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**31<sup>st</sup> SESSION**

**13–15 June 2016**

**Windhoek (Namibia)**

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**DRAFT 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**

– **Tuesday 5 April at noon**

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

– **Tuesday 17 May at noon**

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

– **Monday 13 June at 3 p.m.**

4. **Deadline for tabling amendments**

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

– **Monday 13 June at noon**

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

– **Tuesday 14 June at noon**

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

– **Wednesday 15 June 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 8 to FRIDAY 10 JUNE**

ACP meetings

**SATURDAY 11 June**

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 Economic Development, Finance and Trade**

3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

(simultaneously)

**Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs**

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

7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

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

**SUNDAY 12 June**

8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Workshops:**

1. xx

2. xx

2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

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

3.30 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**

## **MONDAY 13 June**

*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 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

List of speakers:

- Peter Hitjitevi Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia
- Netty Baldeh, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Louis Michel, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- xxx, of xxx

*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 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly (OJ C 179, 18.05.2016)
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 12 June 2016
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 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
8. **Prevention and management of epidemics**  
Debate without resolution

**TUESDAY 14 June**

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

09. **A continental free trade area for Africa – prospects for fostering intra-African trade and potential benefits for the ACP**  
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade  
Co-Rapporteurs: Jean-Marie Bulambo (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Marielle de Sarnez
10. **Migration between ACP and EU Member States: causes, consequences and strategies for common management**  
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment  
Co-rapporteurs: Magnus Kofi Amoatey (Ghana) and Norbert Neuser
11. **The impact of the drop in the price of oil and other strategic commodities on ACP economies**  
Debate without resolution
12. xxx  
Exchange of views with the authorities of the host country

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

13. **Urgent topic No 1: The pre-electoral and security situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**
14. **Improving participatory governance through decentralisation and strengthening local governance**  
Committee on Political Affairs  
Co-rapporteurs: James Kembi-Gitura (Kenya) and Aymeric Chauprade
15. **The future of the ACP-EU partnership Post Cotonou**  
Keynote debate

*7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.*

***Possibly, Bureau Meeting***

## **WEDNESDAY 15 June**

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.

16. **Statement by xxx**, President-in-Office of the EU Council
17. **Statement by xxx**, Minister of xxx, President-in-Office of the ACP Council
18. **Question Time to the Council**
19. **Debate with the Council** – catch-the-eye
20. **The changing face of conflict and global security threats - impact on global peace and stability**  
Debate without resolution
21. **Urgent topic No 2: Rape and violence against women and children in armed conflicts**

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

*Meeting of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly*

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

22. **Report on the 12th Regional Meeting (Southern Africa) held in Gaborone (Botswana) from 20 to 22 April 2016** – report by the Co-Presidents
23. **Summary reports from the workshops**
24. **Report of the economic and social partners**  
Presentation by Yves Somville, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee
25. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
26. **Vote** on the urgent motions for resolution
27. **Any other business**
28. **Date and place** of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly