Plenary session

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37th SESSION

18-20 March 2019

Bucharest (Romania)

DRAFT AGENDA

and WORK PROGRAMME

Website of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly:
http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/acp
MONDAY 18 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 37th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

List of speakers:

- Teodor Meleşcanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Joseph Owona Kono, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Louis Michel, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Călin Popescu-Târiceanu, President of the Senate of Romania

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 36th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 17 March 2019

4. **Statement by Neven Mimica**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for international cooperation and development on stock taking of Commissioner’s five year term, an update on the state of play of post-Cotonou negotiations and the Spotlight initiative.

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 36th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

8. **The impact of Brexit on the ACP-EU partnership**
   Debate without resolution with Baroness Patricia Scotland, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat
**TUESDAY 19 MARCH**

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

9. **Is our economic model compatible with climate change?**
   Debate without resolution with Yvo de Boer, former Executive Director of the UNFCCC

10. **Urgent topic No 1: Issues at stake and challenges linked to the rule of law in the European Union and the ACP countries**

11. **The possibilities of renewable energies in bringing sustainable economic development to ACP countries, and particularly to remote areas**
   Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade
   Co-Rapporteurs: Clifford Andre (Seychelles) and Željana Zovko

12. **Reducing the global number of out-of-school children, adolescents and youth in ACP countries**
   Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment
   Co-rapporteurs: Joseph Yopy Yopy (Papua New Guinea) and Laura Agea

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

13. **Urgent topic No 2: Environmental crimes**

14. **The strategic significance and dimension of the ACP-EU partnership**
   Committee on Political Affairs
   Co-rapporteurs: Sebastian Kopulande (Zambia) and Maria Arena

15. **The implementation of the global compact on migration**
   Keynote debate with Elspeth Guild, Professor of Law at Queen Mary College, University of London

**WEDNESDAY 20 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.

16. **Statement by Tjekero Tweya**, Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME development (Namibia), President-in-Office of the ACP Council

17. **Statement by Victor Micula**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Romania, President-in-Office of the EU Council
18. **Question Time to the Council**

19. **Debate with the Council** – catch-the-eye

20. **Romania and the ACP Countries – Working Together on the Global Arena**  
   Exchange of views with Teodor Meleşcanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs

21. **Report of the economic and social partners**  
   Presentation by Jaroslaw Mulewicz, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European  
   Economic and Social Committee

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. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees

23. **Vote** on the urgent motions for resolution

24. **Report on the 17th regional meeting held in Suriname, Paramaribo (Caribbean Region) from 28 February to 2 March 2019** – report by the Co-Presidents

25. **Summary reports from the workshops**


27. **Report on the Youth Conference**

28. **Any other business**

29. **Date and place** of the 38th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly