

Déjà-vu All Over Again? An ACP Mandate for Post-Cotonou

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introductory: ACP's “(non-) mandate”

- **not a draft directive for negotiations (compared to EC)**
 - remains to be adopted, hopefully at Lome Council of Ministers in May 2018
 - but state of preparation not clear
- **possible raw materials**
 - “The ACP we want” (May 2017 version) (adopted November, 2016)
 - Brussels Based African Ambassadors Contribution, 2/3/2018

acp sec't work programme

[per Sheila Sealy Monteith, Jamaican Amb. to EU and Chair of ACP Committee of Ambassadors, Inaugural Statement 15/2/2018]

- **priorities of ACP Ambassadors**
 - elaborate of **core-guiding principles** for post-Cotonou negotiations
 - **Central Negotiating Group and Technical Negotiating Teams** work on entrusted tasks
 - articulation and presentation of **solid draft negotiating mandate** for adoption by Ministerial Council of ACP in Lome Togo
 - revision of Georgetown Agreement
- **work plan**
 - complete composition of groups
 - substantive work on CNG and TNT commence in March (on the basis of drafts from the secretariat)
 - Meetings of Committee of Ambassadors in February, March and April.
 - Early May Meeting to conclude planning for Lome, etc;
- **allowances will be made for inputs from regional organisations and other stake-holders to be included as the process unfolds**

ACP We Want

- **Vision, Goals and Rationale**

ACP Group as leading transcontinental organization working in solidarity for improved lives

- **Case for Political Commitment and Engagement by ACP**
- **Structural, Institutional and Governance Reforms**
- **Secure Financial Stability for the ACP (as a structure)**

- **Strategic Pillars**

- **Trade, Investment, Industrialisation and Services**
- **Development Cooperation, Technology, Science and Research and Innovation**
- **Political Dialogue and Advocacy**

- **Future Relations With EU**

ACP We Want III – Future with EU

- **Future Relations with EU**

- Enhancing special historical relationship with Europe
- Changing context – ACP has expanded, emergence of China, engagement with rest of the world
- Post-Cotonou

- **Post Cotonou**

- Ambition for a legally-binding agreement
- Clear unified and well-articulated message by members states and supporters
- Increase bargaining power and attractiveness to EU **through coordination, dialogue and leverage its numbers**

ACP We Want III – Post -Cotonou

- **Purpose**

- Learn Lessons of past
- Consistency with SDGs

- **Guiding Principles**

- Equality
- Revisit the Meaning of Development
- Cotonou Acquis
- Political and Policy Dialogue
- Proactive ACP

- **Road Map**

- CNG; TNC
- Technical Studies Where Necessary

Africa Brussels Ambassadors

Paper of 3/2/2018

- **Preamble**
- **Principles**
 - Beyond donor-recipient relationship; Promoting African Unity; continental dimension of AU-EU; Agenda 2063, etc
- **Operative Part: Two scenarios**
 - 1. Do we want a stronger Africa in a reformed ACP post-2020?
 - OR
 - 2. Do we want a stronger AU-EU Strategic Partnership excluding the ACP?
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