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### ACP-EU Assembly: Lomé: democratic governance, Arab Spring, debt relief on the agenda



At the 22nd meeting of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) in Lomé (Togo) from 19-23 November, 78 Members of the European Parliament and parliamentarians from 78 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries will discuss and vote on democratic governance, the Arab Spring, debt relief and the impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the ACP-EU partnership.

Parliamentarians from north and south will discuss debt relief as a means of financial assistance for development. The EPP Group calls on the EU and other donors to set up guidelines on responsible financing, especially in times of a global financial crisis.

The Parliamentary Assembly will also debate and vote on a Report by Mariya Nedecheva MEP and Raphael Manouala (Gabon) on the impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the ACP-EU Partnership

Other topics are democratic governance and the impact of the Arab Spring on neighbouring Sub-Saharan states.

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*Notes to Editors:*

*The EPP Group is by far the largest political group in the European Parliament with 264 Members.*

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