



12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011 | EESC OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: from the poles to the tropics



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“ From the poles to the tropics, the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) spread all over the world and present unique opportunities and challenges for the European Union.

Des pôles aux tropiques, les Pays et Territoires d'Outre-Mer (PTOM) sont présents tout autour du monde et représentent des opportunités et des défis uniques pour l'Union européenne. ”

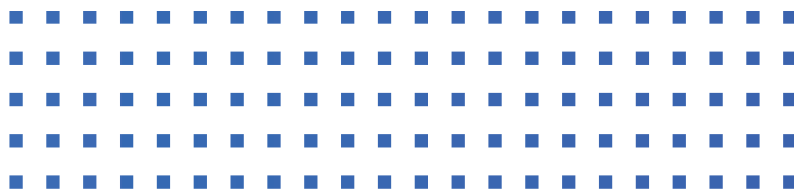
From the poles to the tropics  
**OCTA Info Day**  
Des pôles aux tropiques

This event is held under the patronage of MEPs Maurice Ponga (FR), Anne E. Jensen (DK), Lambert van Nistelrooij (NE) and Ashley Fox (UK)

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**OCTA is pleased to invite you to its Info Day on 12 April 2011 at the EESC**

**L'OCTA a le plaisir de vous inviter à son Info Day qui se tiendra le 12 Avril 2011 au CESE**



**13h30** – Registration.  
*Enregistrement.*

**14h00** – Introductory remarks by EESC and MEPs M. Ponga and L. van Nistelrooij.  
*Remarques introductives par le CESE et les Députés européens M. Ponga et L. van Nistelrooij.*

## ● **Panel I – Economic Challenges – Défis économiques**

Moderator - Olivier Gaston (OCTA – St Pierre et Miquelon)

Trade / Commerce: European Commission / Commission européenne, Jacques Wunenburger – Head of Unit for Economic Partnerships, DG TRADE.

Innovation: Neil Davies, Executive Director, University of Berkeley, French Polynesia

Tourism and natural assets / *Tourisme et atouts naturels*: Professor Stephen Royle, Professor of Island Geography, Queen's University Belfast.

### **Q&A / Questions-Réponses**

**15h30** - Coffee break  
*Pause café*

## ● **Panel II – Environmental Excellence – Excellence environnementale**

Moderator - Michael Starbaek Christensen, Deputy Head of Cabinet – Commissioner Hedegaard (Climate Action)

Biodiversity/*Biodiversité*: Anne-Claire Goaront, Chef du domaine terrestre, Direction de l'Environnement de la Province Sud de la Nouvelle-Calédonie

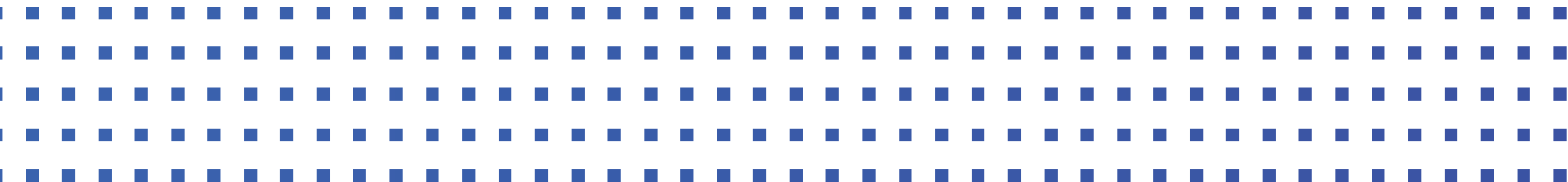
Energy/*Energies*: Jens B. Frederiksen, Vice-Premier and Minister for Housing, Transport and Infrastructure, Greenland and Mike E. de Meza, Vice-Premier, Minister of Finance, Utilities, Communications and Energy Affairs, Government of Aruba

Disaster management/ *Gestion des catastrophes*: Velda Octave-Jospeh, Community Disaster Planning Specialist, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency

### **Q&A / Questions-Réponses**

**17h30** – Closing remarks by OCTA Chairman / *Remarques conclusives de l'OCTA* (Reuben T Meade, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance , Economic Development & Trade, Montserrat) and MEPs / *et députés européens* A. Jensen and A. Fox.

**17h30 - 19h30** cocktail



**OCTA Info Day | 12 April 2011 | Registration starts 13h30**

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For security reasons, only registered participants will be allowed.

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