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Sustainable Economic Development and Trade

***Workshop on Promoting Partnership and New Energy Sources in
ACP Countries and Sound Response to Climate Change***

and

***Preparatory meeting for the UNFCCC COP17 Conference in Durban,
14th to 16th of November 2011 at the ACP House, Brussels, Belgium***

PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:05	Welcoming
09:05 – 09:20	Opening speech H.E. Mohamed Ibn Chambas , Secretary General
09:20 – 10:00	<i>NAMAs and CETS in ACP countries: Challenges, opportunities and status</i> Martin Zwanenburg , BizClim Consultant <i>The future of biofuels in ACP Countries</i> Mrs Meghan Sapp , Secretary General of PANGEA <i>The future of wind energy: constraints and opportunities</i> Hermann Oelsner , President African Wind Energy Association
10:00 – 10:40	<i>Supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions and investments</i> Mr Mahama Kappiah , Executive Director of ECREE Mrs Sue Canney Davison , Director PIPAL (Kenya)

	<p>Paul van Aalst, <i>Director E+Co Europe</i></p> <p>Christophe Yvetot, <i>Head of UNIDO Brussels Office</i></p>
10:40 – 11:30	<p><i>Private sector perspectives on PPPs for scaling up renewable energy investments</i></p> <p>Joseph Nganga, <i>CEO Renewable Energy Ventures Ltd. (Kenya)</i></p> <p>Rafael Campillo Lorenzo, <i>International Relations, Solaria Energias Renovables (Spain)</i></p> <p>Karim Megherbi, <i>President, HELIOS (France)</i></p> <p>Stefan Mård, <i>Senior Advisor, Novozymes A/S (Danmark)</i></p>
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Actions undertaken by the Institute (IEPF) in response to the global issues related to Energy and Environment</p> <p>Fatimata Dia Tourré, <i>Director, Institut de l'Energie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF/OIF)</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p><i>Financiers' perspective on renewable energy investments, constraints and opportunities</i></p> <p>Mark Buiting, <i>FMO</i></p> <p>Mrs. Monique Koning, <i>Head of the Project Finance and Guarantees Division of the ACP-IF Department of the EIB</i></p> <p><i>"Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff policy: the most successful framework for the acceleration of RE" –</i></p> <p>Ansgar Kiene, <i>Director, World Future Council Africa and Coordinator, African Renewable Energy Alliance (AREA)</i></p>
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:30	<p>Panel debate</p> <p><i>On questions prepared by BizClim in advance on the basis of consultation with speakers</i></p>
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45 – 17:45	Conclusions & recommendations
17:45 – 18:00	Closing remarks

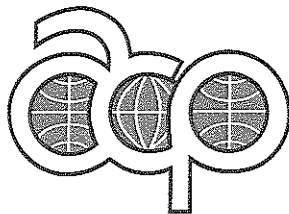
DAY 2: Regional positions in relation to the upcoming negotiations on the implementation of the climate change convention in Durban Tuesday, 15 November 2011

09:00 – 09:15	Opening remarks and introduction to the programme of Day 2
09:15 – 10:55	<p>Main issues and positions from the African Continent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by the Director of the African Climate Policy Centre (30 min) – Contributions by 2 senior officials from the region (2 x 20 min) – Discussion (30 min)
10:55 – 11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.10 – 12.50	<p>Main issues and positions from the Pacific Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by the Director of the Secretariat of the Pacific Region Environment Programme (30 min) – Contributions by 2 senior officials from the region (2 x 20 min) – Discussion (30 min)
12:50 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:45	<p>Main issues and positions from the Caribbean Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by the Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (30 min) – Contributions by 2 senior officials from the region (2 x 20 min) – Discussion (35 min)
15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Position of the EU with special focus on issues of interest to ACP Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by a representative from DG CLIMA (30 min) – Discussion (30 min)
17:00 – 17:30	Presentation of the conclusions from the FERN-EGMONT-UNRIC seminar on forests and climate change
17:30 – 17:45	Conclusions of day 2

DAY 3: Harmonising regional positions**Wednesday, 16 November 2011**

09:00 – 09:15	Opening remarks and introduction to the programme of day 3
09:15 – 09:45	Presentation by the climate change negotiations coordinator for Africa
09:45 – 10:15	Presentation by the climate change negotiations coordinator for the SIDS
10:15 – 10:45	Presentation by the Director of the South Centre
10:45 – 11:05	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:05 – 11:30	Overview of the thematic areas that, based on the outcomes of day 2 and morning of day 3, appear to be of common interest to the entire ACP Group and deserve further discussion.
11:30 – 12:30	Discussion of the different thematic areas as outlined above
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Discussion of the different thematic areas as outlined above (continued)
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:15 – 17:15	Discussion of the different thematic areas as outlined above (continued)
17:15 – 17:45	General conclusions of the workshop (3 days)
17:45 – 18:15	Closing of the workshop

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The ACP Secretariat will hold a one-day all ACP conference on November 14, 2011 on renewable energy and climate change. The Conference will take place at the ACP House in Brussels, Belgium.

The conference aims at fostering the exchange views, information and best practice on the promotion of renewable energy. It aims at encouraging the emergence of partnerships in the area of renewable energy and making recommendations on seizing investment opportunities and maximising the benefits of renewables to ACP countries. The organisation of such conference is seen as vital to spread valuable knowledge, information and experiences throughout the ACP regions.

Background

Progress at global climate talks is painfully slow and inconsistent, but significant progress has been made on some fronts away from these global negotiations. In 2010, global investment in renewable energy reached a record \$211 billion, with significant investment is starting to be seen in Africa. This record level of investment in was sparked by a combination of stimulus package funds making their way into the market and the introduction of smart policies like feed-in tariffs and target-setting.

The progress is also significant both in investment levels and, even more, in cost competitiveness with conventional power sources. Another sign of increased momentum on the renewable energy front was the launch of IRENA, the International Renewable Energy Agency (<http://www.irena.org>), with headquarters in Abu Dhabi. The UN climate convention in Durban later in the year, followed by the Rio+20 Conference in Brazil in 2012, offer important opportunities to accelerate and scale-up this positive transition to a greener and more more sustainable economies.

Yet, meeting energy needs and addressing the challenge of energy access and energy security remain issues of primary significance for ACP countries, in order to mitigate the negative effects supply insecurity and environmental degradation. In this regard, it is of paramount importance to strengthen national, regional and continental policy frameworks to stimulate investment in and ensure sustainable deployment of renewable energy. However, the political priorities of governments, their policies on energy, electricity and climate change, as well as their ability to act on such policies largely remain a huge issue for renewable energy projects. In this regard, there is a need to engage and educate governments about the current global status of the renewable energy sector and help them build frameworks for industry growth.

Participants

It will bring together about 200 key stakeholders from across Europe and ACP countries, regional organisations, other relevant partner organisations and private sector companies.

Governments: Brussels-based Embassies, Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

Agencies: e.g. World Council for Renewable Energy, International Renewable Energy Agency (IREA)

Associations: e.g. Africa Renewable Energy Association (AREA), African Wind Energy Association (AfriWEA)

Programmes: e.g. SPREP, ecometrix (South Africa),

Financial institutions: e.g. European Investment Bank (EIB)

Corporate financing: e.g. E+CO & FMO, GDF Suez, Schneider Electric Energy Access, Philipps

Donors: e.g. European Commission, REEEP,

Companies: e.g. Alterra Power (Canada), Renewable Energy Ventures (Kenya), HELIOS Energie (France), Elsewedy (Egypt).

Programme

The eve of the conference, a networking dinner will be organised to enable about 25 persons, including key speakers and organisers, to tune up for an effective conduct of the proceedings, ensuring that appropriate and sound recommendations are made and foreseeing follow-up.

The One-day conference will include presentations by key speakers followed by Questions and Answers. The afternoon will be devoted to a roundtable of debates on selected important themes, as well as the validation of a set of recommendations.

Following the conference, experts will draft the summary of proceedings (in English and translated into French) and prepare detailed and concrete action plan and roadmap for promoting partnerships on new energy sources in ACP countries and sound response to climate change. These documents will be published in a booklet form in both English and French.

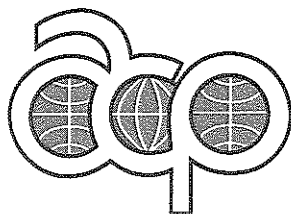
About the ACP Secretariat

The ACP Secretariat, with headquarters located in Brussels, is responsible for the administrative management of the ACP Group of States. It assists the Group's decision-making and advisory organs in carrying out their work.

About BizClim

The ACP Business Climate Facility (BizClim) is a programme of the ACP Secretariat funded by the European Union through the 10th European Development Fund (EDF). It aims at boosting the business and investment environment ACP countries and regions.

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Background

The principal outputs from the 16th annual UN Climate Conference (COP16), held in Cancun in 2010, were laid down in the 'Cancun Agreements'. Overall, the Cancun Agreements were considered as successful, marking an important point in the international community's ongoing response to climate change. At the macro-level it has re-energised the UN process, while also highlighting the importance of other complementary efforts; it has further cemented the shift to 'bottom-up' rather than 'top-down' climate action; opened up new opportunities for public-private partnerships (particularly around finance and technology); reconfirmed for many that a final, comprehensive global deal will involve a long-term, iterative process; and helped shift the international narrative on climate action from one of cost and burden-sharing, to one of opportunity. Much, however, still needed to be done: operational details of proposed mechanisms were to be specified and concrete contents were to be given to the basic agreements.

Undoubtedly, all Parties, at national as well as regional levels, have throughout the year continued discussing the way forward in the global negotiations and exploring the possible operational modalities for the respective mechanisms and processes mentioned in the Cancun Agreements. By now, many have firm and or tentative positions on all or a few of the topics that will be on the COP17 Agenda in Durban.

Regarding COP17, the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC recently expressed her confidence that the Parties will be able to take a significant step in the climate negotiations, if they would resolve the following 4 key issues in Durban:

1. The resolution of the political question of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol;
2. The definition of the rules for the review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal, which is to start in 2013;
3. The provision of clarity on climate finance in terms of approval of the first cut of the design of the Green Climate Fund and the ramping up of climate finance up to US\$ 100 billion;
4. The operationalisation of the new Technology Mechanism and the Adaptation Committee.

The respective items on the provisional Agenda's of the main UNFCCC organs: COP17, CMP7, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA), all relate to the above-quoted key issues.

Objectives and expected outcome

The main objectives of the two-days meetings in preparation of the COP17 organised by the ACP Secretariat for its Member States are to facilitate exchange of views and positions among the ACP Member States and Regions and to provide first-hand information on the position that the EU will take in the upcoming negotiation round. To achieve the first objective, key climate change technical specialists, policy makers and negotiators from the respective regions and groups (Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, SIDS) have been invited to share progress made in the process of formulating standpoints and views and to brief all participants on their actual positions. Following each presentation, ample time will be foreseen for discussion. In relation to the second objective, a representative of DG CLIMA will present an overview of the EU position, giving special attention to these issues that are of interest to the ACP Group of States.

After the presentation and discussion sessions, tentatively just before lunch break on the second day of the meetings, an overview of the main outcomes will be provided, highlighting commonalities and differences in the respective positions and the scope for harmonisation. After lunch break, structured discussions will be organised along the issues of main interest and concern, and hence of highest relevance for further elaboration.

The envisaged output is a blueprint for a common ACP position. It is hoped that this document will serve as a key document in further negotiations and debates, not only in Durban but also, amongst others, in the context of G-77 summits.
