



EU-ACP Follow-up Committee

Programme **SECTION FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS** **EU-ACP Follow-up Committee**

Date	14/12/2020
Venue	Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99, 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel
Rooms	JDE 62-Hybrid Interactio
President	Carlos TRINDADE
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17:00	Introduction by Mr Carlos Trindade, new chair of the EESC ACP Follow-up Committee
17:10	The role of civil society in the new Partnership between the EU and the organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) – Mr Domenico ROSA, Head of Unit - Strategic Partnerships EU-ACP and EU-African Union, DG Devco, European Commission
17:20	Questions and answers
17:40	Discussion on the membership of the 2020-2023 Follow-up Committee
18:40	State of play of the EU-Africa sixth summit – Mr Jonas JONSSON, Head of division Pan-African Affairs, EEAS
19:00	End of the meeting.

Working languages	ES-EN-FR-PT
Interpreting requested from into	ES-EN-FR-PT

N.B.: Members and experts are asked to sign the attendance list in order to ensure that their meeting expenses are refunded.

Members unable to attend the meeting are asked to give advance notice to their group secretariat so that interpreters do not attend unnecessarily.

Recorded meeting - see Decision No 206/17A.

SPECIAL REMARKS FOR EESC MEMBERS

The resumption of the EESC's activities depends on the evolution of the pandemic in Europe and on the indications of the Belgian and other Member State authorities.

Given the difficulties that members might face with regard to travelling (sanitary or flight restrictions, borders still being closed, etc.), the meetings will resume, as far as possible, on a hybrid basis which will allow those who are unable to travel to Brussels to participate remotely.

Before you decide whether to travel to Brussels, please be aware of the measures that Member State authorities may take in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please consult the country-specific information, entry and exit requirements and quarantine information for all the countries to and through which you may travel.

If you intend to physically attend the meeting, please confirm by sending an email to Cedric.Cabanne@eesc.europa.eu and MariaDolores.CarmonaGonzalez@eesc.europa.eu at least 48 hours in advance, so that all the necessary arrangements can be made in the meeting room.

According to the study group members' language skills, EN, FR, PT and ES will be the working language. This means that members of the study group will be able to speak a certain number of languages (EN, FR, PT and ES have been requested, but obtaining these languages depends on the linguistic knowledge of the interpreter), and they can listen to EN, FR and PT .

All the technical details of the organisation of the **Interactio** video conference will be sent to you in a separate message.

In accordance with the [Bureau decision of 9 June](#) and its [extension of 14 July](#), members participating remotely are entitled to a daily allowance if they are unable to attend the meeting in person as a result of Covid-19 national travel restrictions or other related measures, provided that they declare in advance the name and address of the exact location from which they will participate in the meeting and that their name is included on the attendance list that is drawn up on the day of the meeting, by the secretariat. For any questions regarding reimbursements, please contact the Members' Working Conditions Unit.

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The decision on whether or not to come and physically attend the meeting at EESC premises is for each member to take individually.

Information about practical arrangements can be found [here](#).