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New EU support for cooperation with ACP countries

Brussels, 13/10/2013 – Today, the EU has approved new support for cooperation between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. The support will help to strengthen ACP States' regional integration and inclusion in the global economy, to address environmental challenges such as climate change as well as agriculture and rural development. It will also contribute to better governance and educational reforms.

More specifically, the total allocation of € 201.8 million coming from the 10th European Development Fund will support to the following nine programmes:

1. ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Management in the CARIFORUM - € 20 million

The Forum of the Caribbean Group of African, Caribbean and Pacific comprises small states with developing economies prone to natural hazards. The project will mainly contribute to strengthen regional, national and community level capacities for mitigation, preparedness, management and coordinated response to natural hazards and the effects of climate change

2. Building Disaster Resilience to Natural Hazards in Sub-Saharan African Regions, Countries and Communities - € 60 million

Natural hazards disproportionately affect lower-income countries and those who benefit least from wealth creation owing to economic globalisation. The programme will provide analytical basis and accelerate the effective implementation of an African comprehensive disaster risk reduction and risk management framework.

3. Action Against Desertification for sustainable livelihoods and productive and resilient landscapes in 8 ACP countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Fiji, The Gambia, Haiti, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal - € 20 million

Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD) in ACP countries have far reaching adverse impacts on human health, food security, economic activity, physical infrastructure, natural resources and the environment, and national and global security. The programme intends to improve the condition and productivity of the agro-sylvo-pastoral landscapes in ACP countries.

4. Initiative francophone pour la formation à distance des maîtres (IFADEM) – € 6 million

Besides the progresses made from a quantitative point of view in access to education, from a qualitative perspective there is still a need for substantial

progress. This project will contribute to the definition, organization and development of a national policy of continuous training and will strengthen pedagogical and didactic competencies of teachers, notably through diversification of resources and practices.

5. Supporting ACP-EU Cooperation on migration and development - € 10 million

Cooperation on all migration related topics with the EU's partner regions and countries is essential for a sound and constructive management of migration. The project will mainly support public institutions and policy processes linked to migration in ACP countries and ensure concrete actions at grass roots level that directly involve migrants, migrant communities, and/or non-state actors through support to small scale targeted initiatives.

6. TradeCom II - ACP Trade Capacity Building Programme - € 39.8 million

Several ACP countries are particularly vulnerable to external economic shocks due to their dependence on a very narrow export base. The programme will enhance the capacity of ACP countries to formulate and implement suitable trade policies, assist ACP countries to participate effectively in international trade negotiations and to implement international trade agreements to their benefit and strengthen ACP private sector competitiveness by supporting trade facilitation and trade promotion.

7. Programme Produits de base Fève Cacao, Noix de Coco, Racines/Tubercules au profit des Petits Producteurs dans les Pays ACP - € 18 million

It is essential to support the public and private sectors in their efforts to contribute to strengthening the role of agriculture in developing ACP countries where basic products play an important role both in the development of the agricultural sector as on support to small producers, since they depend for a large part of these products to ensure adequate food access. The project will improve competitiveness of small producers through greater regional integration of markets and increased production.

8. Capacity building of mineral institutions and of small-scale private sector operating in low-value minerals in ACP countries - € 12 million

A Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly Resolution on the social and environmental impact of mining in the ACP countries was adopted in May 2012 and stresses the need for strong, transparent and enforceable legislative and regulatory frameworks governing the mineral resources industry in ACP countries. The project will mainly contribute to reinforcement of capacities of ACP countries small-scale private sector, primarily in the domain of low value minerals and materials.

9. Work Programme 2014 for the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) - € 16 million

EU will continue the support to the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA). CTA's strategic plan for 2011-2015, through its focus on strengthening agricultural policies, value chain development, promoting the use of ICTs to support smallholder agriculture and capacity building places the Centre in a prime position to support ACP countries in transforming their agricultural sector.

Background

The Annual Action Programme 2013 (Part 2) is part of a cooperation agreement between the EU and the ACP countries which amounts to a total of €2.9 billion. The overall objective of the Intra-ACP programme is to provide effective assistance to achieve the ACP States' objectives and priorities in the context of regional cooperation and to help enhance their socio-economic development.

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