

PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRS (COFACC)

Brussels, 18 and 19 October 2010

(Belgian House of Representatives)

Monday 18 October 2010

- 09 : 00 Coaches depart from the hotels for the Palace of the Nation
(rue de la Loi – place de la Nation 2)
- 09 : 15 Registration of participants
- 10 : 00 Opening address by the Chairs of the Foreign Affairs committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, François-Xavier de Donnea and Karl Vanlouwe
(plenary assembly room of the House of Representatives)
- 10 : 30 **The Belgian Presidency of the EU and the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty**
- *Speaker : Xavier Demoulin, director general European Affairs (Foreign Affairs Ministry)*
 - *Discussion*
- 12 : 15 Group photograph
- 12 : 30 Lunch at the residence of the Speaker of the Senate
- 14 : 00 **Membership prospects**
- *Speaker : Steven Vanackere, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Institutional Reforms*
 - *Discussion*

- 15 : 45 Coffee break
- 16 : 00 **The European External Action Service**
- The foreign affairs and security policy of the European Union: current issues**
- *Speaker : Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*
 - *Discussion*
- 18 : 15 Coaches return to the hotels
- 19 : 15 Coaches depart from the hotels for the Centre for Fine Arts
- 19 : 30 Visit of the exhibition "Building for Brussels – Architecture and urban transformation in Europe"
- 20 : 00 Dinner
- 22 : 30 Coaches return to the hotels

Tuesday 19 October 2010

- 09 : 15 Coaches depart from the hotels for the Palace of the Nation
- 09 : 30 **The Summit on the Millennium Development Goals (20-22 Sept.)**
- *Speaker : Charles Michel, Minister for Development Cooperation*
 - *Discussion*
- 11 : 00 Coffee break

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An initiative of the Belgian Parliament : the Belgian Fund for Food Security

- *Speaker : Patrick Moriau, MP, Chair of the "BFFS" working group*
- *Speaker : Theofiel Baert (Belgian Development Cooperation)*
- *Speaker : Amidou Ganamé, director "Réseau des Greniers alimentaires" (Burkina Faso)*
- *Discussion*

12 : 45

Lunch at the residence of the Speaker of the Senate

14 : 30

Conference ends