

Concept Note

The Intra-ACP Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) programme

2nd REGIONAL TECHNICAL MEETING

Venue: ACP House

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Intra-ACP Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) programme is an initiative of the Africa Caribbean Pacific (ACP) Group of States with the main objective to help ACP Member States to better tackle climate change as a challenge to their development, and in particular to improve understanding of the effects of climate change and to contribute to adequate adaptation and mitigation responses.

The Intra-ACP GCCA programme, with an overall budget of €40M, has two main components including;

1. A technical support component, which includes a Climate support Facility (CSF) (€4M) and institutional support to the ACP Secretariat (€0.7M)
2. A regional support component, which supports five sub-components including: ClimDev Africa (€8M), COMESA (€4M), ECOWAS/CILSS (€4M), CCCCC (€8M) and PIFACC (€8M).

1. The First Regional Technical Meeting (RTM 1)

A first Regional Technical Meeting (RTM) was held in Belize on 16 and 17 July 2013. The objectives of the meeting were to bring together the Intra-ACP Regional Components to:

- raise their interest in the Intra-ACP programme
- improve communication and coordination
- identify synergies between the regional components
- identify synergies with the Intra-ACP GCCA programme
- establish thematic networking groups.

The RTM focused on **four themes** of common interest to the regional components namely: Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation; Impact and Vulnerability; Mainstreaming climate change into national development planning; and Low Carbon development.

The main outcomes were, inter alia, the establishment of four Thematic Networking Groups (TNGs) as a mechanism by which the regional components can share and exchange knowledge and information on activities, events meetings, lessons learned and initiate debates and discussions on the four themes. A new group was created in the Capacity4Dev platform and communicated to the regional representatives in December 2013. Other mechanisms to enhance exchange of information include, inter alia, experts' database and visit.

To date, the benefits of hosting the first RTM are evidenced in the exchange of knowledge between the regions, such as that on training in climate change courses between CILSS, SPREP, and UPS and the development of an interregional activity between the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), 5C and SPREP.

Additional information about the outcomes can be found in the annexes to this concept note.

2. The Second Regional Technical Meeting (RTM 2)

RTM 1 was a success. Participants benefited by hearing about and sharing the latest science and knowledge about on-going work and expertise from within the Intra-ACP GCCA Programme and beyond.

RTM 2 will build on the momentum generated by RTM 1. It will seek to explore ways to improve the exchange of information, synergies and improve cooperation and coordination among the regions, and between the regions and the ACP Secretariat. This will be done by two means, first, by using the Cap4Dev Platform and the newly-formed TNGs. Second, through identified opportunities with other climate change related programmes and activities being undertaken by the ACP Secretariat, with a potential for networking, sharing experiences and/or possibilities for funding.

2.1 The objectives of the RTM 2 are to bring together the Intra-ACP Regional Components to:

- Continue improving communication and information sharing including by strengthening the TNGs
- Continue improving coordination, and identify synergies among the regional components, with the ACP Secretariat and with other relevant programmes being implemented by the ACP-Secretariat, promoting actions within those areas of common interest
- Learn about additional topics of common interest (climate finance, energy, private sector and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR))

2.2 Expected outcomes:

- **Improve communication and coordination in the Intra-ACP regions:** regional components actively participating and exchanging information with each other and on the Cap4Dev Platform; regular information sharing and discussions under the TNGs; more interregional activities and exchange of knowledge/expertise; all regional components timely sharing information on programme implementation with the ACP Secretariat on an agreed timeline
- **Identify synergies and actions with other climate change related programmes:** a number of areas of possible synergies within the regional components and with other climate change related programmes identified and action plans developed and implemented.
- **Raise interest in the Intra-ACP GCCA programme:** increased number of requests for technical assistance and training from ACP member states and regional components.

3. Content and organisation

The Regional Technical Meeting will consist of:

- Presentations about the Intra- ACP GCCA Programme/CSF.
- Presentations on updates from the regional components on the activities/projects/programmes undertaken with regard to the above-mentioned themes and on their participation on the TNGs.
- Presentations on available climate change finance opportunities and from other climate change related programmes in the ACP Secretariat, including Disaster Risk reduction (DRR), energy and Private sector.

3.1 Sessions

The event will be organised over three days using plenary and working group sessions.

On Day 1, Presentations about the Intra- ACP GCCA Programme/CSF, thereafter, experts will present technical briefing papers in order to introduce the four themes. Representatives from the regional components will provide updates of activities within the four themes. These will highlight successes, challenges, opportunities.

Regional components will provide an overview of their participation in the TNGs and share ideas on how to further improve the TNGs

On Day 2, there will be presentations on opportunities for climate change finance and on climate change related programmes, including DRR, energy, private sector, being implemented by the ACP Secretariat.

Working groups will be established to discuss in more detail ways and means to achieve the the three above-mentioned objectives mentioned.

On Day 3, the Working Groups will present their findings to plenary in order to agree on recommendations which shall be used to craft the conclusions of the meeting.

3.2 Target audience

Representatives of the regional components, ACP Embassies and Missions in Brussels, Climate Change related programmes being implemented by the ACP Secretariat, the European Union, and European Union Delegations in the five regions, ACP partner organisations in Brussels, representatives from civil society and the private sector.

4 AGENDA

(Please see separate document)

5 ANNEXES

(Please see separate document)