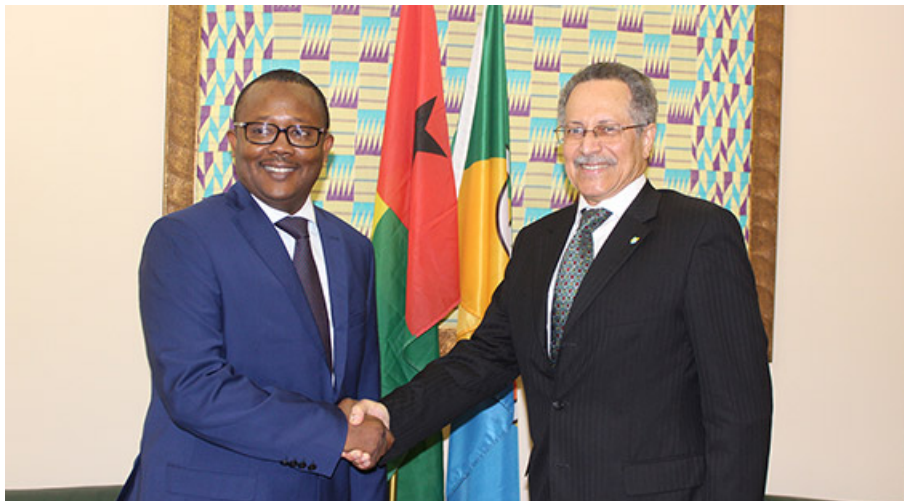


PHOTO OF THE DAY: Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau visits ACP Secretariat



Brussels, 17 July 2017, 2017/ ACP: The Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau and President of the Council of Ministers H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló (left) paid a courtesy call on the ACP Secretary General H.E. Dr. Patrick Gomes at the ACP Secretariat in Brussels.

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Hub and Spokes programme for ACP countries gets €5m boost in aid-for-trade



Geneva, 11 July 2017/ CSec/ ACP: African, Caribbean and Pacific countries stand to benefit from an extension of the innovative Hub and Spokes II Programme, which is a joint initiative of the European Union, ACP Group, Commonwealth Secretariat and Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, aimed at boosting trade and prosperity in ACP countries.

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President of Cabo Verde urges new approach to ACP-EU relations



Brussels, 10 July 2017/ ACP: The President of the Republic of Cabo Verde H.E Dr. Jorge Carlos de Almeida Fonseca called on all ACP Member States to engage effectively in discussions leading up to the negotiations with the European Union for a new partnership framework after 2020.

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Ambassadors of Tanzania, Chad, Benin introduced to ACP colleagues



Brussels, 1 July 2017/ ACP: Newly appointed Heads of ACP Missions in Brussels were recently presented to the ACP Committee of Ambassadors as its newest members.

On Thursday 29 June, the new Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Joseph Sokoine delivered his inaugural address to the ambassadorial assembly.

As a career diplomat, Ambassador Sokoine was previously posted in Canada and Washington DC, and served as the Director of the Department of Europe and Americas before his appointment as Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union.

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ACP Group sends solidarity mission to Haiti



Brussels, 30 June 2017/ ACP: An ACP delegation headed by the Secretary General of the African, Caribbean and the Pacific Group of States **H.E. Dr. Patrick I. Gomes** will visit the Republic of Haiti in a show of solidarity with the country, which has been devastated by recurring natural disasters, including Hurricane Mathew which struck in October 2016.

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Focus Day on Post-Disaster Response in Brussels



30 June 2017, Brussels/ GFDRR/ ACP: More than 100 participants including ministers, permanent secretaries, ambassadors, disaster risk management (DRM) coordinators, recovery advisors and policy officers from African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries attended a "Focus Day" on lessons learned from post-disaster response in ACP countries in the frame of the [ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction \(NDRR\) Program](#).

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Joint ACP-UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking Approved



Brussels, 27 June 2017/ ACP/ UNCTAD: The Joint African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) - UNCTAD [Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking](#) were approved by the ACP Committee of Ambassadors meeting in Brussels.

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ACP-EU JPA: High time to tackle the common causes of terrorism, impunity and famine



St. Julian's, Malta, 21 June 2017/EP/ACP-EU JPA: MEPs and ACP members called for common causes behind terrorism, famine and impunity to be tackled: poverty, bad governance, corruption and armed conflict.

During 33rd session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and European Union (EU) Member States, members debated impunity on crimes against humanity with Sidiki Kaba, President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC.

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Declaration of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly on climate change

St. Julian's, Malta, 22 June 2017/ACP: **The following declaration was adopted yesterday on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at the 33rd session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA). The JPA brings together Members of the European Parliament alongside Members of Parliament from 78 African, Caribbean and Pacific states that have signed the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement. The JPA is the only forum where ACP parliamentary representatives can voice their needs and worries directly to the European Parliament as well as the European Commission.**

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ACP-EU JPA: "Democracy is the best way to guarantee peace"



St. Julian's, Malta, 19 June 2017/ACP-EU JPA/EP: "Democracy is the best way to reach sustainable development", said co-president **Louis Michel** of ACP-EU JPA during the opening of the 33rd session in Malta on Monday.

The 33rd session of the joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA), bringing together states in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) and the European Union (EU) was opened on Monday in Saint Julian's (Malta) by Malta President Marie-Louise Coleiro, accompanied by House of Representatives Speaker Angelo Farrugia.

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