



EU-ACP Trade Relations: the Development Challenge of EPAs

Thursday 12th October

International Trade Union House, Blvd du Roi Albert II, 5. 1210, Brussels

- 9.00 Registration & Coffee
- 9.30 Welcome address
- Mr. Yash Tandon, Executive Director, South Centre
 - Sir John Kaputin, Secretary General, ACP Secretariat (to be confirmed)
- 9.45 Progress against objectives: ACP Ministers assess the state of play in EPAs against expectations from Cotonou.
- Moderator: Mr. Yash Tandon
- H.E. Ms Dame Billie Miller, Minister of Trade for Barbados
 - H.E. Mr Kaliopate Tavola, Minister of Trade for Fiji
 - H.E. Mr Dipak Patal, Minister of Trade for Zambia (to be confirmed)
 - H.E. Mr Mamadou Diop, Minister of Trade for Senegal (to be confirmed)
 - H.E. Dr Aliyu Modibbo, Minister of Trade for Nigeria (to be confirmed)
 - Mrs Elisabeth Tankeu, Africa Union Commissioner for Trade (to be confirmed)
- 11.15 Coffee
- 11.30 Questions & Answer session with ACP Ministers
- Moderator: Mr. Yash Tandon
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 The Challenges of EPAs: perspectives from civil society
- Moderator: Tetteh Hormeku, Head of Programmes, TWN-Africa
- *Reviewing EPAs* (Marc Maes, European Policy Officer, 11.11.11)
 - *Investment and EPAs* (Shantal Munro-Knight, Senior Programme Officer Trade, CPDC)
 - *Regional Integration and EPAs* (Stephen Karingi, Senior Economist, UN Economic Commission for Africa)
 - *Impacts of EPAs on Agriculture* (Mamadou Cissokho, Honorary President, ROPPA¹)
- 15.00 Coffee
- 15.15 Question and answers / discussion arising from previous session
- 16.00 What is to be done? / with discussion from the floor
- Moderator: Michael Gidney, Policy Director, Traidcraft
- H.E. Ms Dame Billie Miller, Minister of Trade for Barbados
 - EU Member State speaker (to be confirmed)
- 17:00 Close

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