

Long-term priority setting meeting ACP House, Brussels 16th September 2016

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Since the original Programme contract, from 2012 to date, the programme made strides on facilitating technical assistance through Work Orders. In addition, the programme established a series of Regional Technical Meetings (RTMs) that brought the GCCA Intra-ACP Regional Components together to create and foster dialogue on topics related to climate change as well as strengthen intra and inter-regional coordination and cooperation. The programme also took substantive steps to facilitate a coordinated ACP approach to the COP meetings in Warsaw, Lima and Paris, and hosted Joint Policy Discussions (JPD) and COP Preparatory meetings to prepare a common *ACP Issues Paper* for the COPs, as ways to work towards this.

Furthermore, online tools were reviewed and improvements made in the way in which the programme partners communicate and use online tools to share information on activities and success stories among themselves and with other stakeholders. The two online platforms updated and regularly used by the Programme are the Capacity4Development and GCCA Intra-ACP web pages.

The GCCA Intra-ACP Programme contract was extended from January 2015 through June 2016, and a farther extension was granted to December 2016.

The Programme is thus coming to end. Lessons learnt and achievements, including what worked, challenges and successes in achieving result streams of the Programme, including from the Regional Components, may assist in shaping successful subsequent phases of the Programme.

The ACP Secretariat is organizing a special meeting to discuss **long term priority setting for climate action support**. This is particularly important given recent developments such as the Paris Agreement and subsequent ACP Action Plan which go beyond the end of the current Programme. Discussions and ideas will benefit from issues and priorities identified by the Regional Components, taking into account current and anticipated developments in the ACP Regions.

The meeting is scheduled to take place on the 16th September 2016 at the ACP House, Brussels.

Objectives

The meeting will focus discussions on ideas and plans for long term climate action support. The objective is to gather ideas in order to identify concrete plans and main priorities of the regions based on the ACP Action Plan on Climate Change and other relevant orientation documents such as the third RTM outcome document, as starting points.

Organisation

This brainstorming meeting will be guided partly by the issues in the two documents previously mentioned and also by input from the regional partners.

In order to allow for a free flow of ideas and discussions, small group discussions may be designated and outputs from the smaller discussions captured and shared with the group. A designated facilitator will



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guide the process and ensure that ideas are captured and refined to arrive at key priorities and possible modalities for achieving them.

A final document will be drafted and agreed by the participants. This will contain long term priorities on climate change actions for possible support beyond any existing programmes.

