

WTO impasse spurs ACP developing states to find intra-ACP solutions



Buenos Aires, 14 December 2017/ ACP: Talks towards a final outcome document collapsed at the 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) of the World Trade Organisation, despite the best efforts by the Chair, Argentina's Amb. Susana Malcorra, to get member states to agree to a 'scaled down' ministerial declaration.

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ACP countries aim for solid outcomes at WTO



Buenos Aires, Argentina, 11 December 2017/ ACP: Despite the cloud of uncertainty shrouding the 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) of the World Trade Organisation, trade officials from African, Caribbean and Pacific States are rallying to ensure meaningful outcomes are generated over the three days of high level trade talks taking place this week in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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ACP Council takes key positions taken on trade, migration, ACP-EU relations



Brussels, 7 December 2017/ ACP: Decision-makers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific

Group of States approved key policy and administrative actions for the organisation, while also taking a stand on major issues affecting ACP countries.

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ACP boosts regional engagement with renewed agreement with ECOWAS



Abidjan, 6 December 2017/ ECOWAS/ ACP: A Memorandum of Understanding was signed

between the President of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Marcel de Souza, and the Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States Dr Patrick Gomes, in the margins of the AU-EU Summit in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 30 November.

Also present at the ceremony was the Chairperson of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors, the Ambassador of Senegal Amadou Diop, and the Executive Secretary of the Council of the Entente, Patrice Kouamé.

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Economic trends, security issues to dominate debates at upcoming ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly



Brussels, 6 December 2017/ ACPEU JPA/ ACP: The 34th plenary session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly takes place in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, from 18 to 20 December. It will be officially opened by its Co-Presidents, Hon. Louis Michel for the European Parliament and Hon. Ibrahim Rassin Bundu for the ACP states, in the presence of President of the Republic of Haiti H.E. Moïse Jovenel, and President of the Senate of Haiti H.E. Youri Latortue.

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'Unity in diversity' emphasised at ACP Council of Ministers



Brussels, 5 December 2017/ ACP: The Minister of Trade, Industry and the Informal Economy of Senegal H.E. Mr. Alioune Sarr set the stage for discussions at the 106th session of the ACP Council of Ministers, one of the most important decision-making organs of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

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ACP Group of States Congratulates the People of Zimbabwe



Brussels, 30 November 2017/ ACP: The African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States congratulates the People of Zimbabwe for the smooth and peaceful manner in which they have resolved the current political challenge on the 20 November 2017.

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Protected areas across Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific boosted with €60 million investment



Brussels, 28 November 2017/ IUCN/ ACP: The European Union (EU) and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States have invested €60 million in the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme over the next six years – making it one of the largest EU biodiversity programmes. The programme is being implemented by IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.

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ACP Group and OIF strengthen cooperation



Paris, 27 November 2017/ OIF/ ACP: The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) agreed to intensify their collaboration to support the development objectives of their 34 shared member states.

The ACP Secretary General H.E. Dr. Patrick Gomes and the Secretary General of the Francophonie H.E. Ms. Michaëlle signed a new cooperation agreement on Thursday, November 23, 2017 in Paris (pictured).

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