



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Polish EU Presidency Seminar:

“African Development Cooperation Strategies – Lessons from the New EU Member States”

26 July 2011

Warsaw, POLAND

DAY 1: 26 JULY

9:30- 10:00 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

10:00-10:45 OPENING SESSION

- Hon. Grzegorz Schetyna, Marshal of the Sejm
- Hon. Tadeusz Iwiński, Head of the Polish AWEPA Section, Member of the Sejm
- Minister of State Ms. Miet Smet, President AWEPA
- Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Secretary General ACP-EU

10:45-11:30 SESSION 1: OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE STRATEGIES IN AFRICA

Chair: Hon. Jerzy Wenderlich, Deputy Marshal of the Sejm

- Polish Deputy Minister for Development Cooperation
- H.E. Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner for Development
- Hon. Idriss Ndele Moussa, President of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP)

Questions & Discussion

This session focuses on the Official Development Assistance (ODA) strategies and priorities in Africa of the EU and Poland during its Presidency and serves to highlight the oversight role of parliament in the effective use of aid.

11:30-12:00: COFFEE/TEA BREAK & OPENING EXHIBITION BY POLISH HUMANITARIAN AID

12:00-13:00 SESSION 2: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON EU MEMBER STATES' AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Chair: Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

- Hon Sabine de Bethune, President of AWEPA Belgian section, Member of the Senate of Belgium
- MPs Sweden and the Netherlands
- MPs new EU Member States: Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, Lithuania

This session will facilitate an open discussion on the African development policies and strategies for assistance of the “older” EU member states and the progress to date of the “new” EU donor countries. Although the new EU countries are relatively new players in the field of African development cooperation, they have a great deal of experience in transformation-related issues. They have faced similar problems as the African countries and therefore they could bring in an added value by sharing information, insights and opportunities.

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH AT THE SEJM**

14:00-15:00 **CONTINUE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION –EU MEMBER STATES**

Questions & Discussion

15:00-15:15 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

15:15-16:45 **SESSION 3: ATTAINMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS – COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTS & REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY BODIES**

Chair/Moderator: Prof. Marek Ziólkowski, Deputy Marshal of the Senate

- Representative Polish Humanitarian Aid (PAH)/Polish Platform
- Representative UN Millennium Campaign
- Hon. Abdirahin Abdi, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)
- MP national parliament in Europe: Germany/Denmark

In this session, participants will be briefed on the progress and best practices to overcome difficulties to achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, highlighting in particular MDG 1 *Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger*. The participants will exchange their perspectives on MDG and development effectiveness related issues. The session will assist in promoting a North-South dialogue on development strategies, and mobilizing European parliamentary action to support the MDGs.

16:45-17:00 **CLOSING SESSION: FINAL STATEMENT**

Chair: Speaker Economic Community Of West African States Parliament (ECOWAS-P)

- Hon. Tadeusz Iwiński, Head of the Polish AWEPA Section, Member of the Sejm
- Minister of State Ms. Miet Smet, President AWEPA

19.00 **DINNER HOSTED BY THE POLISH PARLIAMENT**

DAY 2: 27 JULY

CITY TOUR WARSAW (IN ENGLISH): THE ROYAL CASTLE & OLD TOWN