



CALL FOR PAPERS
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on
The Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) in the Indian Ocean
Faculty of Law and Economics, University of Reunion Island
27-28 September 2018



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The Faculty of Law and Economics at the University of Reunion Island will host an International Conference on the new EU's trade policy with ACP countries. Organized by the Center for Economics and Management of the Indian Ocean (CEMOI) with the support of the Observatory of Indian Ocean Societies (OSOI) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the overall theme is : « **The Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) in the Indian Ocean** ». The theme is significant and timely from both the research and policy perspectives.

Keynote speaker

The Conference organisers are delighted to welcome **Emeritus Prof. Jaime De Melo**
(University of Geneva & FERDI)



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Conference objectives

Former colonial power and first commercial power in the world, the European Union (EU) has a privileged place in the Indian Ocean even if it is down sharply over the recent period. For instance, the EU accounted for almost 40% of total exports of these economies in 1995 against less than 25% in 2016. Within the EU foreign economic policy, the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) are the cornerstone of the new trade strategy between ACP countries and the EU. Since 2007, they have replaced the Lomé and Cotonou agreements which were unilateral and non-reciprocal since the independence of former colonies. In compliance with the World Trade Organization (WTO) principles, these free trade agreements must allow to sustainably develop the economy and improve the standard of living of concerned countries. For all that, even if the EPAs grant new opportunities in terms of economic integration and cooperation it should be noted that there are some concerns in a specific context (Brexit, expansion of emerging countries, geopolitical instability ...). The objective of this international conference is twofold : (i) analyze the EPAs in the Indian Ocean by paying particular attention to regional specificities ; (ii) take into account of the experience of the other ACP countries with these new trade agreements.

Submission of papers

The conference is open to both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions involved in these research areas. Interested authors should submit (**in french or in english**) either a draft or a detailed abstract of their paper **in economics or law or political science (in .pdf format)** : <http://ape2018.sciencesconf.org>. The abstract should include the objectives, the methodology as well as the expected results. The deadline for submissions is **May 31st, 2018**. The scientific committee will select papers for the conference. A confirmation of accepted papers will be sent to the authors by **June 30, 2018**. The final version of the papers should be submitted by **September 1st, 2018**.

Location and travelling

The conference will take place at the following address :

Université de La Réunion

Faculté de Droit et d'Économie

15 Avenue René Cassin, Sainte-Clotilde 97715, La Réunion

<http://www.univ-reunion.fr/index.php?id=2941>

Accommodation

There is no registration fee. Unfortunately we are unable to offer financial assistance to participants. Upon acceptance, you will be asked to book your travel and accommodation independently.



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Important dates

- Submission date : **February 1st to May 31st, 2018**
- Authors' notification : **June 30, 2018**
- Registration : **July 1st, 2018**
- Conference dates : **September 27-28, 2018**

Scientific Committee

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Local Organizing Committee

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