



ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

29.11.2012

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

**27-29 November 2012**

**PARAMARIBO (Suriname)**

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## **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**

- Monday 15 October at noon

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

- Monday 22 October at noon

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

- Tuesday 27 November at 3p.m.

4. **Deadline for tabling amendments**

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

- Tuesday 27 November at noon

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

- Wednesday 28 November at noon

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

- Thursday 29 November 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**

**THURSDAY 22 to SATURDAY 24 November**

ACP meetings

**SUNDAY 25 November**

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Women's Forum

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs**

2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

(simultaneously)

**Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade**

**Meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment**

6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

*Meeting of an EP political group with its ACP counterparts*

**MONDAY 26 November**

8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Workshops:**

1. The Port of Suriname
2. The State Oil Company (Staatsolie)

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

*Meeting of an EP political group with its ACP counterparts*

4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

*Meeting of the EP Members with the EU Delegation*

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**Meeting of the Bureau**

## **TUESDAY 27 November**

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 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

List of speakers:

- Louis Michel, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Musikari Kombo, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Jennifer Geerlings-Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname

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 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly (OJ C 309, 12.10.2012)
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 26 November 2012
4. **Responding to the political and humanitarian crisis in Somalia: the challenges for the European Union and the ACP Group**  
Committee on Political Affairs  
Co-Rapporteurs: Véronique De Keyser and Ali Soubaneh (Djibouti)
5. **Caribbean regional integration and the implementation of the Cariforum-EU Economic Partnership Agreement**  
Debate without resolution
6. **The role of EU's Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories in ACP-EU relations in the Caribbean region**  
Debate without resolution
7. **ICT-based entrepreneurship and its impact on development in the ACP countries**  
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade  
Co-Rapporteurs: Rabindre T. Parmessar (Suriname) and Younous Omarjee

## **WEDNESDAY 28 November**

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.

*Meeting of an EP political group*

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

8. **Statement by the Commission**
9. **Debate with the Commission – catch-the-eye**
10. **Question Time to the Commission**
11. **Action taken by the Commission** on the resolutions adopted at the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
12. **The importance of access to energy for sustainable economic development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals**  
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment  
Co-rapporteurs: Manuel Jiménez (Dominican Republic) and Horst Schnellhart
13. **Report of the economic and social partners**  
Presentation by Brenda King, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee
14. **Summary reports from the workshops**
15. **Report on the 8th Regional Meeting (Pacific Region)** held in Apia (Samoa) from 18 to 20 July 2012 – report by the Co-Presidents

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

16. **Beyond Cotonou**  
Keynote debate
17. **Urgent topic No 1: The situation in Mali**
18. **The harmonious multi-cultural Surinamese society**  
Exchange of views with the authorities of Suriname
19. **Follow up on the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference**  
Debate without resolution

## **THURSDAY 29 November**

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.

*Meeting of ACP Parliamentary Assembly*

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

20. **Statement by Pierre Titi, Minister of Finance of Cameroon**, Presidency in Office of the ACP Council
21. **Statement by Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus**, President-in-Office of the EU Council
22. **Question Time to the Council**
23. **Debate with the Council** – catch-the-eye
24. **Cuba**  
Debate without resolution – catch-the-eye
25. **Urgent topic No 2:** The situation of instability and insecurity in the Great Lakes Region and in particular, in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo
26. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
27. **Vote** on the urgent motions for resolution
28. **Vote** on amendments to the JPA Rules of Procedure
29. **Any other business**
30. **Date and place** of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

2.45 p.m.

*Press Conference in Plenary Hall*