

Stop EPAs

Help stop unfair trade agreements which threaten the futures of 750 million people worldwide - support the Stop EPAs campaign.

Europe is negotiating Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with 76 countries across Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific.

These trade deals could have devastating effects on some of the world's poorest countries.

See the latest - who has signed?

The map below shows which countries are involved in EPAs and how negotiations are progressing. Click on the circles on the map to see more detail.

	Signed a Full EPA
	Signed an Interim EPA
	Initialed an Interim EPA
	No agreement initialled or signed

Map last updated: 15th December 2009

What is the difference between "initialling" and "signing" an EPA?

"Initialling" an EPA signals a political commitment to the agreement. Only when agreements are "signed" do they move towards being legally binding (but still have to be ratified).

What is the difference between "Interim" and "Full" EPAs?

"Interim EPAs" cover the liberalisation of goods (agricultural or manufactured products). "Full EPAs" include goods, services, and investment (anything from banking, water services and construction).

Europe has always ACP countries to open up their markets not only to European goods but also to its service providers and investors. Europe insists that no EPA can be a "Full EPA", unless it contains commitments to further liberalise in these areas - but many ACP countries disagree with this approach, because of the genuine risks to their economies.

More information

- [Read the latest update from Africa Trade Network.](#)
- [Read our new Q&A for full information on EPAs.](#)

Latest news

- [Traidcraft responds to BIS over EPAs](#) After Traidcraft supporters took action in December, Edward Davey, a minister in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), has responded to what he describes as 'a large number of emails to the Government 'to consider a new approach to trade deals with Africa''. 9 February 2011
- [Traidcraft responds to DFID over EPAs](#) Following a letter from the UK Government on trade deals with Africa (Economic Partnership Agreements), Traidcraft has issued the following response. 25 January 2011
- [DFID replies to Traidcraft's call for fairer trade deals](#) Traidcraft marks the New Year with a response from the Department for International Development to supporters' calls for fairer trade deals for Africa. 10 January 2011

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