

EU-West Africa EPA information seminar on services in Dakar (Senegal), 22-23 January 2009

On 22-23 January 2009 the European Commission organised in Dakar a 2-day information seminar on services and investment. The seminar was organised in the framework of the EU-West Africa EPA negotiations with representatives of governments, the private sector, civil society and press of the 16 countries of West Africa as well as of ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions. The objective was to better inform key decision-makers and stakeholders about this complex area of the negotiations and gain a better understanding of their positions and concerns. After an opening session with Peter Thompson, Director at the European Commission in charge of EPA negotiations, Mr Daramy, ECOWAS Trade Commissioner, Gilles Hervio, European Commission Head of delegation in Dakar, and Mr Diop-Decroix, Senegalese Trade Minister, services experts from the Commission and West Africa made several interventions on the importance of services in the economy, the strengths and weaknesses of services in West Africa, the level of openness of West Africa to services coming from abroad, the Caribbean EPA experience in opening up services and investments, and the possible interests of West Africa in the EPA negotiations on services and investment. Most participants welcomed this seminar as a unique opportunity to improve their knowledge of this complex area. Commissioner Daramy declared that the seminar was a good introduction to the ECOWAS workshop on services to take place in Accra, in early February, where the region will re-examine its position on services and investment in the negotiations and decide the way forward.

The presentations and programme of this seminar can be downloaded from this website for further information.

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