



Brexit and EPAs: Exploring the Implications for the trade of Commonwealth developing Countries

A brainstorming event to identify the main implications of Brexit for the trade of Commonwealth developing countries that are party to Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with the EU and to consider the further research, outreach and consultation needed to support policy making aimed at safeguarding and advancing the trade of these countries.

Venue: The Cabinet Room, 1st floor Virginia Woolf Building, King's College London, 22 Kingsway.

Live Streamed: via YouTube <https://youtu.be/OSOIJJMoEM>

Date and time: 15th July 2016 2:00-5:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome – Patsy Robertson, *Chair Ramphal Institute*
2. Opening Statements:
 - a. HE Dr Patrick Gomes, *ACP Secretary General*
 - b. Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, *President Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (former Foreign Secretary)*
 - c. Dr Paulo Kautoke, *Commonwealth Secretariat*
 - d. Hon Sarah Flood-Beabrun MP
3. Background and overview – Ambassador Ransford Smith, *Former Deputy Secretary General Commonwealth Secretariat* & David Jessop, *of The Caribbean Council*
4. A youth perspective – Yentyl Williams, *President of ACP Young Professionals Network and Expert on Future EU-ACP relations*
5. The legal context: consequences and alternatives – Dr Lorand Bartels, *Cambridge University*
6. The WTO and broader implications for international trade – Dr Mohammad Razzaque, *Commonwealth Secretariat*
7. Overall market access implications – Dr Maximiliano Mendez-Parra, *ODI*
8. Implications for specific sectors
 - a. Sugar – David Roberts, *Former EU Commission Deputy Director-General for Agriculture*
 - b. Bananas – Alistair Smith, *BananaLink*
 - c. Floricultural, horticultural and other commodities – Dr Paul Goodison, *Senior Advisor Ramphal Institute*
 - d. Beef and veal – Dr Paul Goodison, *Senior Advisor Ramphal Institute*
 - e. Manufactured goods – Junior Lodge, *ACP TBT Programme*
 - f. Services – Dr Jodie Keane, *Commonwealth Secretariat*
9. Recommendations for follow-up: further research, outreach and consultation