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Fifth Steering Committee Meeting  
of the Intra-ACP GCCA Programme*

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**Mr Olusola Ojo, representative of the ACP Secretary-General  
Representatives from SIDS in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific**

**Dear Participants**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am pleased to address you today on the occasion of the Fifth Steering Committee Meeting of the Intra-ACP Global Climate

Change Alliance programme. It is a pleasure to see so many of you here today, coming from different corners of the globe.

First of all, I wish to thank the ACP Secretariat for organising this Steering meeting, and the Indian Ocean Commission to be hosting it. This is a vibrant signal of the strong mutual engagement of ACP and EU in taking forward their respective COP 21 commitments and in turning them into concrete actions on the ground.

The Intra-ACP GCCA programme financed by the European Union to the tune of 40 M EUR is – by virtue of its scope, its objectives and its geographical coverage - an excellent illustration of how on the ground actions can contribute to the achievement of the Paris commitments.

As you all know, the programme has the ambitious objective of assisting the ACP group in better understanding the effects of climate change and in contributing to adequate adaptation and mitigation responses. Its value lies in its contribution towards establishing of a critical regional and national capacity, responding to specific needs at the country and regional levels.

The programme has among others supported ACP Secretariat in the lead-up to the Paris Conference.

First of all, via the support provided last year to the ACP group members to help them prepare their intended nationally determined contributions and relevant regional workshops in preparation for the COP 21. This was crucial in increasing understanding and creating the right response for Paris.

Secondly, via the Declaration of the ACP Council of Ministers and the climate change issue paper, which were instrumental in setting the tone for the Paris Conference.

We acknowledge good lessons learnt from innovative pilot activity and steps towards the creation of regional-level resources and solutions, such as shared meteorological services, or related to the development of national strategies and policies.

We understand that there is still considerable room to further develop regional-level strategies and activities and the newly established capacities need yet to become fully operational.

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We are now in the critical, final year of programme implementation. I would therefore like to encourage the Regional Economic Communities and the Regional Institutions

in charge to progress in finalising the implementation of their respective regional components as well as in strengthening political dialogue and exchange among them and with the EU, in order to fully benefit from the funding made available under this programme.

I seize the opportunity to inform you that the EU and the ACP secretariat are currently working on the extension of the duration of implementation in order to allow the regional programmes to complete their initial activities until end of 2016. Looking at the progress made since last year by the regional programmes, I am confident that the momentum for programme implementation will be maintained throughout 2016.

But EU support will continue. The EU and its Member States are committed to delivering the promised share of the developed countries' 100 billion dollar climate finance commitment per year by 2025.

In the context of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda agreed last year, EU reconfirmed its commitment to increase official development assistance to 0.7% of our gross national income.

The EU is also pursuing efforts to integrate the climate dimension into all development actions. We are committed to

achieve the target of 20% of the budget to be climate relevant. This will represent 14 billion EUR for the period 2014-2020. This also needs to be done in national sustainable development strategies, so that we can together engage in low-emission, climate-resilient development pathways.

With respect to climate change-dedicated programmes, close to **Euro 300 million** of funding has already been made available from the EU to the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) to support the most vulnerable countries for the period of 2008 to 2014.

A total of **Euro 350 million** is now foreseen for the period 2014 - 2020 within the frame of the renewed EU flagship initiative GCCA + launched and presented before Paris COP 21 last year 2015. The new strategy now clearly includes support to INDC implementation.

In addition, the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF Intra ACP strategy adopted in November 2015 foresees also for the period 2014-2020 an envelope of **Euro 475 million** for the Environment/Climate Change sector and for resilience, including **Euro 70 million** for a new phase of Intra ACP GCCA+ programme for the period 2017-2020.

Let me also add that within the specific envelope for the Indian Ocean Commission under the Regional Indicative Programme for Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (Euro 50

million), an amount of Euro 16 million is allocated to addressing the specific vulnerabilities of island states for climate change and disaster risk management.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

On this note, please let me wish you all a fruitful meeting today and tomorrow to build on and ensure the success of this extremely important programme.

Thank you for your attention.