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In the framework of the "ACP Business-Friendly: Supporting value chains through inclusive policies, investment promotion and alliances" Programme

African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Quality Infrastructure Programme

Supporting regional quality and regulatory infrastructures, value chain-specific quality infrastructure services and quality culture promotion

The "ACP Quality Infrastructure Programme", is an Intra-ACP action funded by the European Union and the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) through a EUR 7 million contribution. The Programme is implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) through a regional approach in the region and is scheduled to run until the end of the year 2025. It complements and builds on the ongoing achievements of the overall "ACP Business-Friendly" Programme and reinforcing UNIDO's meso-level component.



The specific objectives of the "ACP Quality Infrastructure Programme" are to:

- 1 Enhance the regional Quality and Regulatory Infrastructure governance
- 2 Strengthen the availability of value chain specific Quality Infrastructure (QI) services
- 3 Promote quality culture and practices



UNIDO's approach is based on three key components:



Promoting a "customer-centric" approach among QI Institutions and Conformity

Assessment service providers to allow them to support industry in generating a quality culture that will ensure consumers' needs and expectations are met.



Ensuring awareness within industry about the services offered by the National QI,

the competitive advantages this can provide and the need for greater involvement of the private sector in standardization, accreditation and metrological activities.



A focus on specific value chains, where tangible benefits can be achieved and

quantified in the short-to-medium term, but can also lead to other, more generic improvements in the overall quality infrastructure.

The “ACP Quality Infrastructure Programme” at a glance

To stimulate economic growth of ACP countries, local industry should not only be able to meet international standards, technical regulations and other market requirements, but also be able to demonstrate that it meets those requirements.

A sound, internationally recognized quality and regulatory infrastructure is therefore vital to increase the economic and social impact.

Over the last twenty years, UNIDO has been working with many ACP countries on trade facilitation through its support of both the private and public sectors. This has helped to reinforce the ability of the ACP private sector to:

- Trade internationally
- Participate in global value chains
- Manufacture products with high export potential at the level of quality required by their target markets
- Ensure that their products can meet international standards, technical regulations and private buyer requirements, particularly regarding the WTO Agreements on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

Beneficiaries

ACP countries	ACP regional economic communities	ACP regional and national QI institutions	ACP regional private sector development organizations and associations	ACP value chain actors (and in particular SMEs)
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(ARSO)



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