

Special meeting of the Sub-committee on Sustainable Development in preparation for the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

ACP House, Brussels 4th and 5th October 2016

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 12th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP12) will take place from 7th to 18th of November in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States is organizing a Special Sub-committee meeting to allow the ACP Member States to build a common position for COP22 in Morocco.

The Special Sub-committee meeting is scheduled to take place on 4th and 5th of October 2016 at the ACP House, Brussels.

Objectives

The two-day meeting will provide background information and facilitate exchange of views on key issues for discussion in Marrakesh. Building on the *ACP Action Plan on Climate Change*, this Special meeting **aims to agree on a common ACP position for COP22**, which could be used by delegations of the ACP Member States in Marrakesh during the climate talks.

The *ACP Action Plan on Climate Change*, adopted by the ACP Group following the Paris Agreement, seeks to contribute to strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change in ACP Member States, while taking into consideration the Sustainable Development Goals and efforts to reduce poverty.

Organisation

A technical briefing paper on key issues to be discussed at COP22/CMP12 will be presented in order to deepen the understanding of the key issues on the agenda and facilitate the discussions on the various issues.

A representative from each ACP region, 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), the Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the G77 and China, will present their perspectives on current key issues in the UNFCCC negotiations.

Based on the presentations and discussions, **a draft ACP Issues paper will be presented for discussion and finalization on the second day.**

This will be submitted for approval to the ACP Committee of Ambassadors.



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