



## ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### **Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade**

#### **MINUTES**

**of the meeting of Saturday 14 May 2011, 14.00 - 16.30**

**Budapest (Hungary)**

*The meeting opened at 14.15 on Saturday 14 May 2011,  
with Kutekala Kaawa (Co-Chair) in the chair*

#### **1. Adoption of agenda (AP100.926)**

The agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

**Speakers:** Joseph Hyacithe Owona Kono (Cameroon), Nita Deerpalsing (Mauritius) and Fatima Hajaig (South Africa).

#### **2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 16 and 17 March 2011 in Brussels (Belgium) (AP100.921)**

Douglas Slater (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) requested a correction in the spelling of his name.

The minutes were approved as amended.

#### **3. Co-Chairs' announcements**

The Co-Chair made a number of announcements which included information on the three Workshops:

1. Visit to the Agricultural Research Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
2. Visit to the Andras Peto Institute of conductive education and College for conductor training.

3. Innovation for development: Hungarian cost-effective and sustainable solutions for agriculture, water management and energy.

Other announcements also included information on the official receptions and the opening of the 21st Session of the JPA.

*The meeting continued with Maria Da Graça Carvalho (Co-Chair) in the chair*

**4. Budgetary support as a means of delivering Official Development Assistance (ODA) in ACP countries**

**Co-rapporteurs: Mr Enrique Guerrero Salom and Mohamed Abdallahi Ould Guelaye (Mauritania)**

- Consideration of amendments
- Adoption of draft report

**Speakers:** Enrique Guerrero Salom, Mohamed Abdallahi Ould (Mauritania), Denis Polisi (Rwanda), Nita Deerpalsing (Mauritius), Frank Engel and Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal).

Consideration of 40 amendments and adoption of draft report:

Amendments adopted: 2, 3, original paragraph H (with oral AM in the French version), 13, 21, oral AM to paragraph 6, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 (with oral AM), 33 (with oral AM), 37, 38, 39, COMP 1, COMP 2 (with oral AM), COMP 3 (with oral AM), COMP 4, COMP 5, COMP 6, COMP 7, COMP 8, COMP 9.

Amendments rejected: 5, 7, 24, 25, 26, 34.

Amendments fallen: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 35, 36, 40.

Amendments withdrawn: 10, 18, 19, 22.

**Decision:** The amended report was adopted with one vote against.

*The meeting continued with Kutekala Kaawa (Co-Chair) in the chair*

**5. The impact of debt on development financing in ACP countries**

**Co-rapporteurs: Sakwiba Sikota (Zambia) and Robert Sturdy**

- First exchange of views on the basis of a working document

Sakwiba Sikota (Zambia) and Peter Šťastný (for Robert Sturdy) presented the working document.

**Speakers:** Elie Hoarau, Mohamed Ould Guelaye (Mauritania), Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal), Waven William (Seychelles) and Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

*The meeting continued with Maria Da Graça Carvalho (Co-Chair) in the chair*

**6. Unilateral discriminatory taxes imposed on travel to long-haul destinations by some European countries**

- Exchange of views

**Speakers:** Desmond Mair (Jamaica), Elie Hoarau, Waven William (Seychelles), Mohamed Ould Guelaye (Mauritania), Emmanuel Bandua (Ghana), Douglas Slater (St. Vincent and the Grenadines), Nita Deerpalsing (Mauritius), Fiona Hall and Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

**Decision:** The issue of taxes imposed on travel to long-haul destinations would be referred to the JPA Bureau.

**7. Decision on the subject for the 17th committee report**

**Speakers:** Waven William (Seychelles), Maria Da Graça Carvalho (Co-Chair), Okoma-Atani Aipira (Malawi), Denis Polisi (Rwanda), Amadou Ciré Sall (Senegal), Fatima Hajaig (South Africa), Maurice Ponga, Patrice Tirolien, Elie Hoarau, Joseph Mugambe (Uganda).

**Decision:** Following a vote, the Committee decided that the subject for the 17th committee report would be "Price volatility, the functioning of global markets for agricultural products and their impact on food security in ACP countries". Possible topics for the subsequent committee reports would be "Capacity building for science, technology and innovation in ACP countries: the role of universities and research centers" and "Which global commercial policy at the service of development?" (exact title to be decided).

**8. Any other business**

The following issues were raised: 11th European Development Fund (EDF), Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), and Banana Accompanying Measures (BAM).

**Speakers:** Nita Deerpalsing (Mauritius), Fatima Hajaig (South Africa), Rabindre Parmessar (Suriname), Waven Williams (Seychelles), Desmond Mair (Jamaica), Emmanuel Bandua (Ghana), Catherine Metdepenningen (European Commission).

**Decision:** The matter on the 11th EDF would be referred to the JPA Bureau.

**9. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 5 and 6 October 2011 in Brussels (Belgium).

*The meeting closed at 16:55.*

ANNEXE/ANNEX  
LISTE DE PRESENCE/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Présents/Present

ACP

Kutekala Kaawa (Congo - République Démocratique du ) (Co-Chair)  
Bundu (Sierra Leone) (1st Vice-Chair)  
Mugambe (Uganda) (2nd Vice-Chair)  
Carvalho (Angola)  
Naib (Eritrea)  
Bandua (Ghana)  
Mair(Jamaica)  
Aipira (Malawi)  
Ould Guelaye (Mauritanie)  
Deerpalsing (Mauritius)  
Polisi (Rwanda)  
Sall (Senegal)  
William (Seychelles)  
Hajaig (South Africa)  
Straker (StVincent & The Grenadines)  
Parmessar ( Suriname)  
Vaipulu (Tonga)  
Italeli (Tuvalu)  
Sikota (Zambia)

PE/EP

Carvalho (Co-Chair) (PPE)  
Bauer (for Mitchell) (PPE)  
Engel (PPE)  
Guerrero Salom (S&D)  
Hall (ALDE)  
Hoarau (GUE)  
Klass (for Zanicchi) (PPE)  
Leinen (for Bullmann) (S&D)  
Mayer (PPE)  
Ponga (for Caspary) (PPE)  
Stastny (PPE)  
Tirolien (S&D)

Egalement présents/Also present : ACP

Angola (Tingao Pedro), Cameroun (Owona Kono), Congo-RDC (Mabaya Gizi Amine, Ezaty, Kalombo Muyaya, Menga), Djibouti (Omar Abdi Said), Eritreia (Tekle), Gabon (M'BA), Ghana (Antwi, Yiadom, Keddey, Amankwah), Malawi (Mwalwanda, Ndisale), Mauritanie (Galadio, Abedella), South Africa (Paulsen, Mahlangu, Lagkar, Mulder), Sudan ( Omer), Suriname (Rathipal, Ajaiso, Abdoel, Van Genderen), Zambia (Sikota, Mbewe, Mubanga)

Autres:

Igueh (Mission de l'Union africaine à Bruxelles)

Commission européenne/European Commission:  
Metdepenningen

Groupes politiques/Political groups:

Mungengova (ECR), Pondelek (ALDE), Slootweg (PPE).

DG COMM

Bobes

Co-secrétariat ACP/Co-secretariat ACP  
Lamien, Gnassounou

Co-secrétariat PE/Co-secretariat EP  
Vassileva, Illán, Pribaz  
Assistance/Assisted by  
Ruiz Vicente, Santos