate with the Commission

8. Urgent topic No 1: The role of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement in addressing the food and financial crisis in ACP countries

TUESDAY, 7 April

9 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

9. Statement by Mr Jan Kohout, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in charge of development, President-in-Office of the EU Council
10. Statement by Hon. William Haomae, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade (Solomon Islands), President-in-Office of the ACP Council
11. Question Time to the Council
12. Debate with the Council
13. The revision of the Cotonou Agreement
Debate without resolution
14. Urgent topic No 2: Establishing and promoting peace, security, stability and governance in Somalia

3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

15. Workshops:
 1. Sustainable energy - visit to a solar power station
 2. Crisis Management - visit to Prague flood defences
 3. Ecological Damage - visit to contaminated sites

WEDNESDAY, 8 April

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

16. Report of the economic and social partners
17. The social and environmental impact of climate change
Co-rapporteurs: Mr Netty Baldeh (Gambia) and Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment
18. Challenges to the democratic accommodation of ethnic, cultural and religious diversities in ACP and EU countries
Co-rapporteurs: Ms Ruth Magau (South Africa) and Mr Filip Kaczmarek
Committee on Political Affairs

19. Country Strategy Papers and Regional Strategy Papers for ACP countries
Debate without resolution

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

20. The current position in the WTO negotiations
Presentation by Baroness Ashton, Member of the Commission with responsibility for trade
Debate without resolution
21. The current position in the EPA negotiations
Presentation by Baroness Ashton, Member of the Commission
Debate without resolution
22. The State of Play on Economic Partnership Agreements and their possible impact on ACP countries
Co-rapporteurs: Mr Assarid Ag Imbarcaouane (Mali) and Mr Jürgen Schröder
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade
23. The Parliamentary Committees in the EPA institutional provisions
Debate without resolution

THURSDAY, 9 April

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

24. Summary reports from the workshops
25. Vote on the motions for resolutions included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
26. Vote on urgent motions for resolutions
27. Any other business
28. Date and place of the 18th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly