



**16th REGIONAL SEMINAR OF EU-ACP ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Windhoek, 8-9 November 2018

PROGRAMME

Venue:

**Hotel Safari
Corner of Auas & Aviation Roads
Windhoek (Namibia)**

Working languages: ES, EN, FR, PT

Thursday 8 November

From 8.30 a.m.

**Registration
Opening session**

9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

Moderator – Mr Jarosław Mulewicz , EESC Member, President of the ACP-EU Follow-up Committee

- Opening remarks by Ms Luge Zaamwani-Kamwi, Presidential special advisor, private sector, interface constitutional affairs
- Introductory remarks – Mr Achim Schaffert, Head of cooperation section on behalf of H. E. Jana Hybášková, head of the European Union delegation to Namibia
- Welcome address – Ms Dilyana Slavova, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) External Relations Section, on behalf of EESC President Luca Jahier

9.30-9.45 a.m

Introductory session - Presentation of the EESC Opinion "A Renewed Impetus to the Africa-EU Partnership" – Mr Mihai Manoliu, EESC Member

9.45-10.00 a.m

Coffee break

10.30 – 1.00 p.m.

Debate with contributions from participants

Civil society and trade

Presentations

Moderator, Ms Lindiwe Sephomolo, Association of Lesotho Employers and Business

- The state of play regarding civil society in the SADC region, Mr Maxwell Mkumba, SADC Secretariat
- The role of civil society in EPAs, Ms Ewa Synowiec, Director

- responsible for sustainable development, European Partnership Agreements, Directorate-General Trade of the European Commission
- Initiation of a Simplified Trade Regime in three Members States of the Common Market for Eastern & Southern Africa (COMESA) for an Informal cross-border traders, Mr A. H. Tawanda, Southern African Cross-Border Traders' Association (SACBTA)
- The SADC EPA M & E System and the role of Civil Society, Ms Keatlaletse Dintel, SADC Secretariat
- The European External Investment Plan (EP): an integrated approach to sustainable development, Mr Achim Schaffert, Head of cooperation section, European Union delegation to Namibia

Debate with contributions from participants

1.00 – 2.30 p.m.

Lunch Break

2.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Resilience in the face of environmental changes in the SADC

Moderator, Ms Josiane Willems, EESC Member

Presentations

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- The impacts of climate change on the management of natural resources, United Nations Climate Change Convention, Mr Walters Tubua, Programme officer, adaptation programme, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Project to combat soil degradation and desertification in Mauritius, Mr Gunshan Seeborun, President of Falcon citizen league & member of the ACP-EU Follow-up Committee
- The Kasungu-Lukusuzi Transfrontalier Conservation project, Mr Lackson Mwenya, Project coordinator, Malawi-Zambia Transfrontalier Conservation Area (TFCA)
- Assisting small and medium-scale farmers to respond to climate change: the experience of farmers and their support organizations in Southern Africa, Mr Munhamo Chisvo, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network

Debate with contributions from participants

5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Meeting of the ACP-EU Follow-up Committee

7 – 8.30 p.m.

Reception hosted by the EESC

Friday 9 November

9.00 – 11.45 noon

The challenges of intraregional migration flows

Moderator – Mr Anselme Amoussou, Confédération des syndicats autonomes du Bénin (CSA)

Presentations

- A description of migration flows in the SADC Region, International Organisation for Migration, Mr Charles Allan Kwenin, Regional Director for the Southern Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Migratory challenges in the context of informal economy, Streetnet international, Ms Patricia Horn, Coordinator at Streetnet international
- Migrant workers: the experience of the African Trade Union Migration Network, Mr Michael Kandukutu, ZCTU.
- Refugees and migrants in the south of Africa, Mr Thifulufheli Sinthumule, Director of the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA)
- Presentation of position of the EU civil society on migrations, José Antonio Moreno Díaz, EESC Member

11.00 – 11.45

Debate with contributions from participants

11.45 – 12.15

Information session on Namibia (tbc)

12.15 – 1 p.m.

Presentation and Adoption of Final Declaration & closing remarks by Jaroslaw Mulewicz, president of the ACP-EU Follow-up Committee
