

# OVERVIEW: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FACILITY FOR IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND WIDER INVESTMENT CLIMATE THROUGH STRUCTURED DIALOGUE

**Title of facility or programme** **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FACILITY FOR IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND WIDER INVESTMENT CLIMATE THROUGH STRUCTURED DIALOGUE**

**Implementing partners** Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), SNV, Expertise France and British Council

**Budget** **Total budget: € 11,625,000** of which EU-ACP contribution: € 10 million; German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development (BMZ) contribution: € 1,500,000 and British Council contribution: € 125,000

**Duration** 3 years (6 months inception phase)

**Program description** **Specific objective (outcome):**  
Support ACP partner countries and regional institutions in their private sector structured dialogue process to create a more conducive investment climate.

**Target outcomes and outputs and related performance indicators:**

1. **Business environment (BE) and investment climate (IC) improvement**  
initiatives resulting from the formal and informal private and public sector dialogue process are supported, with a special focus on strategic ACP value chains.

*Indicative outputs:*

- Number of public and private sector engagement processes or mechanisms supported and strengthened,
- Number of participants in local, regional and in-country seminars, workshops & trainings in the field of BE and IC
- Number of country mappings and regional mapping realized and communicated

2. ACP regional and national **development financial institutions are strengthened** in their capacities to participate in the identification, preparation and implementation of investment pipelines through traditional as well as blended finance instruments.

*Indicative outputs:*

- Number of **best practices** and **workshops** developed for ACP development financial institutions.
- Number of **procedures/manuals** shared
- Number of national and regional DFIs benefitting from **capacity building**
- Number of **participants** benefitting from capacity building activities

3. Effective and innovative **instruments, lessons learned and best practices are compiled, mainstreamed** with national and regional ACP partners and advised on through the TA

*Indicative outputs:*

- Number of reports on innovative instruments and lessons learned, published by the TA Facility.
- Specific dialogue around innovative approaches such as social enterprise/social investment

**Governance** The intervention is guided by a Steering Committee (SC) chaired by the funding institutions: EU, ACP Secretariat, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), British Council (BC) with the participation of the implementing partners British Council, Expertise France, GIZ and SNV. LuxDev, AECID and Enabel are invited to the Steering Committee meetings as affiliated member state organizations. Furthermore, the SC is open for other relevant stakeholders to be invited.

The SC shall meet twice a year and meetings will be co-chaired by DG-DEVCO, the ACP Secretariat and the PMU coordinator.

**Geographic coverage and beneficiaries** **Geographic coverage:** African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) region  
**Beneficiaries:** ACP policy makers on regional and national level; ACP private sector intermediaries; and ACP regional and national development finance institutions (DFIs)

**Access conditions** Country eligibility, organisation eligibility, sector eligibility, eligibility of the thematic focus, amongst others. Furthermore, the submitted request must connect to a wider strategy, reform programme, initiative or PPD mechanism to be eligible and be coherent with the overall strategy of the EU at country level. In this regard it is recommended, although not compulsory, that before sending a request, a dialogue is established with the EU delegation.

**How to apply / contact details** Send a request for support to the program management unit of the TA facility.  
Contact details will be communicated after start of project

