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**3rd "Open Day" of the
Department of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade
Theme:
"Sustainable Economic Development Dynamics in ACP Regions"

ACP House, Brussels
Thursday, 11 October 2012**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08h30 – 09h30

- Registration of Participants
- Exhibition set up by Programme Management Units

09h30 – 10h00

- **Welcome Remarks:**
 - Dr. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS, ACP Secretary General
 - Mr. Denis Salord, Representative from the European Commission, DG DEVCO

10h00 – 11h00

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Pa'o LUTERU, Ambassador of Samoa

- **Analysis of the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference and the way forward**
 - Mr. Mr. Chris Vanden Bilcke, Head of United Nations Environment Programme Liaison Office to the EU, Brussels
 - Mr. Vicente Yu, Programme Coordinator of the Global Governance for Development Programme at the South Centre

11h00 – 11h30

- Question and Answer Session

11h30 – 12h30

Moderator: H.E. Miss Vilma McNISH, Ambassador of Jamaica

- **Rio+20: Transitioning towards a Green Economy**
 - Mr. Asad Naqvi, Economics and Trade Branch, United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva
 - Mr. Mr. Chris Vanden Bilcke, Head of United Nations Environment Programme Liaison Office to the EU, in Brussels

- **Implementing green economy in the EU efforts for global poverty eradication (International Labour Office)**
 - Mr. Rudi Delarue, Director of the International Labour Office for the European Union in Brussels.

12h30 – 13h00

- Question and Answer Session

13h00 – 14h30

- LUNCH

14h30 – 17h00

Moderator: H.E. Mamour Jagne, Ambassador of Gambia

- **Intra-ACP Programmes – Contribution to Sustainable Economic Development**
 - ACP FISH II Programme
 - ACP-EU Water Facility
 - Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)
 - ACP Forest Law, Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Support Programme
 - Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA)
 - Programme Initiative Pesticide (PIP)
 - EU-ACP Development of SPS Systems (EDES)
 - Support to the Multilateral Trading System Programme (ACP MTS Programme)
 - ACP Sugarcane Research Programme (SRP)
 - ACP Business Climate Facility (BIZCLIM)
 - EU/ACP Microfinance Framework Programme
 - ACP-EU Energy Facility
 - Global Index Insurance Facility (GIIF)
 - Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
 - Centre for the Development of Enterprise (CDE)

17h00 – 17h30

- Question and Answer Session

17h30 – 18h00

- Wrap-up and concluding session

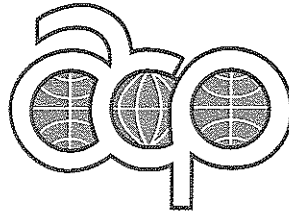
18h00 – 18h30

- Press Conference by ACP Secretary General

18h30 – 20h30

- Cocktail

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Concept Note

3rd OPEN DAY

of the

Department of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade

Theme: “Sustainable Economic Development Dynamics in ACP Regions”

ACP House, Brussels
Thursday, 11 October 2012

Sustainable Development is a pattern of economic growth that meets the needs of the present while preserving the environment so the needs can be met for future generations.

The issue of sustainable development came to the fore, in June, 1992, when the first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), was held in Rio de Janeiro, and adopted an agenda for environment and development, Agenda 21, also referred to as the Rio Declaration. Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of action to address all areas in which human impacts on the environment

Twenty years later, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) was held in Rio de Janeiro, June 20 – 22, 2012 in order to:

1. Secure renewed political commitment to sustainable development,
2. Assess the progress and implementation gaps in meeting already agreed commitments and
3. Address new and emerging challenges.

One of the themes for the Conference was the Green Economy in the context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (GESDPE). The concept of the green economy has been heavily debated recently, as a result our quest to achieve sustainable development being severely compromised by the global economic and financial crises, volatile energy and food prices, new and emerging challenges, including inter alia, the adverse impacts of climate change, loss of biodiversity, land degradation and desertification, natural disasters, hazardous and other chemical wastes and increasing water scarcity.

The concept provides a solution to the above-mentioned crises by promoting a new pattern of economic development which uses natural resources in a sustainable manner, reduces carbon dioxide emissions, protects the environment from degradation, and it contributes to poverty alleviation.

The concept of the green economy in the context of sustainable development encompasses the economic, environmental and social pillars of development. Sustainable Economic Development therefore can be considered to be economic development along a “green path” which takes into consideration environmental sustainability.

It is against this backdrop that the Department of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade within the ACP will host its 3rd Open Day under the theme “**Sustainable Economic Development Dynamics in ACP Regions**”.

The event would bring together Representatives from the ACP Regions, the ACP Embassies, Missions and Regional Organizations based in Brussels as well as Representatives from the Project Management Units (PMUs) and other Facilities

under the Department of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade, to discuss this very important topic with a view to identifying ways and means to promote and implement this new pattern of economic development.

The 3rd Open Day will be structured in three parts:

- Firstly, there will be an overview of the Final Outcome of the Rio+20 Conference, including an analysis of the links between the outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference and Sustainable Economic Development.
- Secondly, representatives from UNEP and the International Labour Office (ILO) would make presentations on the Green Economy and how ACP Countries can implement this concept at the regional and national levels.
- Thirdly, Representatives of the Project Management Units (PMUs) and other Facilities under the Department of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade, of on-going ACP-EU Programmes will address the linkages between their programmes and Sustainable Economic Development.

In conclusion, the 3rd Open Day of the Department of Sustainable Economic Development and Trade would:

- Identify possible solutions to the challenges faced by ACP Regions in transitioning to the Green Economy.
- Explore options for the achievement of Sustainable Development, in ACP Regions/Countries, which is an essential pillar of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement.
