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**2nd Meeting of the CARIFORUM-EU Consultative Committee**

***European Economic and Social Committee (18-19 April 2016, Brussels)***

**DRAFT AGENDA**

| ***Monday 18 April*** | ***ROOM JDE 63*** |
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| **9.30 – 10.30 a.m.** | **Opening session**  Chair: Dilyana Slavova, President of the EESC External Relations Section   * Patrick I. Gomes, Secretary-General, ACP Group of States (tbc) * Carlos Wharton, Director, EPA Implementation Unit, Cariforum Directorate * Diana Acconcia, Head of Unit, ACP Economic Partnership Agreements, European Commission |
|  | **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** |
|  | **ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE** |
| **10.30 – 11.45 a.m.** | **CARIFORUM – EU Economic Partnership Agreement: (1) Update on Implementation; (2)  Follow-up of 5-year Review; (3) Monitoring & Evaluation Mechanism**  Chair: EU Co-president of the CC   * Representative from DG TRADE, European Commission * Representative from EPA Implementation Unit, CARIFORUM Directorate * Pavel Isa Contreras, Professor, Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo   **Debate: *The Role of the JCC on Monitoring & Evaluation of the EPA*** |
| **11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.** | **Financing EPA implementation: the 11th EDF Programme**  Chair: CARIFORUM Co-President of the CC     * Representative from CARIFORUM Directorate * Fernando Ponz Cantò, Deputy Head of Division for the Caribbean, European External Action Service * Federico Berna, Coordination Latin America and Caribbean, DG DEVCO, European Commission * Presentations from ALIANZA ONG and Caribbean Congress of Labour   **Debate** |
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| **1 – 2.30 p.m.** | **Light buffet offered by the EESC (Atrium 6)** |
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| **2.30 - 3.45 p.m.** | **Implementation of SDGs and their relevance to the EPA**  Chair: EU Co-president of the CC   * Deborah Seward, Director, United Nations' Brussels Regional Office * Statement/Presentations from EU and Cariforum sides   **Debate** |
| **3.45 – 4 p.m.** | Coffee break |
| **4 – 5.30 p.m.** | **The Post-Cotonou Framework and its impact on EPA**  Chair: CARIFORUM Co-President of the CC   * Brenda King (UK), EESC Rapporteur on *The Future of EU-ACP Relations* * Fernando Ponz Cantò, Deputy Head of Division for the Caribbean, European External Action Service (tbc) * Ruth Estrella, Executive Director, CODOPYME (Dominican Republic)   **Debate** |
| **5.30 – 7 p.m.** | *Drafting of Joint Statement (only for members of the drafting group)* |
| ***Tuesday 19 April*** | ***ROOM JDE 70*** |
| **9 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.** | **Participation in the seminar *How To Implement the Monitoring of the Economic Partnership Agreements*, Venue: European Parliament, Room A8F388** *(with invitation)* |
| **AFTERNOON**  **2.30 – 3.30 p.m.**  **3.30 – 4.15 p.m.**  **4.15 – 5.30 p.m.** | *Drafting of Joint Statement (only for members of the drafting group)*  **Future Work Programme**  Chair: EU and/or CARIFORUM Co-President(s) of the CC  **Proposals and Decision on reports to be drawn up by both sides for the next meeting of the JCC**  **Closing session and Adoption of Joint Statement**  The Joint Statement will be presented by the 2 Co-Chairs of the JCC. |

**DESCRIPTION**

*Article 232 of the Economic Partnership Agreement between CARIFORUM and the EU establishes a CARIFORUM-EU Consultative Committee tasked with assisting the Joint CARIFORUM-EU Council to promote dialogue and cooperation between representatives of organisations of civil society, including the academic community, and social and economic partners.*

*The Consultative Committee shall foster social and civil dialogue through consultation on all aspects of social, economic, environmental and development issues as they arise in the context of implementing the CARIFORUM-EU-EPA.*

*The CARIFORUM-EU Consultative Committee is composed of 40 standing representatives of organisations of the civil society representing employers' organisations, trade unions, other economic, social and non-governmental organisations, including development and environmental organisations; and the academic community.*