

Second Regional Technical Meeting



Addressing climate change in ACP countries: Strengthening regional exchange and synergies

5, 6 & 7th May 2014, Brussels

The Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) Intra-ACP Programme held the first Regional Technical Meeting (RTM 1) in Belize in 2013. The RTM 1 focused on four themes of common interest to the regional components namely: Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and adaptation, impact and vulnerability; mainstreaming climate change into national development planning; and low carbon development. A main outcome was the establishment of four Thematic Networking Groups (TNGs). The Second Regional Technical Meeting (RTM 2) will build on the momentum generated by the RTM 1.

The Second Regional Technical Meeting

The objectives of the RTM 2 are to bring together the GCCA Intra-ACP Regional Components to:

- Continue improving communication and information sharing, including by strengthening the TNGs.
- Continue improving coordination, identification of synergies (among the regional components, with the ACP Secretariat and with other relevant ACP programmes) and promotion of shared actions.
- Learn about additional topics of common interest: climate finance, energy, private sector and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Participants will be high-profile representatives of the regional components' organizations, ACP Embassies and Missions in Brussels, Climate Change related programmes being implemented by the ACP Secretariat, the European Union, and European Union Delegations in the five regions, ACP partner organizations in Brussels, representatives from civil society and the private sector.

The meeting will be held in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation.

The Second Regional Technical Meeting will explore the following themes of:

1

Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and adaptation:
preparing for climate-related natural disasters and reduce vulnerability to climate impacts

2

Impact and vulnerability:
assessments to inform policy and decision-making

3

Low Carbon Development:
promoting green growth with reduced emissions and access to carbon markets

4

Mainstreaming climate change into national development planning:
from policy-making and budgeting, to implementation and monitoring

About the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme

Droughts, desertification, hurricanes, floods and sea level rise – the adverse impacts of climate change are a major concern for the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of States. Many of these countries are facing serious impacts on lives and livelihoods.

The **Intra-ACP Programme** is a component of the GCCA which specifically targets the ACP group of States, helping them to better tackle climate change as a challenge to their development. It has a strong focus on improving the understanding of the effects of climate change and contributing to adaptation and mitigation responses.

The **GCCA Intra-ACP Programme** is managed by the ACP Secretariat in Brussels. The programme provides technical assistance and training on climate change mainstreaming and finance to ACP Member States based in order to support adaptation and mitigation actions at the national and regional levels.

Highlights of the agenda

Monday, 5th May

Opening remarks by ACP Secretariat and European Commission DG DEVCO

Overview of International Climate Change Policy: 2015 and beyond by DG Climate Action

Theme 1: Mainstreaming climate change into national development planning & budgeting

Presentation of Climate Change Finance in ACP countries

Theme 2: Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction and adaptation

Presentation of the ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Program

Theme 3: Impact and Vulnerability

Tuesday 6th May

Theme 4: Low Carbon Development : Energy and Private Sector

Presentation of the ACP-EU Energy Facility

Presentation of Low Carbon Development Support

Working Group 1 - Strengthening communication and coordination under the 4 themes

Registration session to the Capacity4Dev platform

Working Group 2 - Improving synergies and identifying opportunities with other Climate Change related programmes

Cocktail

Wednesday, 7th May

Outcomes of Working Group 1 and 2

Questions, discussions, recommendations and conclusion

Closing and Light refreshments

INFOPOINT at the European Commission (from 13.00 to 14.00)

The outcomes from the event will feed into the next GCCA publication and contribute to preparations for the next UNFCCC Conference in Lima, Peru.



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