



The TradeCom Facility A Programme of the ACP Group

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Why the TradeCom Facility Programme?

- ACP countries and regions wish to develop their own economies and **alleviate poverty** in their territory.
 - International trade can be a major catalyst of **economic growth** and employment.
 - **Trade liberalization**, if it is to be conducive to development, **requires concurrent domestic policies**.
 - Each country has the responsibility to engineer coherent and efficient economic policies, **develop sound domestic regulation** and **conduct international trade negotiations** accordingly.
- Most **ACP countries and regions** lack the capacity for trade policy design and effective participation in international trade negotiations.
 - ACP countries are currently confronted with **the challenge to concurrently transform themselves**, integrate regionally, negotiate European Partnership Agreements, and participate in the development of multilateral trade rules at WTO level.
 - The **intellectual input** required to accompany this endeavour is essential. It must be optimal and **span through several generations**.

Three components:

1. Trade Policy Formulation
2. Trade Negotiations
3. Implementation of Trade Policies and International Trade Agreements



Budget

- Global budget: 50M€.
- Allocation to the Commonwealth Secretariat and to the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie: 17M€.
- Overheads: project team, equipment, office, etc. 5M€.
- Technical assistance: 29M€ for 5 years for beneficiaries from 77 ACP countries and 9 Regional Integration Organisations.

A demand driven programme

Who are the beneficiaries?

- The **regional or inter-regional organisations**.
- The **ministries**, and related agencies and authorities, **in charge of trade policy formulation** and international trade negotiations.
- The thematic or sectoral **ministries and public services** indirectly involved (agriculture, industry, finance and customs, justice, standard setting and certification bodies...)
- Representative structures in charge of the dialogue between government and private sector.
- **Private sector associations** duly representative of the business operators.
- **Civil society**, universities, research and training organisations and other non-state actors.

What projects are eligible?

- Projects must be in accordance with the purpose and objectives of the TradeCom Facility.
- Projects must contribute to poverty alleviation.
- Projects must fulfill one of the eligibility criteria.
- Projects must fulfill more than one of the quality criteria.

Eligibility criteria

- Contribute to the enhancement of the analytical and institutional capacity of the ACP for trade policy formulation.
- Contribute to the strengthening of the institutional capacity to implement trade policies and trade agreements.
- Contribute to the ongoing process of the ACP-EU and /or multilateral negotiations.

Quality of projects

- Address particular identified capacity constraints related to trade policy formulation and negotiations.
- Integrate short-term needs with longer capacity building objectives.
- Provide relevant and accessible trade-related outputs to the ACP.
- Have a clear focus on the trade-related thematic and sectoral areas of concern to the ACP.
- Make use of and help to transfer trade-related knowledge and skills to ACP expertise.
- Associate in trade policy formulation, to the extent possible, partners from various but related sectors (Government, academics, experts, private sector and other stakeholders).
- Encourage networking between different stakeholders and producers.



Type of activities

Only technical assistance

- Institutional capacity building.
- Training and educational programmes.
- Diagnostic studies, research and networking.
- Legal review of laws and regulations having an impact on trade.
- Workshops and seminars.

Request of assistance

- Download the application form in www.tradecom-acpeu.org or contact the PMU.
- Try to complete the form as fully as you can.
- The form is easy to fill up.
- Comply with objectives of the TradeCom Facility Programme.
- Consider quality and sustainability standards.
- The TradeCom PMU is available to help the applicant.
- If necessary the PMU can conduct a site mission to assist the applicant.
- A completed request form is necessary to prepare clear and realistic terms of reference.

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Requests of assistance: the follow up

- Finalized requests are submitted by email to the Validation Committee.
- Submissions are made once a month, including the PMU's assessment of the proposal and its recommendations.
- The PMU motivates each of its assessment in light of eligibility and quality criteria.
- After approval by the Validation Committee the PMU may initiate implementation and mobilize the requested expertise.
- Implementation must comply with EDF procurement rules.

**Our principles: Quality, Fairness, Partnership,
Commitment, Responsiveness and Transparency**



