



GCCA Intra-ACP Programme

The GCCA works with the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to support countries in tackling the challenges climate change poses to their development. Technical assistance support for short-term missions is provided through a funding mechanism under the GCCA Intra-ACP called the Climate Support Facility (CSF). Assistance is demand-driven, in country and open to a wide variety of adaptation and mitigation initiatives. Public, private and non profit entities alike are eligible for assistance. Since 2012, the Intra-ACP has worked with 20 different ACP Member States, many of them Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, on 60 different climate change initiatives. More information, including how to apply for CSF support, is available at: <http://www.gcca.eu/intra-ACP>

Developing Dominica's Land Use Policy and Physical Development Planning

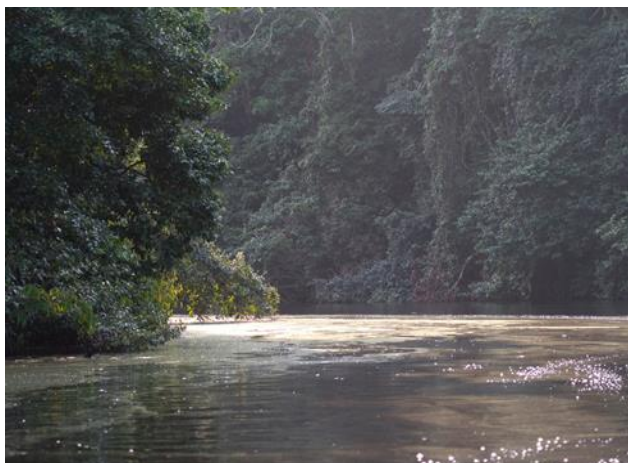


In the small Caribbean island of Dominica roughly 70% of the population live in coastal areas, however these areas are extremely vulnerable to climate-related events like sea surges and landslides. In 2012, the Government of Dominica began preparing two new national land-use policies to address these vulnerabilities, and yet, the plans did not include robust consideration of climate change as a driver of natural disasters.

The government's Chief Physical Planner requested support from the Intra-ACP Programme to rectify the omission, leading to two technical assistance missions funded by the CSF. In the first, CSF experts conducted climate change vulnerability assessments and an analysis on how to mainstream climate change into the two new government policies. Realising that more could be done, Dominica and the Intra-ACP collaborated a second time to hold 7 stakeholder consultation workshops to share assessments from the first mission.

Creating a REDD+ Roadmap for Cote d'Ivoire

Cote d'Ivoire, according to FAO estimates, lost 6 million hectares of forest area from 1960 to 2005. The country thus has a large potential to contribute to climate change mitigation efforts by reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) and enhancing carbon stocks. In this context, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development sought assistance from the Intra-ACP Programme to develop a national REDD+ programme.



CSF resources were used to fund a two-pronged approach that addressed data availability and capacity needs. The resulting REDD+ Roadmap for Cote d'Ivoire included an assessment of existing capacity and needs, analysis of the drivers of deforestation and creation of a REDD+ strategy that identifies priority activities and projects.

Designing Projects for Climate Funding in Samoa

The Intra ACP Programme's work with the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) has evolved across three technical assistance collaborations. The partnership began when SPREP sought support to create project proposals related to the Climate Investment Fund's Pilot Program on Climate Resilience, but CSF assistance grew to include supporting SPREP to formulate projects for proposals to other climate funding available through the Asian Development Bank.

A distinctive element to the developed proposals was that they focused on engaging the private sector in climate change adaptation and mitigation activities. Through the experience of identifying projects for climate funding in Samoa, the reality that entrepreneurs in Small Island States face specific funding barriers emerged as an important topic. CSF thus funded an additional technical assistance mission to create a publication that documents these barriers and advocates for solutions so that small-scale actors can be better involved.

