

ACP-EU COTONOU AGREEMENT

**ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN,
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES**

**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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ACP/22/004/23

ACP-UE 2111/23

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

Subject: Outcome of proceedings of the 70th meeting of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels, Belgium, on 13 October 2023

The 70th meeting of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors took place on 13 October 2023 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr Marcos ALONSO ALONSO, Ambassador of Spain and Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee of the European Union.

The meeting was co-chaired for the ACP side by H.E. Mr Gilbert VAN LIEROP, Ambassador of Suriname, replacing the President-in-Office of the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors.

The Commission was represented by Mr Martin SEYCHELL, Deputy Director-General of DG INTPA. The EEAS was represented by Ms Rita LARANJINHA, Managing Director Africa.

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda as set out in ACP/22/002/23 - ACP-UE 2103/23.

2. Adoption of the outcome of proceedings of the 69th meeting of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors on 12 April 2019

The Committee approved the outcome of proceedings of the previous meeting [ACP/22/001/20 - ACP-UE 2102/20].

3. Preparation of the 46th session of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

A. Denomination of the Partnership Agreement

Both sides agreed to propose to the ACP-EU Council of Ministers to consider the references to the new Partnership Agreement, including the short reference as Samoa Agreement.

The Committee proposed to the ACP-EU Council of Ministers to consider the denominations of this Agreement as set out in ACP/22/003/23 - ACP-UE 2107/23.

B. Implementation of the EU-OACPS Partnership Agreement

Both sides underlined the importance of effective and timely implementation of the EU-OACPS Partnership Agreement and expressed convergence on bringing forward the work on rules of procedure of the future joint institutions.

The EU side referred to the ongoing work related to a future stakeholder engagement mechanism.

The ACP side proposed to take lessons learnt from the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement to ensure effective implementation of the new Agreement, namely as regards development finance, trade-related regulations, the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.

The Committee proposed that the two sides remain engaged on this very important aspect of effective implementation of the EU-OACPS Partnership Agreement.

C. EU-OACPS cooperation in international fora, notably with a view to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)

Both sides expressed the importance of continued cooperation in global fora on climate change. They presented the state of play of their preparation, as well as their position for COP28, namely regarding mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, energy transition and climate finance.

Both sides agreed that more efforts and resources are needed for the implementation of SDGs and expressed their full support to the aims of the Summit of the Future. They exchanged views on the reform of international financial institutions.

Both sides reiterated the interest in widening and deepening the array of subject matters for ACP-EU cooperation in international fora. The OACPS side suggested that the two sides should work together on a document formalising the modalities for cooperation in international fora, on the basis of its proposal presented at the last meeting of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers in 2022.

The Committee welcomed the timely discussion ahead of COP28 and invited the two sides to continue their cooperation to prepare for COP28. The Committee invited the two sides to engage on opportunities of joint positioning for the Summit of the Future. The Committee invited both sides to continue exploring new areas for joint action and activity and cooperating in international fora under the renewed and reinforced framework provided by the new EU-OACPS Partnership Agreement.

D. Provisional agenda of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers

The Committee agreed the provisional agenda of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (as set out in ACP/21/004/23 - ACP-UE 2106/23).

4. Any other business

No items were raised.
