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Special meeting of the Sub-committee on Sustainable Development in preparation for the 24th session of the Conference of Parties (COP24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
ACP HOUSE, Brussels 6th November 2018

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The 24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 14th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP14) will take place from 3rd to 14th December 2018 in Katowice, Poland.

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 COP24 in Poland.

The Special Sub-committee meeting is scheduled to take place on the 6th of November 2018 at the ACP House, Brussels.

Objectives

In order to increase the effectiveness of the participation of ACP Member States in the UNFCCC negotiations and decision-making processes, the meeting will:

- identify issues of common interest to ACP Member States and deepen dialogue and exchange of views on key issues for discussion in Poland. The *ACP Action Plan on Climate change 2016-2020* and the *ACP Priorities and Roadmap to COP24* will also be consulted;
- prepare an *ACP Issues Paper for COP 24* which could be used by delegates of the ACP Member States in Katowice during the climate talks.

The outcome of the ACP-NDC Dialogue taking place back to back with the Special meeting on the 5th November, will feed into the discussions to better define the ACP common position.

Organisation

A technical briefing paper on key issues to be discussed at COP24/CMP14 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, representatives of UNFCCC negotiating groups including the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the Least Developed Countries (LDCS), the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and the G77 and China, will present their perspectives on current key issues in COP 24 negotiations. Based on the presentations and discussions, a **draft ACP Issues paper will be presented for discussion and finalization.**

