



ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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23rd SESSION

28-30 May 2012

HORSENS (Denmark)

AGENDA

and WORK PROGRAMME

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

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

- **10 April at 4 p.m.**

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

- **23 April at noon**

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

- **Monday 28 May at 3 p.m.**

4. **Deadline for tabling amendments**

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

- **Monday 28 May at noon**

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

- **Tuesday 29 May at noon**

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

- **Wednesday 30 May at 10 a.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

WEDNESDAY 23 to FRIDAY 25 May

ACP meetings

SATURDAY 26 May

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Women's Forum

10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment

3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

(simultaneously)

Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade

Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs

6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Possibly, meetings of EP political groups with ACP counterparts

SUNDAY 27 May

8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Workshops:

1. Democratic Governance for Development

2. Sustainable and Renewable Energy

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 28 May

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Conciliation meeting on urgent motion for resolution

11.00 a.m.

Formal opening sitting of the 23rd Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

List of speakers:

Welcome by the Mayor of Horsens, Mr. Peter Sørensen

- Mogens Lykketoft, President of the National Assembly of Denmark
- Louis Michel, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Musikari Kombo, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Prime Minister of Denmark

Press Conference in Plenary Hall

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 two sittings of the 22nd session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly (OJ C 145, 23 May 2012)
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at Bureau meeting of 27 May
4. **Statement by Andris Piebalgs**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for Development
5. **Debate with Commissioner Piebalgs** – catch-the-eye
6. **Question Time to the Commission**
7. **Action taken by the Commission** on the resolutions adopted at the 22nd session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
8. **Price volatility, the functioning of global markets for agricultural products and their impact on food security in ACP countries**
Co-rapporteurs: Eunice Kazembé (Malawi) and David Martin

TUESDAY 29 May

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

9. **Policy Coherence for Development**
Debate without resolution
10. **The social and environmental impact of mining in ACP countries**
Co-rapporteurs: Job Ndugai (Tanzania) and Michèle Rivasi
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment
11. **Climate action: a joint undertaking of the European Union and the ACP countries**
Exchange of views with Connie Hedegaard, Member of the Commission with responsibility for Climate action
12. **Rio+20 and energy in a sustainable development perspective**
Exchange of views with Martin Lidegaard, Minister for Climate, Energy and Building (Denmark)

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

13. **Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) – Current state of play**
Statement by Karel De Gucht, Member of the Commission with responsibility for international trade, followed by a debate
14. **The Political Impact of the Libyan conflict on neighbouring ACP and EU States**
Co-Rapporteurs: Assarid Imbarcouane (Mali) and David Casa
Committee on Political Affairs
15. **Debate on the situation in Guinea Bissau**
Debate without resolution
16. **Report** on the 7th Regional Meeting (Southern Africa) held in Zambia from 22 to 24 February 2012 – report by Co-Presidents
17. **Summary reports** from the workshops
18. **Report** of the economic and social partners
Presentation by Brenda King, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Possibly, Bureau Meeting

WEDNESDAY 30 May

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. **Urgent topic:** The situation in Nigeria with regard to security
20. **Statement by Alva Baptiste**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation (Saint Lucia), President-in-Office of the ACP Council
21. **Statement by Christian Friis Bach**, Minister for Development Cooperation (Denmark), President-in-Office of the EU Council
22. **Question Time to the Council**
23. **Debate with the Council – catch-the-eye**
24. **Challenges and opportunities of urban development in ACP cities**
Exchange of views with Aisa Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director of UN-HABITAT
Debate without resolution

Press Conference in Plenary Hall

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meeting of ACP Parliamentary Assembly

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

25. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
26. **Vote** on the urgent motion for resolution
27. **Vote** on amendments to the JPA Rules of Procedure
28. **Vote** on the declaration on the Reform of the European Fisheries Policy and its impact on ACP Countries
29. **Any other business**

30. **Date and place** of the 24th Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly