**Celebration of International Women’s Day**

**ACP Women of Literature**

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| **Date** | 8 March 2013 |
| **Venue** | ACP House, 451, Avenue Georges Henri, 1200 Brussels |
| **15: 30** | Arrival of participants |
| **16: 00** | ***Words of welcome by*****H.E**. **Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas**, Secretary-General, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States |
| **16: 10** | ***Introductory remarks*** **by H.E.** **Mr. Samuel Outlule**, Ambassador of Botswana, Chairman of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors |
| **16: 20** | ***“Femmes ACP dans le “canon”: Etat des lieux” by Ms. Kathleen Gyssels****,* Professor of Literature at the University of Antwerp |
| **16:40** | Light discussion between **H.E. Ms. Mary Margaret Muchada**, Ambassador of Zimbabwe, Chair of the Subcommittee on Political, Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs, and **Ms. Alecia** **Mc Kenzie** (Jamaican writer and Caribbean recipient of the 2012 Commonwealth Book Prize) |
| **17:00** | **INA – Season 2** : Projection of one episode of the soap opera directed by **Ms. Valérie Kaboré** of Burkina Faso, with financial support from the ACPFilms Programme under the 9th EDF |
| **17: 30** | **Musical interlude:** Milly Quezada from the Dominican Republic |
| **17: 45** | **Presentation of long-service awards to four female staff members of the ACP Secretariat** |
| **18: 00** | Address by **Ms.** **Scholastique Mukasonga**, **winner of the 2012 Renaudot Prize for the book, *“Notre Dame du Nil”.*** |
| **18:20** | Launching of the exhibitions: “***ACP Women of Literature” and “Women of Africa”*** |
| **19: 00** | **Cocktail Dinner** |