



# BOTSWANA

## ONGOING PROGRAMMES

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



### ICR Facility



### ACP Business-friendly



### Women Entrepreneurship for Africa



### FO4ACP



### ACP Quality Infrastructure



### 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.

The **ACP Business-friendly** programme is designed to achieve two key outcomes of:

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

The **Regional Engagement Window** aims at fostering inter- and intra-regional knowledge exchange around Investment Climate reforms and policy outcomes within the ACP countries.



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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.

**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.



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**FO4ACP:** The overall objective of the **Farmers' Organizations for ACP** programme is to increase income and to improve livelihood, food and nutrition security and safety of organised smallholder and family farmers in ACP countries. FO4ACP supported 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.

**The ICR Facility** focuses on supporting 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 ICR facility supported the **Southern Africa development Community (SADC) Business Council**, 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. Following a request from **Business Botswana**, the ICR Facility also provided a technical assistance to facilitate Public Private Dialogues with business councils, local authorities and other public and private stakeholders to develop the private sector recovery plan for Botswana.

**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.

**Boost Africa** is implemented by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). It 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. Boost Africa also provides technical assistance to: **i)** venture capital funds which are considered for investment by Boost Africa; **ii)** investee companies of funds in which Boost Africa has invested. The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Lab by the AfDB is part of the Boost Africa initiative. The Lab strengthens the local entrepreneurial ecosystems, including start-ups in Botswana.



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## 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/>