

The European Commission approves 13 programmes supporting Intra-ACP cooperation

The European Commission has today formally approved the Annual Action Programme 2010 for Intra-ACP cooperation which comprises of 13 programmes, for which the EU is making available a total amount of €445.3 million from the 10th European Development Fund.

The Annual Action Programme 2010 is part of a cooperation agreement between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP) Group which amounts to a total of €2.7 billion. This agreement, signed in March 2009, identifies three clusters of action for Intra-ACP cooperation for 2008-2013:

- 1/ measures helping ACP states to protect themselves against international threats by participating in "global initiatives" in the area of health,
- 2/ "All-ACP initiatives", aiming at helping ACP states to protect themselves against exogenous shocks in the area of climate change and environmental pressure and aiming at integrating the ACP states among themselves and in the world economy,
- 3/ "Pan-African Initiatives" by means of peace-building activities, institutional capacity-building for the African Union and assistance to develop strategies to address specific common challenges.

In addition to these three clusters of action, the Intra-ACP cooperation Strategy Paper foresees institutional and support expenditure to cover the funding of the joint institutions (Centre for the Development of Enterprises, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU and Joint Parliamentary Assembly), partial funding of the ACP Secretariat and the funding of intra-ACP Technical Cooperation Facility.

The Annual Action Programme 2010 will fund thirteen actions for a total of € 445.3 million in the fields of health, climate change (environment and disaster risk reduction), education and culture, trade and private sector development, agriculture and rural development and sanitary services.

The envelope will include contributions to the following projects:

- Contribution to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria - € 150 000 000
- Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) - €20 000 000
- ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Programme - € 60 000 000
- EDULINK II - ACP-EU Cooperation Programme in Higher Education - €20 000 000
- Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Schemes - €40 000 000
- EU-ACP support programme for the cultural sector - €30 000 000
- Increasing access to new and under-used vaccines in least developed ACP countries - €20 000 000
- TerrAfrica - €10 000 000
- Reinforcing Veterinary governance in Africa - €30 000 000

- Support to the Centre for the Development of Enterprises (CDE) - €18 000 000
- Work Programme 2011 for the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) - €16 000 000
- Institutional Support to the ACP Secretariat 2011-2014 - €30 000 000
- African Economic Outlook VI - €1 300 000

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