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Europafrica Bulletin. ECDPM. 26 June 2009.

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Acp-eu-trade Newsletter. ECDPM. June 2009.

Below you will find a link to the June issue of Trade Negotiations Insights, a collection of press articles published during the past month and a selection of recently added documents in the acp-eu-trade.org library. As usual, we also provide some resources on recent and upcoming events relevant to ACP-EU trade relations. ACP-EU stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the various services provided via this website with the aim to exchange relevant information, build up trade negotiating capacity and facilitate networking activities. We therefore invite our readers to take an active role in . We would also like to draw your attention to a vacancy announcement by our partner organisation ICTSD: Job vacancy announcement: Editor for Trade Negotiations Insights / Eclairage (deadline 30 June 2009). [Click here](#) to read the Newsletter. [Click here](#) for the job announcement.

Addressing the Fiscal Effects of an EPA. Study conducted with the support of Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs. May 2007 (released publically this week). ECDPM.

While EPAs should be designed to promote the development of the ACP countries and regions, they may have some serious negative side effects, notably in terms of adjustments to trade liberalisation. In particular, all ACP countries will lose fiscal revenues as a result of the elimination of customs duties on imports from most EU products under an EPA. For some countries, this loss of trade taxes could significantly reduce government revenues, hence limiting their public spending. This could in turn have drastic consequences on some low-income (often already highly indebted) countries and their ability to pursue effective social and development policies. The purpose of this study is to discuss the fiscal implications of EPAs with reference to the ACP regional groupings. It is not possible for this study however to cover systematically all ACP countries. Instead, the study relies on examples and illustrations from a variety of countries. [Click here](#) to read more.

Governance

Analysing and Addressing Governance in Sector Operations. EuropeAid Reference Document. Prepared by ECDPM and consultant Nils Boesen. November 2008.

The European Commission and EU Member States invest a considerable amount of aid in various sectors (i.e. health, water and sanitation, education, transport, food security, migration and SSR etc). Getting results in all these policy areas is critical to make progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. Yet ensuring sustainable results with sector aid is a challenging task. Sector programmes sometimes face challenges not because of limited funds, but due to the governance constraints within the sector. Democratic governance is therefore increasingly a key issue that EC sector specialists are taking into consideration. This document seeks to offer guidance to EC sector specialists on how to analyse and address governance in sector operations in a more systematic and comprehensive way, without being a compulsory blueprint. Built on experience and lessons learnt its objectives are twofold: to strengthen understanding of governance issues at sector level;

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All the best,

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New fund for innovative knowledge sharing launched by AfricaAdapt. 15 June 2009.

The AfricaAdapt network, which is funded by the joint UK Department for International Development (DFID)/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Climate Change Adaptation in Africa Programme, is launching its new Knowledge Sharing Innovation Fund promoting new ways of sharing knowledge that can help address this problem. [Click here](#) to read more.

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and to increase the capacity of EC staff at Headquarters and in Delegations to analyze and address governance in EC support to various sectors. [Click here](#) to read the full document.

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Policy News

Development Policy and International Relations

European actions and influence should be improved if the Lisbon Treaty comes into force. UK Development Secretary Douglas Alexander in Europe's World. Summer 2009.

The Lisbon Treaty will enable the EU to overhaul and streamline the relationships between its foreign, security and development policies, and that would give a major boost to European efforts to help the developing world. The current fragmentation across regions, and between policy making and policy implementation, prevents Europe from having as powerful voice as it could. When the new Commission takes office in the autumn, this should be addressed if responsibility for programmes in Latin America and Asia is brought together with that for programmes in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific under the auspices of the EU Development Commissioner. The incoming Commissioner who holds that portfolio will also need to play a strong role in ensuring the policies of the Commission as a whole are in future made more coherent with Europe's development objectives and should also accelerate the decentralisation of decision-making to European Commission offices in developing countries. [Click here](#) to read more.

The proposed African Union Authority: Hybridisation, balancing intergovernmentalism and supranationalism. Institute for Security Studies. 18 June 2009.

This paper contends that while the AU Commission might have failed to deliver in certain areas, the reasons for non-delivery are a combination of technical and political constraints. The proposed Authority could play a vital role (in coordination, implementation and advocacy and as an institutional driver) in the integration process, provided its technical and political capacity is improved and some changes are made to the institutional configuration of the AU. How the proposed Authority is going to achieve this is contingent on how it balances intergovernmentalism and supranationalism. The paper proposes that the AU Authority should have exclusive policy initiation and implementation capacity in certain domains, while other domains should remain the preserve of the intergovernmental set-up in terms of decision-making and directives. [Click here](#) to read more.

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The age of pan-Caribbean regional integration is passing if current Caribbean Summit fails. David Jessop, Caribbean Council via csmenetwork. 30 June 2009.

The areas of divergence are legion. They range from the failure to progress Caricom's relationship with the Dominican Republic, through something close to warfare over the freedom of movement and migration, to the continuing absence of region-wide financial regulation. It encompasses the failure of Governments to meet Caribbean Single Market and Economy deadlines, the continuing absence of any regional response to the year old global economic crisis, disagreement on how to implement or move forwards trade negotiations, and inaction on support for a tourism industry in crisis. It is not unreasonable to question the value of these meetings with their over-long agendas where items of significance are sometimes never reached, that find their outcome in communiqués so opaque as to insult the intelligence. [Click here](#) to read more. Please see also the Thirtieth Meeting of CARICOM Heads opens in Georgetown. 3-4 July 2009. Business sessions of the Meeting will be held 3-4 July. Those sessions will be devoted to discussions on four clusters of items: Economic Development, Human and Social Development; Strengthening the Community; and Strengthening Alliances/Forging New Relations. [Click here](#) to read more.

Governance

Africa issues year-long ultimatum to ICC. europafrika. 1 July 2009.

According to Afrique en ligne, African foreign ministers met on 29 June 2009 to discuss the continent's position on the activities of the International Criminal Court (ICC). They have given the world court a year-long ultimatum to defer war crime charges against Sudanese leader Omar Al-Bashir or risk losing Africa's entire support. The 'controversial tough' decision of the African leaders



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was in conformity with what the leaders said was the utmost disregard for Africa's request for the lifting of an arrest warrant against the Sudanese leader issued in March this year. The African foreign ministers, attending the 15th session of the Executive Council meeting in Sirte, central Libya, want the ICC to determine whether all countries that are not signatories to the Rome Statute are also bound by the treaty. [Click here](#) to read more.

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