

ACP Consultative meeting for the UNFCCC COP20



Tuesday 28th October 2014, Brussels

The 20th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP20) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 10th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP10) will take place from 1 to 12 December 2014 in Lima, Peru.

The GCCA Intra-ACP Programme organized a one-day ACP Joint Policy Discussion on Climate Change on Friday 11th July, in Pacific Harbour, Fiji Islands. The meeting, which was preceded by the programme's Steering Committee meeting, aimed to strengthen dialogue and exchange of ideas with ACP regional organisations in the preparation for UNFCCC COP20 to be held in Lima, Peru.

As a follow-up to the ACP Joint Policy Discussion on Climate Change, the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme is organizing an ACP consultative meeting in preparation for the COP20, scheduled to take place on Tuesday 28 October, 2014 in Brussels at the ACP House.

This one-day meeting will allow the ACP Member States to facilitate exchange of views in order to agree on a common ACP position for COP20 which could be used by delegations of the ACP Member States in Lima during the negotiations.

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The main objectives of the one-day meeting are to:

- provide background information and facilitate an exchange of views on key issues to be negotiated at COP20;
- agree on a common ACP position for COP20;
- allow the ACP Member States to prepare for the climate negotiations in a coordinated manner.

Participants will include delegates from ACP Embassies and Missions in Brussels, ACP Secretariat representatives, Climate Change negotiators from ACP regions, European Commission delegates and representatives from NGOs and CSOs among others. Further information about the event is outlined in the attached concept note and draft programme.

The meeting will be held in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation.

About the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme

Droughts, desertification, hurricanes, floods and sea level rise – the adverse impacts of climate change are a major concern for the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of States. Many of these countries are facing serious impacts on lives and livelihoods.

The Intra-ACP Programme is a component of the GCCA which specifically targets the ACP group of States, helping them to better tackle climate change as a challenge to their development. It has a strong focus on improving the understanding of the effects of climate change and contributing to adaptation and mitigation responses.

The GCCA Intra-ACP Programme is managed by the ACP Secretariat in Brussels. The programme provides technical assistance and training on climate change mainstreaming and finance to ACP Member States in order to support adaptation and mitigation actions at the national and regional levels.

Organisation

A technical briefing paper on key issues to be negotiated at COP20/CMP10 will be presented by an external consultant 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 and the South Centre will present their perspectives on current key issues in the UNFCCC negotiations.

Based on the presentations and discussions, a draft ACP Position Paper will be presented for discussion and finalization during the afternoon session.

Highlights of the agenda

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Welcoming remarks by ACP Secretary General

**Presentation of the views from the European Commission for COP20
by DG Climate Action**

Presentation by the South Centre

**Overview of key issues for COP20 by an external expert and by the ACP
regions' representatives**

Presentation of a draft ACP Position Paper

Questions, discussions, recommendations and conclusion

Cocktail

The draft ACP position paper for COP20 will be sent to the meeting of the ACP Sub-Committee of Ambassadors for further discussion in view of its submission to the ACP Committee of Ambassadors.



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