



# THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC GROUP OF STATES (ACP)

Unity, solidarity, and understanding  
among peoples

# African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States



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Since its inception 40 years ago, the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States has made important contributions to global development, primarily through trade and economic cooperation.

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The Group provides a cohesive voice for some of the most vulnerable nations in the world, including most of the Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States.

# Our Objectives:



To reduce and eradicate poverty in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



To integrate ACP countries into the global economy



To promote and strengthen solidarity among Member States



To foster economic, trade, and cultural relations among ACP States



To promote regional and inter-regional cooperation

# ACP Cooperation

## **NORTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**

The ACP has a strong and long-standing relationship with the European Union. This relationship has been based on several cooperation agreements. The Cotonou Agreement, signed in 2000, is based on three pillars:

- Development cooperation
- Trade and economic cooperation
- Political dialogue



## **SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION (SSTC)**

The diversity of the ACP Group enables us also to promote both South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

We are committed to share knowledge, capacity, and best practices among our Member States and with others in the global South.



A photograph of two young girls of African descent looking intently at a laptop screen. The girl in the foreground is wearing a colorful beaded bracelet. The background is softly blurred, showing another laptop and a warm, indoor lighting.

79 MEMBER STATES

47 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

37 SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

15 LANDLOCKED LDCs

# 5 EXAMPLES OF SOUTH SOUTH COOPERATION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



# 1.

## ACP INFORMATION CENTRE IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA SUPPORTS SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION (SSTC)

With headquarters in Malabo, the Centre will identify opportunities for SSTC, match supply with demand, and help develop South-South and Triangular Cooperation strategies and projects. It will also help share knowledge, case studies, and best practices.

1 NO  
POVERTY



2 ZERO  
HUNGER



17 PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



# 2.

## BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY IN THE SAHEL

The Intra-ACP GCCA Programme worked with the Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) to build knowledge and capacity on climate change issues. Based in Burkina Faso, the CILSS is the region's centre of excellence on climate change issues.



# 3.

## PEMBA ISLAND'S REFORESTATION SUCCESS

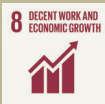
Pemba once suffered from massive deforestation. However, a successful reforestation project brought the island back on track. The Intra-ACP GCCA Programme funded a website, training videos, and documentary so that others could learn from this example.



# 4

## EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH

The ACP Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), OIF, Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC), and Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries, organised a Symposium on SSTC. The symposium was themed, "Integrated Rural Development: Strengthening Women and Youth Empowerment through Jobs and Entrepreneurship."







# 5.

## TRAINING ON MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CARIBBEAN

BIOPAMA, a joint ACP- EU initiative, supported a training of trainers course on the management of marine protected areas in the Caribbean region. The course was organised by the Caribbean Marine Protected Area Network and Forum (CaMPAM). The course, which took place in Barbados, trained twenty participants from thirteen Caribbean countries.