



AID FOR TRADE GLOBAL REVIEW 2017

SMALL STATES, BIG CHALLENGES

Side event | Wednesday 12 July 2017 | 18.00-19.30

Enhancing trade capacity in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific through a network of trade advisers

The small size and remoteness of many countries in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions mean they cannot compete with larger players in world markets and are vulnerable to economic and financial shocks. There is a growing need to improve regional integration and enhance connectivity to ensure a more inclusive form of trade and support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Join our discussion at this side event at the Aid for Trade Global Review 2017 to explore the innovative solutions implemented through the Hub and Spokes Programme, an aid for trade initiative financed and supported by the European Union, the ACP Secretariat, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie.

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