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PACIFIC REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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➤ Basic Facts about 3ACP

- Duration : Sept 2007 to Dec 2011
- Overall Budget: € 45 M, of which € 15 M earmarked in support of EU-Africa Partnership on Cotton
- A pilot programme covering 6 ACP regions: Pacific, Caribbean, Central Africa, West Africa, Eastern & Southern Africa (ESA)
- Funds channelled in two tranches through 5 partner int'l organisations = implementing agencies


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➤ Programme objectives

- To reduce poverty in ACP countries by increasing the revenue of traditional and non-traditional commodity producers, and by raising the resilience of countries and producers to the volatility of commodity prices.
- The programme focuses on building the capacity of Regional and National Commodity Chain Stakeholders to cope with these and other challenges affecting commodities **by facilitating the development and implementation of effective commodity chain strategies and action plans**


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➤ Major Problems addressed

Problem Areas	Proposed Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependency • Absence of strategies • Smallholders are poorly organised • Poor market functioning and Imperfect information • Limited access to market-based risk management tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote value-addition and diversification • Encourage development of participatory strategies (or adherence to existing ones) • Support capacity-building of producer organisations • Enhance market functioning & improve information flows • Facilitate interest in and access to RM tools

➤ **Expected Results**

1. Commodity chain stakeholders have the capacity to develop, adapt & implement sustainable strategies
2. Strategic priorities are effectively implemented
3. Market-based Risk Management instruments are introduced and their use increased
4. Complementarities and synergies of partner IOs and other programme partners are harnessed to the benefit of ACP stakeholders

➤ **IOs Collaboration**

Programme Thrust	Leading Int'l Org	Other IOs involved
R1: Development of commodity strategies	ITC	FAO, UNCTAD, WB
R2: Improved access to, and use of markets, production factors & services	FAO (CB of FOs) UNCTAD (Finance, MIS) CFC	
R2: Value chain diversification	WB - SDN	FAO, ITC
R3: Improved access to market based risk mgt tools	WB - ARMT	FAO, UNCTAD, CFC

➤ **Main Features of 3ACP Approach**

- ❑ **Respond to needs identified with stakeholders, typically through participatory VCA and sectoral strategy formulation**
by providing a coherent set of complementary interventions aligned on the priorities of the country/region, and drawing on the competences of the implementing agencies
- ❑ **ACP regions involved in programme monitoring (PSC, FP)**
- ❑ **Activity selection criteria include:**
 - Relevance of the proposed activity for poverty alleviation
 - Alignment of proposed activity on regional/national priorities
 - Replicability of the activity in the region and other ACP regions
 - Emphasis on Institutional strengthening and capacity building
 - Link with other programme partners & Sustainability

➤ **Kick Off Workshop (27-29 February, Apia)**



➤ **Portfolio for Pacific Region**

- ❑ Amount approved by PSC = **€ 2.6 million** (8% of total allocation to ACP regions)
- ❑ Amount spent (June 2011) = € 1.8 million
- ❑ Number of Interventions = 20
- ❑ Sectors:
 - **Fruits & Vegetables** (€ 1.9 million)
 - **Tree crops** (€ 0.2 million)
 - Cross-sectoral support (€ 0.4 million)

➤ **R1 - Strategies developed in Pacific Region**

1. Samoa Fruits and Vegetables Sector Development Strategy 2009-2014
2. Sector strategy for coconut sector in Solomon Islands
3. Revised sector strategy and implementation plans for Agri-foods (the fruits and vegetables and roots and tubers) industry in Fiji
4. Operationalization of coffee strategy in PNG

➤ **R2 - Strategy Implementation**

In generic terms

- Product & market development
- Improved production & marketing
- Promotion of farmer-buyer linkages
- Diversification options

Examples

- Market studies on F&V in Samoa; coconuts in Solomon Islands
- Use of *Business Model approach* to consolidate linkages between farmers, processors and industrial buyers
- Crop diversification for fresh produce value chain in PNG

➤ **R2 - Strategy Implementation**

In generic terms

- Capacity Building in Strategy Development
- MIS
- VC Finance

Examples

- Support to national & regional organisations
- action plan for Mobile communications and information sharing systems and applications – Joint activity between UNCTAD and ITC in Fiji and Samoa
- Development of an enabling legal/regulatory framework



➤ R3 – Risk Management

- Risk management assessment for Fruit & Vegetable sector in Samoa
- Identification of requirements for supply chain finance and risk management instruments for F&V sector in Samoa



➤ R4 – Collaboration, synergies & complementarities

☐ Mechanisms for coordination

- ✓ **Coordination Unit**, as a “Process Facilitator” to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the AAACP
- ✓ SPC as **Regional Focal Point**, to create awareness at regional and national level, mainstream AAACP activities into SPC programmes and provide technical advice and guidance



☐ Mechanisms for coordination

- ✓ Strategic guidance provided by the Programme Steering Committee (ACP, EU, COS-Coton)
- ✓ Inter-Agency Mechanisms (IAM) meetings
- ✓ Kick-Off Workshops, MTR, Dissemination Workshops



☐ Complementary IO interventions:

- Strategy development & implementation processes (food crops in Jamaica) between ITC, FAO & UNCTAD
- Collaboration between UNCTAD, ITC, FAO and the World Bank for the Grenada finance workshop. (July 2011).
- Collaboration between UNCTAD and FAO on the MIS and SCP workshop in the Caribbean (February 2011)
- WB-ARMT is coordinating work done, lessons learned and experiences with FAO, Caribbean Development Bank, CCRIF, CARDI, and CAFAN.
- Cooperation between CFC and FAO through ICB (Root Crops in the Caribbean; (CFC/FIGG/44)/FAO IGG on Grains)



Leveraging other funding & partners:

- EDF funding sourced from NIPs & RIPs
- CFC own funding (example: Improved Production & Marketing: € 2.3 million, 1/3 AAACP - 2/3 CFC)
- Food Crops in Jamaica (USAID & IADB)



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