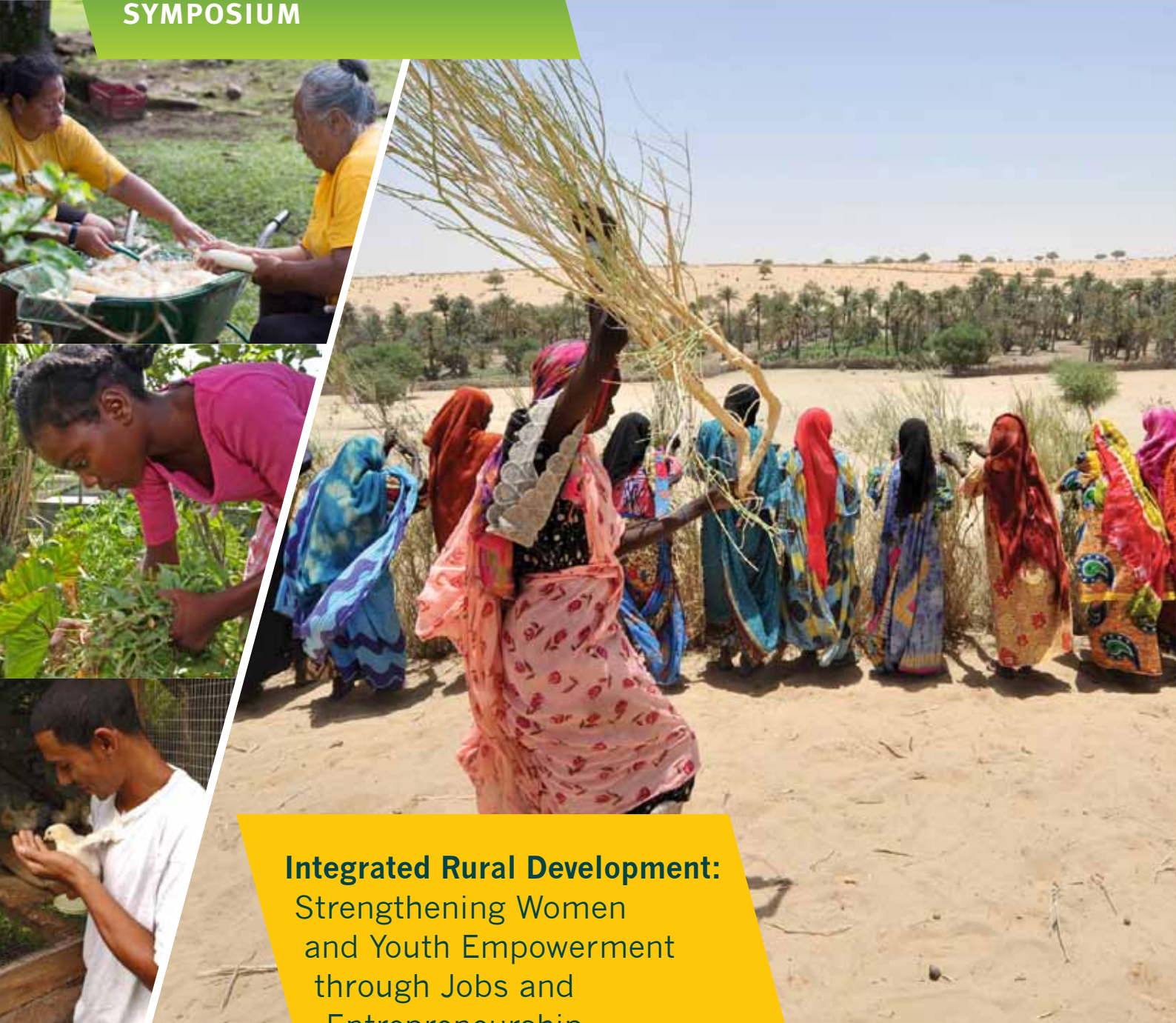


# ACP SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION SYMPOSIUM



## Integrated Rural Development: Strengthening Women and Youth Empowerment through Jobs and Entrepreneurship

Hosted by the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States' (ACP) Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF), with the support of the Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC) and the Community of Portuguese Countries (CPLP).



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## WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our colleagues and friends attending this symposium at ACP House in Brussels. Thank you for being here as we reiterate our commitment to one of the most important issues facing the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries as well as the greater global South; that of women and youth empowerment.

We have many outstanding participants here with us sharing their work and perspectives on integrated rural development. They, each in their own way, are helping rural women and youth to develop skills, access technologies, land and business services, to enable them to enter the workplace and create jobs for others.

We all together embody the spirit of entrepreneurship and the idea that there are no limits to the human creativity and determination; that ingenuity can generate change and that innovation can be the path out of poverty. Women comprise about 40 percent of the agricultural labour force and play a crucial role in food production, as well as in food processing and the marketing of produce along agricultural value chains. Young people today make up a staggering 1.8 billion of the world's population and the vast majority, that is over 85 percent of them, live in some of the least developed countries. Research shows that when women and youth entrepreneurs succeed, they drive economic growth and invest more for their families and communities. We are here to help make that happen.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an opportunity to engage with all actors, public and private, national and international. SDG 8, which aims to 'promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all', sets very important targets to achieve.

Today we believe that if you have a good idea in a city or village in Angola, the Niger or Saint Lucia, you possess the potential to access the local, regional and global marketplace in new and unique ways. Entrepreneurship helps shape lives and destinies; it gives us the freedom to carve out our own futures. It is through South-South and Triangular Cooperation that this symposium will explore how these ideas, good practices, and initiatives can be extended across the ACP countries and beyond.

We hope that you will find the discussions insightful and we look forward to working together to develop a plan of action, committed in partnership, be it South-South, North-South or Triangular, unlocking new solutions to the pressing challenges that we face.

Best wishes to each and every one of you.

Patrick I. Gomes, Secretary-General, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States

Laurent Thomas, Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation and Programme Management, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Michaëlle Jean, Secretary-General Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

# AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2016

15.00-18.00 REGISTRATION

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2016

HOURS	AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	MODERATOR/ PRESENTERS
09.00-09.30	REGISTRATION		
09.30-10.00	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Roger-Julien Menga</b>, Ambassador of the Republic of Congo and Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors (CoA)</p> <p><b>H.E. Patrick I. Gomes</b>, ACP Secretary-General (ACP-SG)</p> <p><b>Mr Laurent Thomas</b>, Assistant Director-General, Technical Cooperation and Programme Management, (ADG-TC), FAO</p> <p><b>Mr Roberto Ridolfi</b>, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, DEVCO, European Commission (EC)</p>		
10.00-10.15	<p><b>Key-note address</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Michaëlle Jean</b>, Secretary General Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)</p>		
10.15-11.45	<p><b>Session 1: Setting the Scene on South South Cooperation (SSC) and Triangular Cooperation (TrC)</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Vera Barrouin Machado</b>, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Kingdom of Belgium</p> <p><b>H.E. Patrick I. Gomes</b>, ACP-SG</p> <p><b>Mr Laurent Thomas</b>, ADG-TC</p> <p><b>Ms Brave Ndisale</b>, Deputy Director, Social Protection Division, FAO</p> <p><b>Ms Katherine Ellis</b>, Director Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p><b>Mr Lapão Manuel</b>, Director for Cooperation, Community of Portuguese Language Countries</p> <p><b>Mr Rogel Nuguid</b>, <i>UN Interagency Coordinator and Chief of Staff, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (from the floor)</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>ACP Secretariat's vision for expanded intra-ACP Cooperation/SSC and TrC, partnership with FAO to mobilize SSC in support of "<b>Integrated Rural Development: Strengthening Women and Youth Empowerment through Jobs and Entrepreneurship</b>".</p> <p>FAO's role as facilitator, making the match (demand and supply), diverse and flexible SSC modalities and ensuring the quality of the exchange.</p> <p>Inspiring a vision moving forward, based on the best practices to be heard in the following sessions and leading to action planning to up-scale best practices through SSC and TrC.</p>	<p>Chair: Ambassador of Mozambique</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Chris Burns</p>
11.45-12.00	COFFEE BREAK		
12.00-13.30	<p><b>Session 2: Skills Development and Enhancing Institutional Capacity – Case Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Songhai Centre in Benin by <b>Mr Godfrey Nzamujo</b>, Director of the Centre</li> <li>• Pro-Savannah Project Mozambique: by <b>Mr Antonio Raúl Limbau</b>, Programme coordinator</li> <li>• United Nations joint programme on rural women's economic empowerment by <b>Mme Idi Halimatou Moussa</b>, Programme Coordinator</li> <li>• Institutional Capacity and Enabling Environment by <b>Ms Sunita Daniel</b>, Liaison Officer to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States</li> <li>• <b>Princess Abze Djigma</b>, <i>Chief Executive Officer, AbzeSolar and leader of Mama-light initiative (from the floor)</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Highlighting where women and youth have been empowered to access decent employment and/or create an enterprise through skills in agricultural production or agri-business, including capacity development initiatives, such as through farmer-field schools, training centres or through SSC. In particular, those that highlight where the capacity development initiative has been sustainable, leaving in place tools for replication (i.e. curricula taken up by an institution or where the initiative that has employed a trainer or trainers approach.)</p>	<p>Chair: Ambassador of Benin</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Chris Burns</p>

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13.30-15.00	LUNCH		
15.00-16.30	<p><b>Session 3: Access to Technology and Land Case studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Winfred Nalyongo</b>, Programme Coordinator FAO, Uganda</li> <li>• African Cashew Initiative by <b>Ms Mary Adzanyo</b>, ACI/GIZ Burkina, Director Private sector Development and <b>Ms Filomena A. Maiopué</b>, Director Instituto de Fomento do Cajou, Mozambique (from the floor)</li> <li>• Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP) by <b>Mr Viwanou Gnassounou</b>, ASG ACP</li> <li>• Access to lands and Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme by <b>Mr Juan Cheaz</b>, Senior Programme coordinator, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Showcasing where technology has been shared, adopted and adapted by women and youth, to enhance agriculture and rural development. Case studies ranging from high-tech solutions to indigenous technologies that have stood the test of time.</p> <p>Demonstrating how access to land and land quality are fundamental to agriculture and rural development. Examples that include securing access to and control over land, in particular for women and youth.</p>	<p>Chair: Ambassador of Fiji</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Chris Burns</p>
16.30 -16.45	COFFEE BREAK		
16.45-18.15	<p><b>Session 4: Business Services Case studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commonwealth's Alliances of Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE) by <b>Mr Shaban Khalid</b>, President, CAYE-Asia</li> <li>• The Global Financial Facility for every Woman, every Child by <b>Mme Adjara Diouf</b>, Spécialiste de programme, chargée du Développement local, Direction de la Francophonie Economique, OIF</li> <li>• Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship in Agriculture through Adapted Skills Training by <b>Ms Ajuaye Luhuvilo Sigalla</b>, Programme Officer, FAO</li> <li>• Ethiopia Leather Production and Marketing Enterprise by <b>Mr Brook Debebe Agidew</b>, General Manager</li> <li>• <i>Dairy Value Chain in Uganda</i>, <b>Ms Patricia Nsiime</b>, Programme Coordinator, FAO Uganda (from the floor)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Clair Dornic</b> (from the floor)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Emphasising the importance of accessible and efficient business services, empowering women and youth as entrepreneurs and finding jobs. Case studies that include examples, such as access to finance for small to medium business enterprises, knowledge and skills development, technology and peer-to-peer learning.</p>	<p>Chair: Ambassador of Jamaica</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Chris Burns</p>
18.15-18.30	Next steps and closing remarks		H.E. Patrick I. Gomes, ACP-SG
18.35	<p><b>Book Launch: "Poverty is a Person"</b> Theresa-Ann Rajack-Talley, University of Louis Ville, Kentucky</p>	<p>The struggle of female-headed households in the Caribbean to overcome poverty</p>	

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## DAY 2: FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

### BRAIN STORMING FOR INTER-AGENCY ACTION PLAN (Restricted Attendance)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	MODERATOR/PRESENTERS
09.00-09.15	<b>Recap on Day 1 and Day 2 objectives</b>	Quick synopsis of Day 1 and objectives for Day 2	Mr Henrique Banze, ACP Assistant Secretary General
09.15-09.45	<b>Key components of SSC and TrC programming</b>	<p>Presentation of a draft framework for action</p> <p>Overview of main components of SSC and TrC programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• needs identified – technical areas for collaboration;</li> <li>• willing providers identified (including stock-take of best practices, knowledge to be shared and institutions of excellence);</li> <li>• match-making (Gateway as an example);</li> <li>• financing/cost-sharing arrangements, each party's commitment;</li> <li>• provider/host agreements.</li> </ul>	Mr Carlos Watson, SSC Team Leader, South-South Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Division, FAO
09.45-11.00	<p>Examples of SSC and TrC supporting the up-scaling of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's empowerment</li> <li>• Youth employment</li> <li>• Agribusiness development sustainable intensification</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>	How good practice and knowledge in key thematic focus areas may be further up-scaled to ACP countries through SSC and TrC.	Case Study Presenters
11.00-11.15	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
11.15-12.00	<b>The way forward: Action planning</b>	<p>Guided discussion on what the ACP South-South and Triangular Knowledge Exchange Programme could offer (inclusive of the needs of women and youth) in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agribusiness (private sector investment, business services);</li> <li>• crop production (rice, roots and tubers etc.);</li> <li>• tools for capacity development (Farmers Field School, etc.) matched to Southern provider base, best practice, institution of excellence;</li> <li>• key development solutions shared through flexible SSC and TrC modalities for exchange responsive to ACP SSC and TrC requests;</li> <li>• under pinned by effective SSC and TrC networking and knowledge management (e.g. Gateway).</li> </ul>	Mr Henrique Banze and Mr Carlos Watson
12.00-12.30	<b>Next Steps</b>	Consolidation of next steps to develop the ACP South-South and Triangular Knowledge Exchange Programme plan and identify lead actors/programme committee (roles and responsibilities moving forward).	Mr Henrique Banze
12.30-13.00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>		<p>H.E. Patrick I. Gomes, ACP-SG</p> <p>Mr. Laurent Thomas, FAO ADG-TC</p>
13.00	<b>SYMPOSIUM CLOSE</b>		

## SUCCESS STORIES

A selection of project profiles:

**The ACP's COLEACP Programme** is facilitating trade to support smallholder farmers across Europe, Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific. Through it, small horticultural businesses from these regions actively promote sustainable trade and poverty alleviation. It has been credited with breaking down technical and economic barriers, as well as helping producers and exporters to overcome them.

**Farmer-field and life schools in Uganda** are helping to fight the root causes of gender inequality. Following two decades of conflict, violence against women remains a challenge to social recovery. The loss of life and assets has taken a serious toll on livelihoods, exposing entire communities to a multitude of problems, including gender-based violence (GBV). This programme aims to expand community knowledge of agricultural production and nutrition as a way of overcoming such difficulties.

**The International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) and the Global Financing Facility for Every Woman, Every Child** is an unprecedented global movement that mobilizes and intensifies international and national action by governments, the UN, multilaterals, the private sector and civil society groups to address the major health challenges facing women, children and adolescents. The movement puts into action the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, which presents a roadmap on ending all preventable deaths within a generation.

**The Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme** is an alliance promoting green growth in small-island economies. It supports the reduction and eradication of poverty in the ACP countries through sustainable development and the integration of smallholder agriculture into national, regional and, global markets. The Programme draws on the technical and institutional resources of all ACP regions, but also considers social, economic and technological tools for agricultural development that have been tried and tested elsewhere.

FAO has developed **Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools** to promote youth entrepreneurship in agriculture. By teaching groups everything from basic life skills to farming techniques and how to protect their plants from diseases and other such threats, food security has improved and rural poverty rates have dropped. The programme was piloted in Mozambique in 2003-2004. There are now schools in over 20 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, providing support to over 25,000 young women and men.

**The Pro-Savannah Project in Mozambique** is a trilateral initiative between Brazil, Japan, and Mozambique that aims to contribute to an increase in agricultural production. It sets out to boost research and transfer technologies to the central region of the country, where the predominant tropical vegetation is similar to that found in areas of Brazil. The project applies experiences and techniques developed by Embrapa in Brazil to 400 thousand farmers in Nacala.

**The UNJP programme on "accelerating progress towards the economic empowerment of rural women" is a collaboration between FAO, UN Women, WFP, and IFAD.** It is a global initiative currently carried out in Niger, Ethiopia, Liberia, Rwanda, Kyrgyzstan, Guatemala and Nepal. Its top targets are to improve food and nutrition security while increasing incomes to sustain livelihoods. Leaders from rural organizations are encouraged to participate in order to generate gender-responsive policy environments, through catalysing policy and legislative reforms.





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