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Basis for SA Participation

- Expiry of WTO waiver
- Single point of trade relations with EU
- ACP & EU request for SA participation
- Need to align TDCA with EPA
- Retain cohesiveness of SADC & SACU integration
- SADC EPA Strategic Framework document



Current State of Play (1)

- 23 Nov 2008 BSLM initialed IEPA
- Namibia initialed later under protest
- Angola did not initial
- SA did not initial – negotiating mandate exceeded
- SA highlighted problems with process
 - late introduction of “deal breaker” issues
 - no time for proper consultation
- SA recognised importance of continued trade flows



Current State of Play (2)

- Angola, SA and Namibia position
- Willingness to address concerns parallel to “full EPA” negotiations
- Signature and ratification of IEPA by 1 July 2008
- Threat of WTO challenge if no ratification?
- BSLM agreed to negotiate services & investment
- Possibility of future negotiations on Competition & GP
- Angola, SA and Namibia opted out of Art. 67



ANSA Concerns

- Regional integration in question
- Coherency of SACU
- Development policy space
(i.e. infant industry protection, export taxes)
- LDC & post-conflict status of Angola
- MFN Clause
- Restrictive RoO
- Free circulation of Goods
- Legal & Institutional arrangements



New Window of Opportunity?

- SA bilateral with EC – 6 May 2008
- EU Council of Ministers pronouncement
- Of 79 ACP only 35 initialed
- Worldwide scrutiny and criticism of EPAs
- Realisation of importance of full participation of SA
- ACP Ministerial – December 2007
- EU – Africa Summit
- AU Summit
- Willingness to address ANSA concerns



Questions for SACU & SADC

- No legal basis for SA to ratify & implement IEPA
- Without SA, can SACU implement?
- Political implications for SACU
- Creation of new regional institutions
- Multiplicity of trade regimes in SADC vis-à-vis EU
- MFN disables Enabling Clause



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Concluding Remarks

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