

Groupe des Etats d'Afrique
des Caraïbes et du Pacifique
(Groupe ACP)



African, Caribbean and Pacific
Group of States
(ACP Group)

THE ACP GROUP

at

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Symposium
Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Founding of the
ACP Group

Under the theme
“FROM GEORGETOWN TO SIPOPO AND BEYOND”

Brussels, ACP house
4-5 June 2015

Programme

THURSDAY, 4 June 2015

VENUE: ACP HOUSE - 451, Avenue Georges Henri - 1200 BRUSSELS

14:00 – 14:30 *Arrival of Guests and Tour of Art / Photo Exhibition*

14:30. – 15:00 *Opening Session*

- Live Singing of ACP Anthem – Dobet Gnahoret + Group
- Welcome remarks
H.E. Roy Mickey JOY, Ambassador of Vanuatu, Chairman of the Committee of Ambassadors

Cultural interlude – Caribbean Mangrove Steel Band

15:00 – 17:30 *Session I: Regional Perspectives for the Future*

Moderator: H.E. Samuel Jefferson CHANDLER, Ambassador of Barbados

- The challenges of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Pacific, and relations with other ACP States
H.E. Mere FALEMAKA, Permanent Representative of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Geneva
- Progress towards deeper economic integration, the experience of SADC
H.E. Stergomena Lawrence TAX, Executive Secretary of SADC
- EPAs as a development tool: institutional and implementation issues in the Caribbean
Dr. Percival MARIE, Director-General of CARIFORUM

Cultural interlude – Pacific Ukelele and dance

- Peace as a requisite for successful regional and ACP cooperation
Daniel Pascal ELONO, Expert Analyst Early Warning Mechanism Service of the ECCAS
- Strengthening ACP cooperation through inter-regional dialogue: the role of the Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee
Joseph ONYARI, Senior Officer, IGAD
- Ensuring the Financial Sustainability of International Organisations: The Case of ECOWAS
H.E. Kadré Désiré OUEDRAOGO, President of the ECOWAS Commission
- Exchange of views
- Conclusion and closing remarks by Moderator

18:00 – 20:30 *Reception and Cultural Performance*

VENUE: Wolubilis - Cours Paul-Henri Spaak, 1 –

(Formerly - 251, Avenue Paul Hymans) – 1200 Brussels (Metro: Roodebeek)

FRIDAY, 5 June

VENUE: ACP HOUSE - 451, Avenue Georges Henri - 1200 BRUSSELS

10:00 – 12:30

Session II: Building Partnerships

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Ousmane SYLLA, Ambassador of Guinea

Introduction of Keynote Speaker by: *H.E. Mirjam BLAAK-SOW, Ambassador of Uganda*

Keynote Speaker – H.E. Sam KUTESA, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Theme: “The ACP Group of States in the Changing Global Order”

- **Sharing the experiences of the India, Brazil, and South Africa (IBSA) Dialogue Forum**
H.E. Manjeev Singh PURI, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union
- **South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Sharing Brazil’s experiences**
H.E. Verra Barrouin MACHADO, Ambassador of Brazil to the EU
- **Pathways to resilience for fragile states: the experience of the G7+**
H.E. Michel PRESUME, Deputy Chair of G7+ International and Deputy Minister of Planning of Haiti

Cultural interlude – Cora (Ngoni) Player and Soft Drum

- **Beyond trade: The nexus between culture, democracy and development in intra and extra-ACP cooperation**
Georgina Benrós DE MELO, General Director of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries
- **The Turkish G20 Presidency: Priorities for 2015**
H.E. Selim YENEL, Ambassador of Turkey to the EU
- **Europe in the global partnerships on development**
Fernando Frutuoso DE MELO, Director General, International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), European Commission
- **Exchange of views**
- **Conclusion and closing remarks by Moderator**

12:30 – 14:30

Lunch break

(Buffet lunch – Various dishes representing the rich culinary heritage of the ACP Group)

14:30 – 16:30

Session III: Conclusions – The ACP of tomorrow

Moderator: H.E. Ana NEMBA UAIENE, Ambassador of Mozambique

- The future of trade, investments and development partnerships
Dr. Mariama WILLIAMS, Senior Research Fellow with South Centre, Geneva
- The dynamics and challenges of global governance: prospects for change
Dr. Siphamandla ZONDI, Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa
- The impact of globalisation and the prospects of small states
Professor Dr. Djeneba TRAORE, Director General, West Africa Institute, Cabo Verde
- Exchange of views
- Conclusion and remarks by Moderator
- Closing remarks and way forward
H.E. Patrick I GOMES, Secretary-General, ACP Group

16:30 – 17:30

Cultural Performance – ACP House
Dances from Tuvalu and Fiji

CULTURAL EVENING (by invitation)

4th June. Wolubilis, Cours Paul-Henri Spaak

- 18:30 Cocktail in the foyer
- 18:45 Words of Welcome by the Bourgmestre of Woluwe-Saint-Lambert : Mr. Olivier MAINGAIN
- 18:55 Words of Welcome by ACP Secretary-General: H.E. Dr. Patrick I. GOMES
- 19:00 Performance at the Cocktail by Mangrove Steel Band
- 19:45 Introductory Remarks by Ambassador of Chad : H.E. Mr. Ousmane MATAR BREME
- 20:00 Start of Cultural Performance in the theatre:
1. Hawaiian Fantasy
 2. Ivorian Singer Dobet Gnahoret
 3. African Dance Group Badenya, performing a show called "Wali"
- 22:00 Closure

How to get there:

Public Transport/Transports en commun

Métro: Line 1/Ligne 1 station Roodebeek

Bus Stib: 29, 42, 45 (arrêt Roodebeek)

De Lijn: 178, 359, 659 (arrêt Roodebeek)

By Car : Cours Paul Henri Spaak, 1 (Anciennement 251 Avenue Paul Hymans) - 1200 Woluwe-Saint-Lambert
Opposite Woluwe Shopping Centre

Parking

Free Parking Avenue Jacques Brel

Paid Parking at Woluwe Shopping Center

Bicycle parking onsite

