

Jamaica to steer Committee of Ambassadors in lead up to Post-Cotonou talks



Brussels, 12 February 2017/ ACP: The Ambassador of Jamaica to the European Union, H.E. Mrs. Sheila Sealy Monteith has set in motion a rigorous plan of action under Jamaica's chairmanship of the influential ACP Committee of Ambassadors, made up of envoys from 79 member states who regularly gather to monitor the organisation's activities and policy implementation.

As Chairperson for the period 1 February – 31 July 2018, Ambassador Monteith will also lead a new Bureau of six regional coordinators, along with the Troika, who are responsible for coordinating the work of the Committee of Ambassadors.

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New Ambassadors of Rwanda, Tuvalu join ACP family in Brussels



Brussels, 16 February 2018/ ACP: New representatives of ACP member states Rwanda and Tuvalu were presented to the Committee of Ambassadors on Thursday, along with a formal introduction of the new Permanent Representative of the African Union.

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Inaugural statement of the new Chairperson of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors, H.E. Mrs. Sheila Sealy Monteith



The Ambassador of Jamaica to the European Union, H.E. Mrs Sheila Sealy Monteith takes up the role of Chairperson of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors for the period 1 February - 31 July 2018. Her inaugural statement as Chair, setting out Jamaica's outlook and objectives for the ACP Group under its presidency, was delivered to

the Committee of Ambassadors on 15 February, 2018. (Full text below)

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Strategies to boost transformative role of ACP mining sector endorsed at high level meeting



Brussels, 14 February 2018 /ACP: Concrete strategies to enhance the transformative role of mining in African, Caribbean and Pacific economies were endorsed at a high level ministerial meeting in Brussels this week, targeting enhanced policy options, sustainable job creation and inter-sectoral linkages.

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Remarkable contributions to culture sector, creative industries celebrated

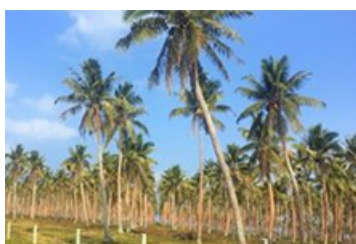


Brussels, 10 February 2018/ ACPCulturesPlus/ ACP: Pioneering projects such as *Lamb* - the first Ethiopian film ever to be selected at the Cannes festival, and *Docusound* - a network of radio documentary makers, many of whom are disabled, were celebrated amongst a wide range of success stories at the final conference of the ACPCultures+ Programme, held 8-9 February at the ACP House in Brussels.

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Six pilot projects plus market study launched to enhance competitiveness of Pacific coconut industry



Port Vila, Vanuatu, 7 February 2018/ SPC/ ACP: A major market study and six pilot projects to advance the coconut industry in Vanuatu and Samoa were launched in Port Vila, thanks to a joint initiative of the European Union, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) and the Pacific Community (SPC).

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High level ministerial to tackle job creation in mining sector



Brussels, 6 February 2018 /ACP: Mining ministers and senior officials from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific will gather in Brussels at the ACP House on 14 February 2018, for a high level ministerial meeting on mineral resources development, co-organised with the African Mineral Development Centers (AMDC). The ministerial segment will be preceded by two days of discussions by senior officials on 12 and 13 February 2018.

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ACP, EU to present strategy for forthcoming €40 million culture sector programme



Brussels, 31 January 2018/ ACP: Impact, achievements and lessons learned in promoting the cultural sector in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific will be examined at an international conference next week at the ACP House, including how this has fed into the strategy behind a new ACP-EU programme to support the cultural sector, due to be launched this year with an envelope of €40 million.

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New ambassadors of Jamaica, Grenada welcomed



Brussels, 18 January 2018/ ACP: Envoys from two Caribbean nations, Grenada and Jamaica, were formally presented to the Committee of Ambassadors on Wednesday 17 January.

H.E. Mrs. Cheryl J. Augustine-Kanu of Grenada (left) and H.E. Mrs Sheila Sealy Monteith of Jamaica (right) - who is also the incoming Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors beginning 1 February - were warmly received by peers at the ACP House.

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Cameroonian politician to preside over ACP and ACP-EU parliamentary assemblies



Brussels, 18 January 2018/ ACP: The new President of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly Hon. Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kono of Cameroon (*pictured left*) met with the ACP Secretary General H.E. Dr. Patrick Gomes for the first time in Brussels yesterday, since officially taking over the reins from Hon. Ibrahim Rassin Bundu of Sierra Leone in December.

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