



Dialogue with EU Businesses on Economic Partnership Agreements

28 September 2022 - 09:30 - 17:30 (Brussels time)

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09:30 – 09:45	Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Cristina MIRANDA GOZALVEZ, Head of Unit DG TRADE C.1
09:45 – 10:30	<u>Session 1: Economic Partnership Agreements: facts and figures on trade flows and market access</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">EC: DG TRADE C.1
10:30 – 13:00	<u>Session 2 : Roundtable & open discussion: EU businesses and access to EPA markets today – opportunities, needs and constraints</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation from EU businesses operating in ACP countries (across different sectors and regions) (15 min)Roundtable & open discussion <p><i>Input questions to feed the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Why are you investing (or not investing) in EPA markets?Which barriers to trade do you encounter when accessing the market of an EPA partner?How do learn about business opportunities on the African/ EPA markets?Do you get support from EU Member States to gain access to African/ EPA markets? If so, how?Have you had any interactions with the EU Delegations to the country?
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:30	<u>Session 3: Roundtable & open discussion: Future perspectives: how can DG TRADE support EU businesses in ACP countries through the EPAs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrap up and lessons learned from Session 2 (main barriers to trade) to kick-start the conversation (15 min)Presentation from EU businesses operating in ACP countries (across different sectors and regions) (15 min)Roundtable & open discussion



	<p><i>Input questions to feed the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How can EPAs better reflect current and future business needs?- How can the European Commission support your presence in African /EPA markets?- What can DG TRADE / EU delegations / EU Member States do in this respect?
16.30 - 17.00	<u>Session 4: Presentation of EPAs Business Network proposal + Q&A</u>
17.00 - 17.15	Concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms. Ewa SYNOWIEC, Senior Advisor, DG TRADE

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As a follow up of this event, a survey will be distributed by email to participants in order to gather information on trade and investment modalities concerning EU businesses operating in ACP countries