

***The normalisation of the relations between the European Union and
Cuba and the chances in the field of development cooperation***

***Conference organised by the Group for the Friendship and Solidarity with the
People of Cuba and Grupo Sur***

26th May 2008

Room Paul Henri Spaak 7C50

Interpretation in Spanish, French, English, German, Portuguese and Greek

09h30am-10h00am Opening session:

- **Josep Borrell**, MEP-PSE, President of the Committee on Development of the European Parliament
- **Xavier Declercq**, Coordinator Grupo Sur-Cuba
- **Francis Wurtz**, MEP-GUE, President of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left of the European Parliament

**10h00am-11h00am The Cuban experience in South-South cooperation and its actions for the
achievement of the Millennium Development Goals:**

- Chair: **Willy Meyer**, MEP-GUE, Vice-chairman of the Delegation of the European Parliament to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-president of the Group for the Friendship and Solidarity with the People of Cuba in the European Parliament
- **Dr. Yoanna Muros**, Vice-chancellor of the Latin American Medical School (ELAM)
- **Ibrahim Omar Touré**, Minister of Health of Mali
- **Dr. Luther Castillo**, Honduras, graduated in the Latin American Medical School (ELAM)

11h00am-11h30am Exchange of views with the participants

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11h30am-12h30pm

Potentials of the cooperation between the EU and Cuba:

- Chair: **Marie-Anne Isler Beguin**, MEP-Green/ALE, Vice-president of the Group for the Friendship and Solidarity with the People of Cuba in the European Parliament
- **Javier Niño**, Chargé d'Affaires, EC Delegation in Cuba
- **María del Carmen Barroso**, MP, Official in the Department of External Relations in the National Association of Small Farming enterprises (ANAP)
- **Donatella Oldrini**, Grupo SUR/GVC - Italy

12h30pm-01h00pm

Exchange of views with the participants

01h15pm-03h00pm

Lunch break

03h00pm-04h00pm

Current situation and perspectives of the EU-Cuba relations:

- Chair: **Miguel Ángel Martínez**, MEP-PSE, Vice-president of the European Parliament, President of the Group for the Friendship and Solidarity with the People of Cuba in the European Parliament,
- **Louis Michel**, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid
- **Elio Rodríguez Perdomo**, Ambassador of Cuba in Brussels

04h15pm-05h00pm

Debate

05h00pm -06h30pm

Final remarks - closing ceremony:

- **Manuel Antonio dos Santos**, MEP-PSE, Vice-president of the European Parliament
- **Stefano Manservigi**, **Director General, DG Development**
- **Rogelio Polanco Fuentes**, MP, Director of the newspaper "Juventud Rebelde" and Cuban representative in the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and in the Joint Parliamentary Assembly ACP-EU
- **José Moisés Martín**, Grupo SUR/ACSUR - Las Segovias - Spain