New Ambassador from Burundi, Thérence Ntahiraja Makes Maiden Speech to ACP Committee of Ambassadors

Brussels, 31 January 2020/ACP: The ACP Committee of Ambassadors (CoA) recently welcomed the new Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to their midst at their 1028th Meeting.

Ambassador Thérence Ntahiraja, immediately prior to his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Burundi in Brussels, served from November 2018 as Permanent Secretary at the Chancellery of the National Orders of the Republic and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communication and Media.

ACP and LDC cane sugar in the EU market

Brussels, 30 January 2020: In the Caribbean alone, over 400,000 people depend on the sugar industry for their livelihoods. In eSwatini, around 50% of production is exported to the EU and sugar production amounts to 13% of GDP and 35% of private sector employment.

The ACP LDC Sugar Industries Group has produced an Aide-Memoire titled “ACP and LDC cane sugar in the EU market” which gives background on the vital role of sugar cane industries in ACP and LDC countries.

Information, Knowledge Sharing and Networking Event Promotes Private Sector Development in the Pacific Region
Private sector representatives including, micro-small-medium enterprises, financing institutions and investment promotion authorities from the Pacific Region gathered in Nadi in December 2019 for the first African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Knowledge and Information Sharing Event.

ACP Secretary General congratulates President Nyusi of Mozambique on his re-election

Brussels, 20 January 2020/ACP: The ACP Secretary General, Dr. Patrick I. Gomes, undertook a working visit to Maputo in the Republic of Mozambique on Wednesday 15 January 2020 to attend the inauguration of His Excellency the President-Elect Mr. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi.

Mozambique held presidential, legislative and provincial elections on 15 October 2019. President-Elect Nyusi was declared the winner of the general election and will therefore serve a second term.

Five Eastern and Southern African States hold talks with the European Union aimed at deepening trade relations

The Seychelles, 14 January 2020: The Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) states held the eighth meeting of the Joint Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Committee under the interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA) with a delegation from the European Union (EU) on 14 January 2020 in the Seychelles. The meeting was co-chaired by Ambassador Haymandoyal Dillum for ESA-5 and Cecile Billaux for the EU.

ACP States 'A Powerful Catalyst' To Achieve SDGs

Brussels, 09 January 2019/ACP: Dr. P.I. Gomes, Secretary General of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (OACPS), sees “great scope” for the 79-nation grouping in 2020 to be “a powerful catalyst and advocate to accelerate implementation” of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the 2030 Agenda.

Next Brussels Briefing to focus on Agroecology for Sustainable Food Systems
The next Brussels Development Briefing #59 on "Agroecology for Sustainable Food Systems" organised by CTA, the European Commission/EuropeAid, the ACP Secretariat, CONCORD and IPES-FOOD will be held on Wednesday 15 January 2020 (09h00-13h00) at the ACP Secretariat, Avenue Georges Henri 451, 1200 Brussels.

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## Nairobi Summit Leads to 'A Transformed ACP Committed to Multilateralism'

Brussels, 07 January 2020/ACP: The heads of government and state of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States have taken a decisive step towards "A Transformed ACP Committed to Multilateralism". At their 9th Summit, they have revised the constitutive act, the 1975 Georgetown Agreement.

An important outcome of the December 9-10 Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, is a name change from the ACP Group of States to the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (OACPS).

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## Decisions and Resolutions of the 110th Session of the ACP Council of Ministers

The 110th Session of the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States was held on Saturday 7 December 2019 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

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## ACP Summit Endorses Revised Georgetown Agreement

Brussels, 19 December 2019/ACP: The ACP Group of States has taken a decisive step towards being the "ACP We Want" with the endorsement of the revised Georgetown Agreement at the recently-concluded 9th Summit of ACP Heads of State and Government. The revised Agreement includes significant changes to the organization including a name change from the ACP Group of States to the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (OACPS).

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