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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT ON COP22 OUTCOMES AND ROADMAP TO COP23**

***ACP Secretariat, Brussels***

***March 14 – 15, 2017***

## **BACKGROUND**

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

In preparation for COP 22, the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States organised a Special Meeting of the Sub-committee on Sustainable Development on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which supported the ACP Group in the development of an *ACP Issues Paper on the Marrakesh Climate Change Conference (COP 22)*.

The Paris Agreement entered into force on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Furthermore, the Government of Fiji will serve as President of COP 23 taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in Bonn, Germany.

The ACP Secretariat is now organizing a Special Post-COP22 meeting to assess the outcomes of the Marrakesh Climate Change Conference and, line with the *Resolution on Climate Change of the 104<sup>th</sup> Session of the ACP Council of Ministers* held at the ACP Secretariat on 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, explore possibilities for an enhanced role for the ACP Group in implementing the Paris Agreement and at COP 23, contributing to ensuring a successful outcome of the Conference.

**The Special Post-COP22 meeting is scheduled to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at the ACP Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium.**

## **OBJECTIVES**

The first objective of the two-day meeting is to facilitate dialogue and discuss follow-up actions to COP 22, in collaboration with partners, focusing on key issues for the ACP Group of States. The second objective is to explore possibilities for an enhanced role for the ACP Group in implementing the Paris Agreement and actions towards a successful COP 23, taking into account priorities in the *ACP Action Plan on Climate Change 2016-2020*.

## **ORGANISATION**

The meeting will be partly guided by two documents: an ACP Assessment Paper on the outcomes of COP 22 and a document with suggestions on a possible role for the ACP Group in implementing the Paris Agreement and towards COP 23, and by input from the various presenters. These will take into account priorities in the *ACP Action Plan on Climate Change 2016-2020* and the early entry into force of the Paris Agreement on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Activities with partners will also seek to

strengthen the collaboration with key partners such as ACP Regional partners, climate change negotiators and the European Union.

In order to allow for a free flow of ideas and discussions, small group discussions may be designated and outputs from the smaller discussions captured and shared with the larger group. A designated facilitator will guide the process and ensure that ideas are captured and refined to arrive at key priorities and possible modalities for achieving them.

Based on the presentations and discussions, a final document containing key proposals on the way forward, including an ACP Roadmap to COP 23, with milestones and key activities will be drafted.

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 negotiating groups including the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCS), G77 and China and the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) will participate to the discussion, sharing opinions and perspectives on follow-up actions and possible joint activities for partnerships for COP 23 and beyond.