



Draft agenda

EU Presidency Seminar on Africa
The Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, AWEPA, the North-South Centre of the Council
of Europe

“Strengthening Euro-Africa Partnerships: The Role of Parliaments”
Lisbon, Portugal, 7 & 8 November 2007

WEDNESDAY 7 November 2007

Opening European Development Days
Venue: Lisbon International Fair

9.30 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony European Development Days

11.15 Departure busses to the Parliament of Portugal

Strengthening Euro-Africa Partnerships: The Role of Parliaments
Venue: Parliament of Portugal

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 Opening Session

Chair: Dr. Jan Nico Scholten, President of AWEPA
Hon. Jaime Gama, Speaker of the National Assembly of Portugal
Hon. Prof. Dr. João Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State of Portugal for International
Affairs and Cooperation
Speaker from Africa
Board Member NSC

14.30 – 16.00 Session: The Joint EU – Africa Strategy and NEPAD

Chair: Hon. Vitalino Canas, President of the Parliamentary EU Commission in Portugal
H.E. Louis Michel, Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid
H.E. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the
European Union and the ACP
Mr. Geert Laporte, Head of Institutional Relations, ECDPM

Discussion panel:

Hon. Johan van Hecke, MEP and Head of the AWEPA Section in the European Parliament
Hon. Alfa-Naiki Barry, Secretary General NEPAD Forum for African Parliamentarians

16.00 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 18.00 Session: Parliamentary Oversight of ODA

Chair: Hon. José Luís Arnaut, President of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission in Portugal

Mr. Karim Dahou, Advisor Africa Partnership Forum Support Unit of the OECD

Representative NEPAD Contact Group of African Parliamentarians

Dr. Jeff Balch, Director Research and Evaluation of AWEPA

18.00 – 18.30 Closing Session

Chair: Mr. Pär Granstedt, Secretary-General of AWEPA

Hon. Antónia Almeida Santos, MP Portugal, the Portuguese AWEPA Section

MP Mozambique

Representative NSC

THURSDAY 8 November 2007

Side-event European Development Days

Venue: Lisbon International Fair

10.30 – 12.30 The EU Strategic Response to Situations of Fragility in African Countries

Chair: [tbc]

Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser, Director European Commission, Directorate-General

Development and Relations with Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific

MP Sudan

MP DRC