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1. **Deadline for tabling questions to the Council and Commission**

- Tuesday 21 January at noon

2. **Deadline for tabling urgent motions for resolution**

- Tuesday 4 February at noon

3. **Deadline for tabling compromise motions for resolution**

- Monday 17 March at 3 p.m.

4. **Deadline for tabling amendments**

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

- Monday 17 March at noon

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

- Tuesday 18 March at noon

5. **Requests relating to voting methods (votes on separate parts of the text, by secret ballot, by separate houses)**

- Wednesday 19 March at 10 a.m. **in writing**

6. **Limitation of speaking time** (cf. Article 15(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

WEDNESDAY 12 to FRIDAY 14 March

ACP meetings

SATURDAY 15 March

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Women's Forum

10.00 a.m. to 13.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment

3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

(simultaneously)

Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs

Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Possibly, meeting of an EP political group with its ACP counterparts

SUNDAY 16 March

8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Workshops:

1. XX
2. XX

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Possibly, meeting of an EP political group with its ACP counterparts

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Possibly, meeting of an EP political group with its ACP counterparts

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Meeting of the Bureau

MONDAY 17 March

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 27th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

List of speakers:

- Louis Michel, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Fitz A. Jackson, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- XX of Greece

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 sitting of the 26th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly (OJ C xxx, xxx 2014)
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 16 March
4. **Urgent topic No 1: The human, economic and social rights of migrants in ACP and EU countries**
5. **Regional integration and modernisation of customs for sustainable development in ACP Countries, in cooperation with the EU**
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade
Co-Rapporteurs: Piet Van Der Walt (Namibia) and Oldřich Vlasák
6. **Urgent topic No 2: The crisis in the Central African Republic**

TUESDAY 18 March

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

7. **Statement by Andris Piebalgs**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for development
8. **Debate with Andris Piebalgs**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for development – catch-the-eye
9. **Question Time to the Commission**
10. **Action taken by the Commission** on the resolutions adopted at the 26th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
11. **The global spread of terrorism: the role of the internet and social media**
Committee on Political Affairs
Co-rapporteurs: Moses Kollie (Liberia) and Zita Gurmai

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

12. **xxx**
Exchange of views with Greek authorities
13. **Mining for oil and minerals on the seabed in the context of sustainable development**
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment
Co-rapporteurs: Joe Koim Komun (Papua New Guinea) and Christa Klass
14. **The fight against AIDS**
Keynote debate with Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Possibly, Bureau Meeting

WEDNESDAY 19 March

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.

15. **Statement by xxx**, President-in-Office of the EU Council
16. **Statement by xxx**, President-in-Office of the ACP Council

17. **Question Time to the Council**
18. **Debate with the Council – catch-the-eye**
19. **Challenges and opportunities in attaining goals in education and vocational training in ACP countries**
Debate without resolution

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meeting of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

20. **The state of play of WTO negotiations**
Debate without resolution
21. **Report on the 11th Regional Meeting (Eastern African Region) held in Port Louis (Mauritius) from 12-14 February 2014 – report by the Co-Presidents**
22. **Summary reports from the workshops**
23. **Report of the economic and social partners**
Presentation by Xavier Verboven, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee
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. **Any other business**
27. **Date and place** of the 28th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly