

SEMINAR ON THE EPAs AND THE FUTURE OF THE ACP HOUSE

13 JUNE 2013: 14h30-18h15 – RECEPTION 18H15-19H30

PROGRAMME

- Opening and Welcome: H.E. Mr. Mxolisi Nkosi, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa
- Keynote Address: H.E. Mr. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni, Secretary-General of the ACP Group
- Panel One: Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs): 14h50-16h30**
- Moderator:** H.E. Dr Brave Ndisale, Ambassador of Malawi
- Panelist: H.E. Mr. Hanno Rumpf, Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia
- Panelist: Mr Xavier Carrim, South African Chief Trade Negotiator
- Panelist: Dr. San Bilal: ECDPM: Head of Economic Governance, Trade and Regional Integration programmes
- Panelist: Mr. Peter Thompson, Director Development and EPAs, DG Trade, European Commission
- Exchange of views
- Panel Two: Future Perspective: 16h30-18h15**
- Moderator: H.E. Ms Vilma McNish Ambassador of Jamaica**
- Panelist: H.E. Dr. Patrick Gomes, Ambassador of Guyana
- Panelist: Mr. Geert Laporte, Deputy Director, ECDPM
- Panelist: Dr. Nicholas Westcott, Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Exchange of views
- Closing Remarks: H.E. Mr. Samuel Outlule, Ambassador of Botswana and current Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors
- Reception:** 18h15-19h30

H.E. Mr Mxolisi Nkosi

Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa



Mxolisi Sizo Nkosi was born in Soweto, Johannesburg, South Africa. He was formerly a student, youth and trade union leader during and after the Anti-Apartheid struggle in South Africa. In his capacity as the Deputy Secretary General of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU), he served in the Central Executive Committee of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU). Upon joining the South African government in 1997, Nkosi was posted to the SA Permanent Mission in Geneva. In 1999 Nkosi was appointed as the Director: International Relations in the Department of Labour. In 2000, he was transferred to the Department of Foreign Affairs where he assumed the position of Director in the Office of the Director-General. In 2003, Nkosi was promoted to the position of Chief Director, firstly responsible for North Africa, and later for West and Central Africa. In 2007, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Director-General responsible for Africa Bilateral relations. An expert in the field of international relations and diplomacy, Nkosi has travelled extensively in Africa, and accompanied high-level delegations of former President Thabo Mbeki, President Jacob Zuma, former Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane. In 2012, Nkosi was appointed as South Africa's Ambassador Extra-ordinaire and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Belgium, the European Union and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Nkosi holds a Master's Degree in Diplomatic Studies. Nkosi has published articles dealing with foreign policy issues. He is married with three children.

H.E. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni

Secretary-General of the ACP Group



Hon. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was born on 28th July, 1949. He had his elementary education at the Kumbungu L/A Primary School (1955-1960) and proceeded to Savelugu L/A Middle School from (1960-1962).

Hon. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni attended Tamale Secondary School from 1962-1969. Between 1969-1975, he entered University of Ghana and Ghana Law School for his (LL.B (Hons) and post graduate degree in law (LL.M). In October 1975, he obtained a BL qualification from the Ghana School of Law.

Hon. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was elected Member of Parliament for Kumbungu Constituency for two terms (1996-2000; 2000-2004). While in Parliament, he served on various Parliamentary Select and Standing Committees. He was a member of the Standing Order Committee, a Ranking Member-Committee on legal, Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs and a Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee.

He was appointed the Presidential Running Mate to the Presidential Candidate, Prof J.EA Mills, on the ticket of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), in the 2004 Presidential Elections.

Hon. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni has also been a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland (1999-2001). He was the President of the 87th Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO in June 1999.

In June 1998 he was the Vice-President of the 86th Session of the International Labour Conference, between June 1997 and 2000. He was the leader of the National Tripartite Delegation to the International Labour Conference (85th to 88th Sessions). In those same years (1997-2000).

Under the first term of the Presidency of H.E. Fit. Lt. J.J. Rawlings, Hon. Alhoji Muhammad Mumuni was appointed to the Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare as a Minister of State (Cabinet Rank).

He was also the National President for Old Tamascans Association, an association of past students of Tamale Secondary School between 1985 and 1997. He was the National President for Dagbon Youth Association (DAYA) between 1996 and 1997.

He was also the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Ghanaian- Danish Communities Association (GDCA), an NGO which initiated and is overseeing the implementation of the Ghanaian-Danish Community Project (GDGP); A DANIDA funded project working in the Tolon-Kumbungu District area in poverty alleviation and development intervention.

Between 1995 and 1997, he was the Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the School for Life Project – A DANIDA funded and supported NGO operating in functional literacy for children aged between eight and eleven in educationally depressed areas in the Northern Region.

He was the founder and chairman of Bonzali Rural Bank Ltd, a community initiated and managed bank devoted to savings mobilisation and financial intermediation in rural based and cottage industries, from 1990 to 1995.

Between 1994 and 1997, he was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Amasachina Self-help Association an indigenous NGO devoted to mobilising local resources at the grass-roots level for development projects in the communities using voluntary and communal labour and contribution.

Hon. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was the President of the Ghana Bar Association (Northern Region Branch) from 1992 to 1996. He was also a member of the National Bar Council of Ghana Bar Association. In 1995, he was appointed a Member of the Lands Commission (Northern Region) also appointed to represent the Northern Region on the National Lands Commission.

In his Political career, between 1992 and 1996 he was voted the presiding member of the Tolon - Kumbungu District Assembly for two terms. He was elected an Assembly Member for Yagrafong Electoral area in the Tolon- Kumbungu District Assembly of the Northern Region of Ghana.

He was also a member of the Northern Regional Consultative Assembly, a deliberative and consultative body established by the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) to advise the regional administration.

Between 1980 and 1982, he was the chairman of the Western Dagomba District Council. In 1980, he served as a member of the Committee of Inquiry into the structure and operations of the Upper Regional Development Programme. (URADP).

He served as a member representing the Northern Region on the Local Government Grants Commission, a body constituted under the 1979 Third Republican Constitution of Ghana to undertake the allocation of and disbursement of grants-in-aid and other development resources to District and Local Councils of Ghana.

He has been a private legal practitioner and founder & senior partner of the Law firm Yelinzo Law Chambers in Tamale, Ghana from 1980- 1997. Hon. Alhaji Mohammad Mumuni was a District

Magistrate (Grade I) in the Judicial Service of Ghana between 1977 and 1980. He was also a Legal Officer, Bank for Housing and Construction between 1976 and 1977.

He was the National Service Co-ordinator (North) of the National Service Scheme of Ghana from 1975 to 1976. Hon. Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was a teaching Assistant at the faculty of Law, University of Ghana, Legon from 1972- 1974. His hobbies are Tennis, Soccer and Nature Study. He is married with children.

Hon. Muhammad Mumuni was sworn in as the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration by the President of the Republic of Ghana, H. E Professor J. E. A Mills, in February 2009. A position he maintained until 6th January, 2013.

He was Chairman of the Inauguration Committee for the newly-elected President John Dramani Mahama, President of Ghana.

Between 7th January to 4th February, 2013 he was appointed and acted as Caretaker Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration.

H.E. Dr Brave Rona NDISALE

Ambassador of Malawi



QUALIFICATIONS

PhD (1991): Agricultural & Applied Economics. University of Minnesota, USA.

MS (1985): Food and Resource Economics. University of Florida, USA.

B. Soc. Sc. (1981): Economics and Mathematics, Chancellor College. University of Malawi, Malawi.

Diplôme Universitaire de la Langue Françaises (1997): Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises (C.U.E.F.), l'Université d'Abidjan. Côte d'Ivoire.

EXPERIENCE

- Six years experience with the national agricultural research system (Government of Malawi), in the area of planning, programming and management of national agricultural research including priority setting of research activities in order to enhance effective research and technology development;
- Seven years progressive experience in agricultural policy analysis, formulation and implementation;
- Experience at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) that enhanced my capacity and aptitude to bridge knowledge and policy for effective design and implementation of evidence based policies and strategies in agriculture and rural development.
- Experience in economic and policy analysis to address issues of agricultural growth, trade and development for poverty reduction and food security;
- Broad spectrum of institutional experience ranging from working for national government, non-governmental organizations and consultancy with international institutions such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) in the area of agriculture policy and development;
- My work at the Commission of the African Union enhanced my skills to build partnerships and the network of key stakeholders in the African agricultural policy domain. These include policy makers of national governments (with their vertical partners – private sector, civil society and farmer's organizations), Parliamentarians, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), international institutions/agencies and development partners;
- Worked on policy advocacy to keep agriculture high on the agenda within the framework of New Partnership for Africa's Development/Comprehensive Africa's Agriculture Development Program (NEPAD/CAADP) and in line with MDGs;

- Good knowledge in the areas of trade, input and product market systems and land tenure;
- Familiar with a broad range of issues in the areas of biotechnology and bio-safety, sanitary and phytosanitary regulations.

EMPLOYMENT:

March, 2008 - to date	Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to Belgium, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Switzerland, Monaco and the European Communities.
Sept. 2007 : to March 2008	Programme Leader, Nigeria Agricultural Policy Support Facility (APSF): International Food Policy Institute (IFPRI) out-posted to Abuja, Nigeria.
2004 to 2007:	Head of Rural Economy Division at the African Union Commission-Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
2002 - 2004:	Policy Officer/Consultant at the FAO Regional Office for Africa/ Policy Assistant Branch. Accra, Ghana.
1997-2000:	Micro-credit Project Coordinator – ECODEV (Etude, Conseil, Formation et Développement). Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.
1991-1992 & 1985-1986:	Research Economist: Department of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Lilongwe, Malawi.
1981-1982:	Agricultural Economist: Department of Agricultural Research, Chitedze Research Station. Lilongwe, Malawi.

CONSULTANCY:

June 2002:	Short-term consultant: FAO/ Agricultural Management, Marketing and Finance Service (AGSF). Rome, Italy.
March -May 2002:	Short-term consultant: FAO/Agricultural and Economic Development Division (ESA). Rome, Italy.
Sept-Nov. 2001:	Short term consultant: AFRICARE - Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.
2000 - 2001:	Short-term consultant: FAO/Research and Technology Development Service (SDRR). Rome, Italy.
1993-1995:	Consultant: Central Projects/Policy Division, the African Development Bank (AfDB). Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire.

AWARDS:

Awarded the African Graduate Fellowship (AFGRAD) for my PhD programme.

CURRICULUM VITAE OF H.E. MR. HANNO BURKHARD RUMPF

Hanno Burkhard Rumpf was born on 15 September 1958 in Windhoek, Namibia. He is a third generation Namibian.

He did his schooling in Swakopmund. He undertook his studies in South Africa and graduated from Rhodes University with a Bachelor in Politics and History. In 1984 he went into political exile. He worked as a Scientific Assistant at the University of Bremen. He qualified as a translator/interpreter.

In 1986 he moved to London to work as a researcher at the Namibia Communication Center. In 1987 he was appointed as SWAPO's Information Officer for West Germany and Austria, based in Bonn.

In 1989 he returned from exile through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees as a member of SWAPO'S Election Directorate. He was working as a member of the Economic Advisory Team under Dr. Hage Geingob, Namibia's first Prime Minister after independence.

In 1990 he was appointed as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

In 1995 he was appointed as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

In 1999 he was appointed as the Permanent Secretary of National Planning Commission (NPC).

In 2003 the Founding President of Namibia, Dr. Sam Nujoma, appointed him as Namibia's Ambassador to Germany and Austria.

In 2006 he was appointed as Namibia's Ambassador to the European Communities, Belgium, the Netherland and Luxembourg. He was furthermore appointed as Namibia's Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation during 2007.

In 1998 he was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany by President Herzog of Germany for his role in strengthening bilateral relations between Namibia and Germany. at an economic level in particular.

In 2006 President Köhler of Germany personally awarded Ambassador Rumpf with the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for strengthening relations between Namibia and Germany.

H.E., President Hifikepunye Pohamba, awarded Ambassador Rumpf with the Award, Commander of Namibia, 3rd class, at Namibia's 20th Independence Anniversary in 2010.

Ambassador Rumpf has served on numerous boards of companies and bodies. Currently he remains a trustee of the Werner List Trust Fund and a member of the board of the Namibia Nature Foundation and the Desert Ecological Research Unit.

Xavier Carim

Deputy Director-General for International Trade and Economic Development at the DTI



BA Specialist Honours Degree in International Relations and Development Economics from the University of Toronto, Canada.

MA Degree in International Studies from Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

Research Fellow at the Centre for Southern African Studies and Lecturer in International Studies at University of the Western Cape, 1993-1995.

Joined DTI, multilateral trade section, in November 1995.

South Africa's representative to the WTO in Geneva, September 1998- May 2002.

Chief Director in International Trade and Economic Division, dti, responsible for FTA and WTO trade negotiations since May 2002.

Appointed Deputy Director-General for International Trade and Economic Division in March 2007.

Dr. San Bilal

Head of Economic Governance, Trade & Regional Integration Programmes



Dr. Sanoussi Bilal is the Head of the Economic Governance Programme at the European Centre for Development Policy Management in Maastricht and Brussels. With a background in economics and international relations, Master from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, international economics and political economy of trade (PhD from the University of Birmingham, UK). Before joining ECDPM, he worked at the University of Birmingham, the University of Geneva, the European Institute of Public Administration (NL), and the Overseas Development Institute (UK). His expertise relates mainly to economic and trade governance issues for inclusive growth, regional integration processes and capacity development, with a focus on Africa and the ACP-EU relations (including economic partnership agreements). His current activities include projects on extractive sector and private sector for development, domestic resources mobilization, the impact of emerging players on Africa-Europe relations and on developing regional markets, notably in agriculture. He is the author of numerous publications, as well as the founding editor of monthly magazine Trade Negotiations Insights and its successor magazine GREAT Insights dedicated to Governance, Regional integration, Agriculture and Trade matters.

Areas of Work

- Economic governance
- Private sector and development
- Domestic resources mobilization
- Emerging players in Africa
- Extractive sectors and development
- Trade and development
- EPAs (negotiation process and implementation)
- Regional integration processes
- Capacity development
- Aid for Trade

Responsibilities

- Head of the Economic Governance Programme
- Member of the Executive Group
- Senior member of the Trade and Regional Integration Programme
- Editor of GREAT Insights

Mr Peter THOMPSON

Director for Sustainable Development; Economic Partnership Agreements – ACP Agri-food and Fisheries

Directorate General for Trade, European Commission



Mr Thompson has 30 years of experience working for the European Commission. He is currently the Director responsible for Trade and Development policy including sustainable development, bilateral trade relations with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries as well as agriculture, fisheries and sanitary and phytosanitary issues. In this post he is the negotiator for most of the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) He is also responsible for the EU's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP).

During his career in the European Commission, both in Brussels and in Geneva as Deputy Head of the European Commission Delegation, he has represented the EU common trade policy in multilateral and bilateral negotiations. He has an extensive experience in all areas of trade policy: from agriculture, food safety, fisheries, biotechnology, high technology (aircraft, information technology and space), and energy to services, procurement, antidumping and anti-subsidy and general trade policy, development of legislation and implementation. Prior to working in the Directorate General for Trade, he worked in the DGs of Agriculture (7 years) and Energy (2 years).

Vilma Kathleen MCNISH

Ambassador of Jamaica to the Kingdom of Belgium

Head of Mission to the European Union

Permanent Delegate to UNESCO



Ambassador Vilma McNish is a career Foreign Service Officer, with over twenty-five years' experience.

Prior to her appointment as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and Head of Mission to the European Union, Ambassador McNish was Under Secretary for Multilateral Affairs with responsibility for the Multilateral Organizations Department and the Economic Affairs Department.

She served as Ambassador of Jamaica to Mexico from 2001-2005, with concurrent accreditation to Central America and High Commissioner to Belize. Prior to her assignment in Mexico, she served as Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the Organization of American States in Washington from 1998 to 2001.

She was previously Assistant Director in the Political Division and Director of the Multilateral Organizations Department in the Ministry. She also served overseas as Jamaica's Deputy High Commissioner in Ottawa and Counsellor in the Embassy of Jamaica in Venezuela.

Ambassador McNish has represented Jamaica at numerous bilateral meetings as well as regional and international conferences and meetings of the Caribbean Community, the Association of Caribbean States, the United Nations system, the Commonwealth, the Organization of American States, Non-Aligned Movement, the Group of 77 and China, among others.

She has been a member of the Jamaica's National Commission for UNESCO; the Air Policy Committee; and served as CARICOM's representative on the Sub-Committee of the Climate Investment Funds of the World Bank.

Ambassador McNish has a B.Sc in International Relations from the University of the West Indies and an M.A. in International Affairs from the Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She has lectured at the University of the West Indies in the Department of Government.

In March 2012, Ambassador McNish was awarded the Order of Merit - *Ordén de Bernardo O'Higgins* – for her contribution to the development of bilateral relations between Jamaica and Chile.

H.E. Patrick Gomes

Ambassador of Guyana



Patrick Ignatius Gomes was born in Georgetown, Guyana and had his secondary education at the Jesuit-run Saint Stanislaus College before undergraduate studies in History, Philosophy and Theology in Trinidad and Tobago. He did graduate studies in Sociology and Anthropology at Fordham University, New York, completing a Ph.D on the works of CLR James and changes in Caribbean Societies following Independence from British colonial rule in the early 1960s.

Ambassador Gomes spent (16) years in the Faculties of Social Sciences and Agriculture at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago before joining the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC) in 1990. From there he went to the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), the Barbados-based CARICOM Institution responsible for Public Sector Reform and Governance in its (15) Member States, and served as Executive Director for the last (14) years until December 2003.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union, to succeed His Excellency Dr. Kenneth King who returned due to ill health, Dr Gomes was manager for an FAO-Government of Italy-funded Project on Food Security in CARIFORUM Member States.

Mr Geert Laporte

Deputy Director ECDPM



Geert Laporte, a Belgian national, is Deputy Director at ECDPM. He has worked for ECDPM since 1990 in different roles and functions.

Currently he is responsible for ECDPM's relations with the EU institutions, EU Presidencies, EU member states, and with the African Union in Addis Ababa, the ACP institutions in Brussels and with a large network of partners of the Centre in different parts of the world. His thematic areas of specialisation include EU external action and development policy in the context of the EU Lisbon Treaty, the Cotonou Partnership Agreement and the Joint Africa-EU Strategy with a particular focus on governance, political cooperation and regional integration. He has been involved in extensive policy research, institutional audits, evaluations and publications on various aspects of EU-ACP and EU-Africa relations. He has also built a longstanding experience in policy dialogue facilitation and institutional and capacity development. Prior to joining ECDPM he has worked in the 1980s for several years as a research fellow and later as an assistant at the Centre for Third World Studies at the University of Ghent in Belgium, where he mainly worked on the management of development aid in Latin America. Geert Laporte holds a Master in Contemporary History and a Master in Development Cooperation with specialisation in Public Administration from the University of Ghent.

Areas of Work

Governance

Multi-actor participation

Institutional support to Parliaments in ACP countries

ACP-EU trade & public-private sector dialogue

EU-Africa relations

Responsibilities

Responsible for the negotiation and management of multi-annual cooperation agreements with key institutional partners

Coordinates ECDPM relations and cooperation with successive EU Presidencies

Coordinates ECDPM relations and cooperation with ACP/African partners

Responsible for the development and management of ECDPM partnerships

Member of the Management Team

Member of the Executive Group

Dr Nicholas Westcott, CMG

Managing Director Africa, European External Action Service



Nick Westcott has been Managing Director, European External Action Service, since February 2011.

He was British High Commissioner to Ghana and non-resident Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Niger and Togo from January 2008 to January 2011.

He was Chief Information Officer and Head of IT Strategy at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 2002- 2007, managing the FCO's £100m annual ICT budget.

Prior to that, he served as Minister-Counsellor at the British Embassy, Washington (1999-2002) handling trade, transport and e-commerce issues; as Deputy High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1993-6); and at the UK Representation to the EU in Brussels (1984-9). He has also held a number of jobs at the FCO in London, including Head of the Economic Relations Dept, in which role he was responsible for managing the Birmingham G8 Summit in 1998.

He has a PhD in African studies from Cambridge University is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and was made a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George in December 1998.

H.E. Mr Samuel Outlule

Ambassador of Botswana and current Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors



Mr. Samuel Outlule is Ambassador of Botswana to the Kingdom of Belgium and Head of Delegation to the European Union a position he assumed in 2011. He is concurrently accredited to France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands. A career diplomat, foreign policy and international relations specialist, Ambassador Outlule joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Botswana in 1982 as a junior officer and rose through the ranks to become Assistant Director and Head of Africa and the Middle East, later Director of International Relations. In 2000 he assumed the post of Senior Private Secretary to the President, speech writer and Clerk to Cabinet, a position he held for five years. Ambassador Outlule served in Botswana's diplomatic Mission's in Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom and also served as Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, from 2005 – 2008. He was concurrently accredited to Cuba, Guyana and Jamaica. In 2008 he was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also served for one year as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture.