

The GCCA Intra-ACP Programme

**ACP Special Post-COP21 meeting:
Discussing the outcomes of Paris and the way forward
ACP Secretariat, Brussels 22nd and 23rd March 2016**

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 11th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP11) took place from the 30th November to the 11th December 2015 in Paris, France.

In preparation for COP 21, the ACP Secretariat organised a Special Meeting of the Subcommittee on Sustainable Development on 28th and 29th October, 2015 which supported the ACP Group in the development of an ACP Issues Paper on the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP 21).

The Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States is now organizing a Special Post-COP21 meeting to discuss the outcomes of Paris and the way forward.

The Special Post-COP21 meeting is scheduled to take place on the 22nd and 23rd March, 2016 at the ACP Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium.

Objectives

The main objective of the two-day meeting is to facilitate dialogue and discuss follow-up actions to implement the Paris Agreement, in collaboration with partners, particularly focusing on key issues for the ACP Group of States.

Organisation

An ACP Assessment Paper on the outcomes of Paris COP 21 will be presented in order to foster and facilitate the discussion on potential key actions for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Representatives from ACP regions, the European Commission, South Centre and other invited stakeholders such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), representatives of groups including the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCS), will participate to the discussion sharing opinions and perspectives on follow-up actions and possible joint activities for partnerships.

Based on the presentations and discussions, a document containing the key proposals on the way forward will be drafted.



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