



ANGOLA

ONGOING PROGRAMMES

Fit For Market (FFM, FFM SPS, FFM+)



ICR Facility



ACP Business-friendly



Women Entrepreneurship for Africa



FO4ACP



ACP Quality Infrastructure



Boost Africa



Business ACP



DESCRIPTION OF INTERVENTIONS

Fit for Market programmes support companies in the horticultural sector and their environment to ensure their international access to horticultural and national markets while complying with sanitary and phytosanitary regulations and market requirements, individually or collectively. Support includes food safety, environmental management, social compliance and business management. The main types of support are related to the implementation of a management system (on social themes, environment, quality) meeting the requirements of international certification standards required by customers (GLOBALG.A.P., HACCP, Rainforest Alliance, SMETA, etc.). Set up in the continuity of FFM past programmes, the new FFM Plus (FFM+) programme support is tailored to facilitate the transition of ACP horticulture towards more sustainable food systems, addressing the priority areas identified in the Farm to Fork strategy of the European Green Deal.

Compliance with SPS requirements is supported in the country through **FFM SPS** programme. On December 2022, the **FFM+ programme** was presented to Angolan representatives of the horticultural sector. The programme which is now supporting companies in Angola aims to maintain and improve the capacity of smallholders, farmer groups and horticultural MSMEs to access domestic, regional and international markets through the progressive sustainable intensification of the horticultural sector, while adapting to changes in their operating environment due to COVID-19 and climate change.



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ACP Business-friendly is designed to achieve two key outcomes:

- Adopting and implementing business-friendly, inclusive and responsible national policies and legal frameworks.
- Strengthening productive, processing, promoting and marketing capabilities and value chains.

At the macro level intervention, the programme aims to support the government of Angola in implementing competition policy and investment policy and promotion reforms to assist post-Covid-19 economic recovery while addressing constraints that hinder private sector-led sustainable growth and diversification.

In terms of **Investment Policy and Promotion**, ACP Business-friendly (ACP BF) is assisting the country's IPA **AIPEX** in implementing its investment vision, PROCIP, and offering capacity building on aftercare and retention services, which is a priority for the country Investment Promotion Agency (IPA), **AIPEX**. The team is also assisting AIPEX on FDI entry reforms and in the development of mechanisms for investment entry facilitation – including Angola's One-Stop Shop for investors (**Janela Unica de Investimento, JUI**). As regard to **Competition Policy**, the programme is providing technical assistance to the recently established competition authority (**ARC**) to equip it to perform its role, and with **IGAPE, Ministry of Finance** to support the phasing out of price regulations.

The Regional Engagement Window aims at fostering inter- and intra-regional knowledge exchange around Investment Climate reforms and policy outcomes within the ACP countries. It represents a channel to promote learning opportunities and disseminate knowledge and experiences acquired through the Country Engagement and Rapid Response Windows to the broader group of ACP countries. In December 2022, an ACP BF peer-to-peer learning event took place in Luanda, on the margins of the OACPS Heads of State Summit. The event brought together more than 130 participants (in-person and virtually) and focused on two areas: **i)** Facilitating improvements in the policy, regulatory, and administrative environments for investment; **ii)** Enhancing the policy regimes for FDI linkages and for addressing key market failures to private sector-led growth and job creation.

The ACP Business-friendly regional-level initiative to develop a **SADC Investment Climate Scorecard**, that assesses foreign direct investment regulatory restrictiveness in the region, is progressing well with full support and engagement of the relevant authorities (SADC member States Ministries of Industry and Trade/Commerce and Investment Promotion Agencies). In the coming months, the World Bank Group is expected to deliver a series of sessions providing the global and regional context for investment and private sector development, presenting the overall and country-level results of the Scorecard, discussing reform priorities, and agreeing on the next steps for its launching and implementation.



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The **Global Corporate Tax Incentives (CIT) Database** aims to systematically report on the availability of corporate tax incentives, tax parameters, conditions (including sectoral classification) and generosity of each of the incentives for countries over time (2009–2020). The current database only covers 40 countries. The WB will be working throughout 2023 on additional coverage in order to inform counterpart operations and research efforts, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Support to implementation of AfCFTA: ACP Business-friendly working with a few select AfCFTA Member States and the AfCFTA Secretariat to support the process of AfCFTA implementation with a focus on investment.

The **ACP Quality Infrastructure (QI)** programme supports ACP policy makers, institutions and private sector actors to (i) enhance the regional Quality and Regulatory infrastructure governance; (ii) strengthen the availability of the value chain-specific QI services; (iii) promote quality culture and practices. The programme complements and builds on the ongoing achievements of the ACP Business-Friendly programme reinforcing the UNIDO's programme action. ACP QI for the African region was officially launched in Luanda in December 2022, during the OACPS Business Days held on the margins of the OACPS Heads of State Summit.

The **ICR Facility** supports private and public stakeholders and regional institutions to improve their investment climate and business environment by facilitating public-private dialogue, among other actions.

At regional level, the programme supported the **Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Business Council (BC)**, an apex body of national and regional business associations, in the development of its first strategy and action plan. The **SADC BC** can now focus on the activities with the greatest impact. This will enable the organisation to strengthen its role as a powerful voice of the private sector and can thus contribute to shaping the regional business environment and investment climate in a conducive, sustainable and inclusive manner.

The ICR Facility also supported the **Economic Commission for Central African States (ECCAS)** for the creation of a High Business Council in Central Africa (HBCA). The HBCA represents the private sector at the regional level and aims to strengthen cohesion around the regional integration process through greater involvement of the private sector in the process for self-sustaining development in Central Africa.

Since 2022, ICR Facility supports **AfriLabs**, a network of 347 members in 52 countries on the African continent. Its mission is to support innovation hubs and their communities to raise high potential entrepreneurs that will stimulate economic growth and social development in Africa.



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The objective of the intervention of the ICR Facility is to elaborate a policy brief with the intention to positively influence the design of the AfCFTA Digital Trade protocol. The intention is that the protocol addresses issues and challenges for the African innovation and the entrepreneurship ecosystem and contribute to creating an enabling environment for African entrepreneurs and innovators.

FO4ACP Farmers' Organizations for ACP Countries programme aims to increase the incomes and improve the livelihoods, food and nutrition security, and safety of organized smallholders and family farmers in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries by strengthening regional, national and local farmers' organizations. FO4ACP supports the **Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)** activities focused on facilitating access to markets and the marketing of agricultural produce, provision of technical training and business to business meetings as well as the development of project proposals and business plans.

WE4A aims to improve the business capacity of women-led enterprises to increase their chances of raising follow-on funding from private sector investors. Both the Initial acceleration and follow-on growth programmes aim to assist women entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa to flourish and contribute to employment creation in their communities through enhanced business capacities, access to formal financial services, and integration into local/regional value chains. WE4A offers various entrepreneurship support measures in Southern Africa through the Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) entrepreneurship programme. It focuses on training, coaching and seed capital provision. Tailored business management courses are being delivered on TEFConnect in English, French, Arabic and Portuguese.

Boost Africa offers blended finance and focuses on supporting entrepreneurially-driven, early stage, and start-up SMEs on the African continent. Boost Africa targets innovative investments in any sector, with special focus on those that have a high potential for economic impact. Training through AfDB's "ELAB" is available for new entrepreneurs in Angola.

MORE INFORMATION

- **Read the Monitoring Report 2021:** 
<https://businessacp.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Annual-Report-online-version.pdf>
- **Visit the "Programmes' Highlights" page on the Business ACP website:** 
<https://businessacp.com/en/94071-2/>