

11th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the OACPS

27-29 March 2026
Malabo, Equatorial Guinea



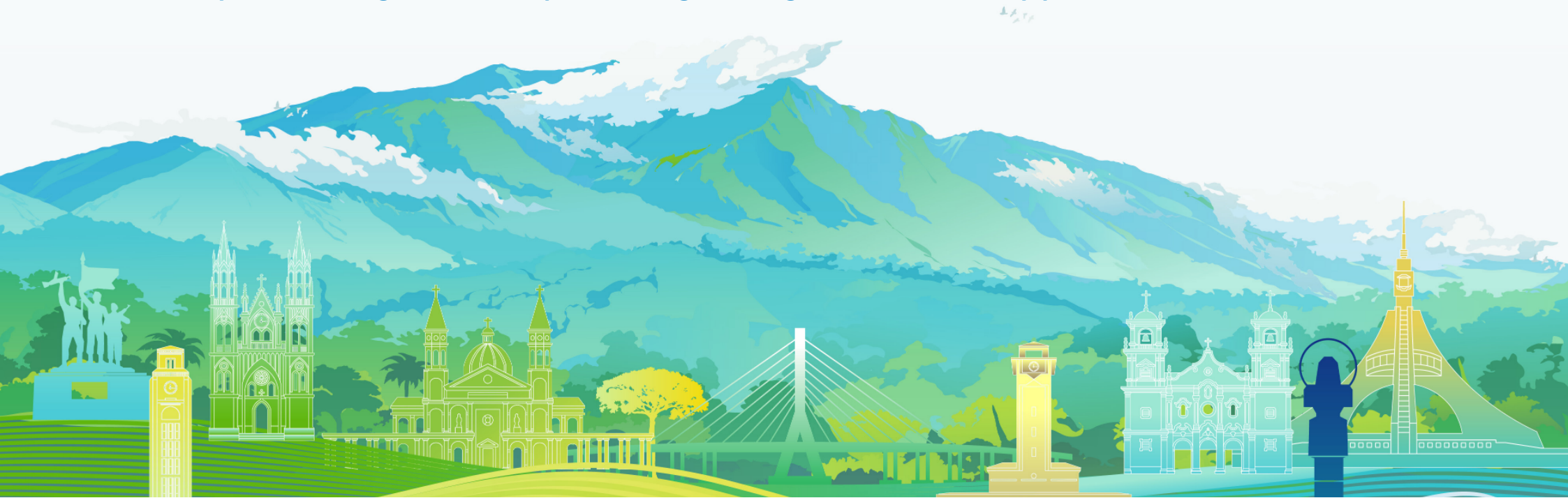
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“A transformed and renewed OACPS, at the service of inclusive, sustainable and multilateralism founded on trust.”

The history of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) is that of a clear-sighted alliance, forged half a century ago amid the winds of post-colonial change. Founded in 1975 under the name ACP (**Africa-Caribbean-Pacific**), the Organisation has evolved to become the OACPS following the signing of the Georgetown Agreement in 2020, bringing together **seventy-nine (79) states from the three (3) eponymous regions around common goals: sustainable development, fair trade and international cooperation.**

Today, as the world faces unprecedented climatic, economic, and geopolitical crises, the 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government, to be held on **27, 28 and 29 March 2026 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea**, is not merely a commemoration. It is a pivotal moment, an essential strategic refoundation intended to propel the Organisation into a new chapter of its existence.

II. In Equatorial Guinea

Even though the regulations in force within the OACPS effectively grant the organisation of the Summit to the country of the incoming president, namely Equatorial Guinea under **President H.E. Teodoro Obiang Nguema** (who, within the troika composed of outgoing President **H.E. William Ruto of Kenya and incumbent** President **H.E. João Lourenço of Angola**, assumes the leadership of the Organisation's supreme body), Malabo naturally imposes itself as the obvious choice.

The former capital of Equatorial Guinea until **January 2026**, this unique city symbolises an Africa undergoing transformation and, as such, embodies the shift undertaken by the OACPS, an entity that aims to be proactive on the world stage. The city's dynamism reflects the momentum of a conquering youth, and its insular character forges a spirit of independence, a strength that transforms geographic isolation into a strategic asset and a source of innovation.

From the peak of Pico Basile, the towering volcano that overlooks it, Malabo is a city that looks far ahead. Just like the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

III. Financing and Major Challenges

At the heart of this summit, trust between the parties must establish itself as the essential pillar for the future. Member States, enriched by their cultural and geographical diversity, will gather to strengthen the bonds that unite them. The Organisation will engage in a new paradigm based on greater transparency: clear reports on developmental progress, verifiable commitments on climate action, and open and responsible governance that prohibits any form of opacity.

Fifty years after its creation, the OACPS is not content to celebrate the past; it is now shaping the contours of a more ambitious future. Through their decisions and directives, the Heads of State and Government will drive this momentum desired by the Secretary-General, in the service of the 1.2 billion inhabitants spread across the 79 nations that form this unique organisation. This demographic weight is a major asset that leaders can draw on to influence in international negotiations on climate, trade, and sustainable development.

Beyond its long-standing institutional partnerships (foremost among them its long-standing relations with the European Union), the OACPS seeks to open itself to alliances with the private sector. These new alliances will not only aim to inject capital to strengthen action on the ground. Far beyond that, this innovative approach embodies a true economic refoundation. These new links will complement and amplify the benefits of traditional partnerships. They will mark the transition from a logic of official development assistance and international cooperation towards a dynamic of sustainable private investment and inclusive, market-driven growth.

Through this new strategic framework, Member States will become partners of choice for sustainable investment in infrastructure, green energy, and education.

Beyond financial resources, the Secretary-General's roadmap sets out a common strategy to promote intra-regional and inter-regional trade in order to combat inequalities, the digital transformation of economies in order to reposition Member States' economies, and adaptation to climate change, which threatens Pacific island states and Caribbean coastal areas, and accelerates the advance of deserts in the Sahel and semi-arid areas of southern Africa.

IV. In Parallel with the Summit

To best define these guidelines, several high-level preparatory events will be organised. The meeting of Heads of State on 28 and 29 March 2026 will be preceded by an extraordinary Council of OACPS Ministers on 26 March and five parallel events:

- **The OACPS Business Summit, chaired by the President of Gabon, Brice Oligui Nguema;**
- **The Youth Forum, chaired by the Vice-President of Equatorial Guinea Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue;**
- **The Women's Forum.**
- **The Small Island Developing States Forum, chaired by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, James Marape;**
- **The High-Level Roundtable on Resource Mobilisation, chaired by the King of Eswatini, His Majesty King Mswati III.**

Ahead of the 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the OACPS A Week of Celebrations and Strategic Dialogues for the Organisation's 50th Anniversary

On the occasion of the 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), the Organisation wished to mark its 50th anniversary in an inclusive, participatory, and resolutely forward-looking manner.

In addition to high-level diplomatic consultations, a full week of thematic and multisectoral activities will be organised ahead of the official opening of the Summit, scheduled for 28 March 2026. These initiatives aim to reflect the diversity, richness, and common aspirations of the 79 Member States, while strengthening citizens' ownership of the OACPS's actions.

From 23 to 30 March 2026, the OACPS Village and a series of strategic forums will transform Malabo into a hub for political, economic, social, and cultural exchanges. Open to the general public, economic actors, civil society, women and youth, these events will help create an environment conducive to structural decisions that will shape the future of the OACPS space.

The OACPS Village

A festive and civic space celebrating the diversity of the 79 Member States

The symbolic heart of the 50th anniversary celebrations, the OACPS Village constitute a major innovation at the 11th Summit. Designed as an open, inclusive, and educational space, it will offer an immersion in the cultural, economic, and human wealth of the Member States, while bringing the Organisation closer to its citizens.

Installed on the forecourt of the Sipopo complex, the Village will offer a week-long programme combining national stands, regional pavilions, interactive exhibitions, artistic performances, and thematic workshops. Chronological exhibitions will trace the evolution of the OACPS since its inception in 1975, from the Lomé and Cotonou Agreements to the Samoa Agreement.

Beyond its cultural dimension, the Village will incorporate a strong economic and social component, with citizen forums, spaces dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial projects, and initiatives dedicated to youth, innovation, and sustainable technologies. Designed as a lasting legacy, it will contribute to democratising access to multilateral cooperation and strengthen the sense of belonging to a wider OACPS community.



Business Summit

Mobilising Economic Opportunities for Sustainable Development

Under the high patronage of His Excellency Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema, President of the Gabonese Republic, the 2026 edition of the OACPS Business Summit will be held on 29 March 2026 in Libreville.

Bringing together Heads of State and Government, public decision-makers, investors, entrepreneurs and international partners, this strategic event aims to position the private sector as a central lever for economic transformation, resilience, and inclusive growth within member states.

Discussions will focus on high-potential sectors: agri-food, renewable energy, critical minerals, the digital economy, infrastructure, and sustainable tourism, and will set the scene for concrete partnerships, targeted policy recommendations, and the mobilisation of measurable investments.



Women's Forum

Women's Leadership, Food Security and Climate Resilience

The OACPS Women's Forum will bring together political leaders, entrepreneurs, women farmers, young leaders, regional experts, and international partners for a dedicated day. It aims to position women as key players in food security, climate adaptation, and inclusive economic development.

Structured around thematic sessions devoted to agri-food systems, climate resilience, and gender-responsive governance frameworks, the Forum aims to inspire political commitments, strengthened partnerships and monitoring mechanisms aligned with the PACTE initiative (2025-2030).



Youth Forum

Youth Pact: Jobs, Resilience and Action

Organisé sous la haute présidence de Son Excellence Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangué, Vice-Président de la République de Guinée équatoriale, le Forum de la Jeunesse réunira entre 120 et 200 jeunes leaders, entrepreneurs, innovateurs et décideurs publics des 79 États membres.

Placée sous le thème « Pacte Jeunesse de l'OEACP : emplois, résilience, action », cette rencontre vise à transformer les défis structurels auxquels font face les jeunesses de l'espace OEACP en engagements opérationnels concrets, en cohérence avec le PACTE (2025-2030) et les priorités internationales en matière de développement durable.



Small Island Developing States (SIDIS) Forum

Climate justice, resilience, and financing

Under the high patronage of His Excellency James Marape, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, this high-level meeting aims to give the OACPS SIDIS a strong collective voice in the face of the climate emergency.

The Forum will focus on equitable access to climate finance, South-South and intra-OACPS cooperation, and recognition of climate justice, including loss and damage. It aims to translate the structural vulnerabilities of SIDIS into collective strategic priorities, accompanied by follow-up mechanisms.



Stabilising and Securing OACPS's Funding for the Next Fifty Years

Under the stewardship of His Majesty King Mswati III, the OACPS Resource Mobilisation Champion, this high-level Round Table aims to respond to the structural financial crisis facing the Organisation.

It will pursue clear objectives: restoring the financial viability of the Secretariat, clearing accumulated debt, strengthening the Endowment Trust Fund, and sustainably diversifying funding sources. This multi-stakeholder dialogue will mark a strategic shift towards greater financial autonomy, which is essential to the credibility and effectiveness of the OACPS.

The commitments made in Malabo on crucial issues (environmental sustainability, economic equity, and inclusive cooperation), will set the course for decades ahead and will establish the OACPS as an indispensable and united actor in the face of the challenges of the 21st century.

The 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government symbolises the maturity of an organisation that embraces the future with confidence.



V. Malabo Hosts the 11th Summit

The Challenges of the 11th Summit



In my capacity as Secretary-General of the **Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)**, I have the honour of addressing you as we approach the 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government, to be held on **27, 28 and 29 March 2026 in Malabo**, Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

This Summit carries major historical significance, as it coincides with the fiftieth anniversary of our Organisation, **founded in 1975** under the name **ACP** and renamed OACPS following the signing of the **Georgetown Agreement in 2020**. Beyond its commemorative dimension, the Malabo Summit is a pivotal moment for our alliance. It takes place in a profoundly reconfigured international context, marked by geopolitical, economic, climatic, and technological changes of unprecedented scale, which are accelerating and often unpredictable.

Under the theme **«A Transformed and Renewed OACPS in a Changing World»**, this high-level meeting will bring together the leaders of our **79 member states**. Together, we will bear the responsibility of redefining the foundations of our collective action through an ambitious roadmap, commensurate with the contemporary challenges and legitimate aspirations of our peoples.



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1. Fifty Years of Legacy: A Foundation for Renewal

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, the Malabo Summit reflects a dual imperative: to pay tribute to a collective legacy and to resolutely engage in a dynamic of renewal.

Since its creation in **1975**, the OACPS has embodied a unique alliance, now bringing together **79 Member States** and nearly **1.2 billion inhabitants across three continents**. Emerging from post-colonial history, the Organisation was built around shared ambitions:

promoting sustainable development, advocating for fairer trade, and strengthening international cooperation in the service of the peoples of the Global South. Since taking office in March 2025, I have been committed to consolidating this legacy and preserving its fundamental achievements.

In an international environment marked by persistent climate crises, worsening economic inequalities and renewed geopolitical tensions, the Malabo Summit is intended to be both a moment of recognition of the progress achieved and a foundational moment for strategic refoundation. The PACTE for institutional reforms, which I have been promoting since March 2025, aims precisely to strengthen the transparency, accountability, and effectiveness of the Organisation's governance.

As the official representative of 79 countries in the Global South, I see this jubilee as a catalyst for transformation and a lever for strategic repositioning, intended to assert the OACPS as a central player in inclusive multilateralism, based on mutual trust and collective action. Without such a transformation, the Organisation would face a real risk of marginalisation in an international order marked by asymmetrical power relations.

2. Diplomacy and Influence: Asserting the Voice of the Global South

Strengthening the diplomatic dimension of the OACPS is at the heart of the Malabo Summit. **The 79 member states, spread across Africa (48 countries), the Caribbean (16), and the Pacific (15),** form a community that is diverse in culture, history, and geographical realities, yet united by common strategic interests.

The Summit will focus on deepening political coordination with the African Union and strengthening strategic partnerships with regional and international organisations, with the aim of increasing the collective influence of the OACPS on key issues such as peace, security, and global governance.

The operationalisation of the Samoa Agreement, the successor to the Cotonou Agreement, will constitute a central focus of the discussions. Concluded with the European Union, this agreement goes beyond the purely commercial framework: it is a structuring instrument for a balanced partnership based on reciprocity, mutual respect, and the co-construction of development policies.

As Secretary-General, I advocate proactive and inclusive diplomacy, promoting South-South cooperation while reaffirming the importance of open multilateralism and dialogue with all international partners. In this regard, the Malabo Summit is of strategic importance: it will enable our supreme body to set clear guidelines, enhance the visibility of collective action, and consolidate trust between Member States through governance based on transparency and clarity of objectives.

3. Economy and Development: Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

On the economic front, the Malabo Summit will address the need to overhaul Member States' growth models to strengthen intra-regional trade, reduce structural vulnerabilities and respond to persistent inequalities, which have been exacerbated by successive global economic shocks.

Discussions will focus on the structural transformation of OAPCS economies, notably through digital transition, which is seen as a strategic lever for improving member states' positioning in regional and global value chains. This approach is part of a roadmap aimed at stimulating innovation, productivity, and economic integration.

The Summit will also highlight the need for more ambitious and diversified development financing, going beyond official development assistance, in order to mobilise sustainable private investment in key sectors such as infrastructure, green energy, education and skills development.

In this context, the Business Summit, under the presidency of His Excellency the President of the Gabonese Republic, Brice Oligui Nguema, will illustrate the OACPS's commitment to strengthening strategic dialogue and partnerships with the private sector.

The stakes are high:
Without strong and inclusive economic alliances, the 1.2 billion inhabitants of the OACPS would remain exposed to fluctuations in global markets. The Malabo Summit thus aims to mark the transition from a logic of assistance to a dynamic of inclusive growth, driven by investment, entrepreneurship, and the creation of sustainable opportunities, with a view to reducing poverty and promoting shared prosperity.



4. Climate and Sustainable Development: A Collective Response to an Existential Challenge

Climate change is now an existential challenge for many of our Member States, particularly **the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Pacific and Caribbean**, severely threatened by rising sea levels, and the Sahelian regions of Africa, which face desertification and climate insecurity.

In Malabo, Heads of State and Government will examine concrete adaptation and resilience strategies aligned with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and tailored to the specific realities of the most vulnerable territories. The Small Island States Forum, chaired by His Excellency James Marape, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, will highlight these particular vulnerabilities and the responses to them.

The Summit also aims to strengthen the OACPS's collective advocacy for climate justice by calling for increased mobilisation of international financial resources dedicated to adaptation, resilience, and ecological transition. The Organisation's Member States are disproportionately affected by global warming, despite not being its principal contributors, giving their collective action strong moral and political legitimacy on the international stage.

5. A Decisive Summit for the Future of the OACPS

The 11th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the OACPS cannot be viewed as a mere formality. It represents a decisive moment for the affirmation of a united, credible, and influential organisation capable of exerting lasting influence within the architecture of contemporary multilateralism.

The decisions taken in Malabo will shape the contours of a renewed OACPS, based on trust, solidarity, and collective action, and resolutely focused on the future. As it celebrates fifty years of existence, this Summit aims to propel the Organisation into a new phase of its history, working towards a more equitable world in which the peoples of its Member States can prosper sustainably.

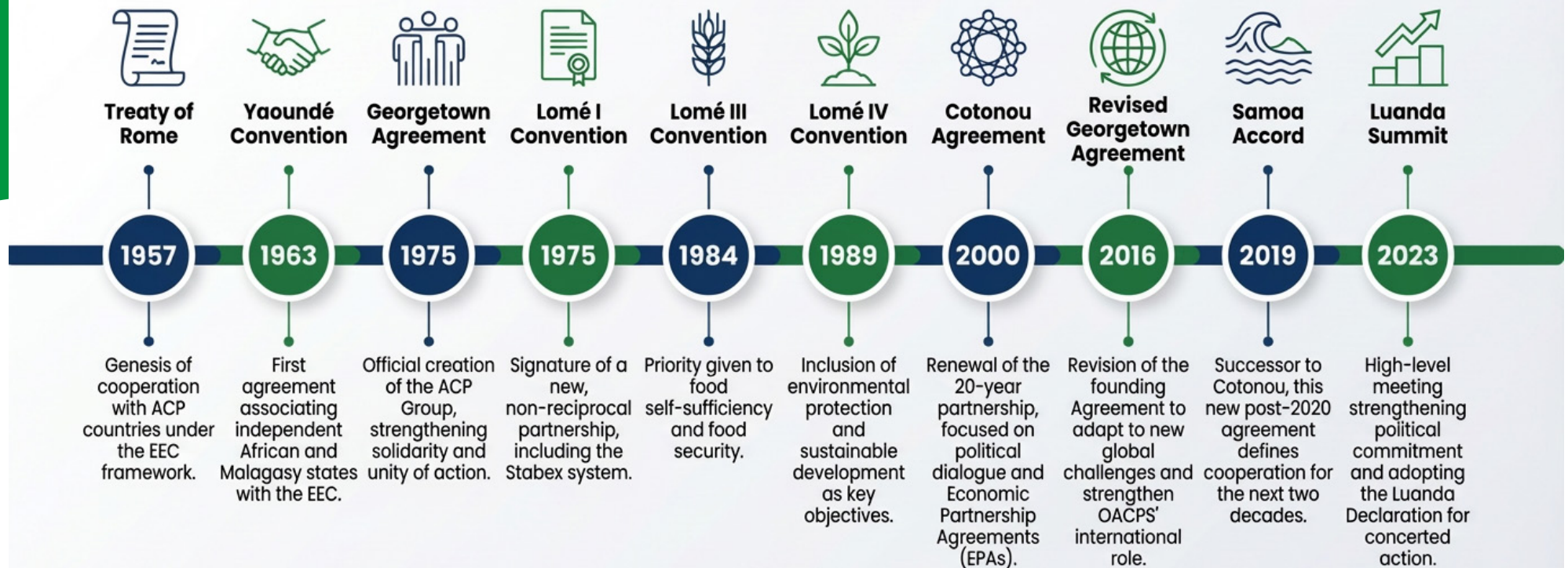
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VI. The OACPS in 10 Dates

The OACPS in 10 dates – From Georgetown to Malabo



From Georgetown to Malabo, via Rome, Yaoundé and Lomé, Port Louis, and Apia,

1 25 March 1957 - **Treaty of Rome**
Association clause laying the foundations for future relations with African countries (and later Caribbean/Pacific countries).

2 20 July 1963 - **First Yaoundé Convention**
First Association Agreement between the European Economic Community (EEC) and 18 African and Malagasy States (AASM)

3 6 June 1975 - **Signing of the Georgetown Agreement**
Official creation of the ACP Group.
Founding text:

- Creates a joint organisation comprising 46 ACP countries
- Defines the principles of solidarity, unity and coordination
- Establishes the institutional foundations (Council of Ministers, Committee of Ambassadors, Secretariat)

It symbolises the emergence of a collective voice for Southern countries in their dealings with Europe.

5 4 November 1995 - **Revision of Lomé IV (Mauritius Protocol)**
The Mauritius Protocol is the mid-term revision agreement of the Lomé Convention, signed in Port Louis (Mauritius).

It modernised relations between ACP countries and the EU by introducing several major changes:

- Strengthening the political dimension (respect for human rights, democracy, rule of law)
- Introduction of a suspension clause in the event of serious violations of these principles
- Improvement of fund management (2nd Financial Protocol 1995-2000)
- Establishment of more flexible instruments for trade and cooperation

4 28 February 1975 - **Signing of the first Lomé Convention (Lomé I)**
First major ACP-EEC (European Economic Community, predecessor of the European Union) partnership

This is the first major post-colonial partnership between Europe and developing countries.

- Preferential access and duty-free trade for most ACP exports to the EEC
- Stabex system: stabilisation of export earnings for agricultural products
- Significant financial aid via the European Development Fund (EDF)
- Principle of equal partnership (non-interference, respect for sovereignty)

Signed for five years, Lomé I marked the beginning of a series of agreements that have shaped EU-ACP relations for decades.

6 April 2020 - **Official transformation of the ACP Group into the OACPS (Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States).**

This change marks a major strategic development.

The entity gains:

- legal status as a formal international organisation
- increased autonomy from the European Union

This transition from a simple 'negotiating group' to a ****genuine organisation**** strengthens the entity's visibility, capacity for autonomous action and role in multilateralism.

7 15 November 2023 - **Official signing of the Samoa Agreement in Apia (Samoa).**

This is the new post-Cotonou partnership between the European Union and the 79 OACPS states

It strengthens:

- political cooperation and governance
- sustainable trade and regional integration
- the fight against climate change
- human rights and gender equality

8 4 March 2025 - **Election of Moussa Saleh Batraki as Secretary-General**

Mr Batraki, former Chadian Minister of Economic Planning and International Economic Cooperation (2022-2024), is the first Chadian to head the organisation. His election was endorsed on 4 March 2025 by the current OACPS President-in-office, João Lourenço, following a meeting of the Council of Ministers in Brussels.

The 40-year-old has focused his mandate on South-South cooperation, strengthening partnerships and preparing for future summits.

9 6 June 2025 - **50th anniversary of the Group's creation (Georgetown 1975)**

10 27-29 March 2026 - **The #TurningPoint summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.**

A turning point for an organisation that wants to move from a logic of official development assistance and international cooperation to a dynamic of sustainable private investment and inclusive, sustainable growth driven by the markets.



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