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ONGOING PROGRAMMES

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



FO4ACP



ACP Business-friendly



Women Entrepreneurship for Africa



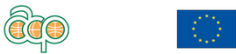
ICR Facility



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.

ACP Business-friendly 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.

At macro level intervention, ACP Business-friendly's 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.

A **peer-to-peer learning event** took place on December 6, 2022, in Luanda, Angola, on the margins of the OACPS Heads of State Summit. The objective was to foster peer-to-peer learning among ACP policymakers, to facilitate capacity building by discussing the latest global and regional investment climate trends and best practices, and to showcase achievements of the ACP Business Friendly program to date.

The programme's 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 Farmers' Organizations for ACP countries 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.

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 ICR Facility supported the ***SADC Business Council (SADC BC)*** in the development of its first strategy and action plan.

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.

Component 1 of the programme provided gender sensitive entrepreneurship training and seed capital through the the Tony Elumelu Foundation; component 2, implemented by GIZ through the "Employment and Skills for development in Africa" (E4D) project, links African women entrepreneurs (TEF alumni) to private sector initiatives and provide technical assistance to build commercial bridges with larger lead businesses and integrating their supply chains; and component 3, led by the Swiss Association for Entrepreneurship in Emerging markets (SAFEEM), supports African women entrepreneurs to secure second stage financing as a major stepping-stone to be becoming fully bankable and capitalizing on the employment potential of their businesses.

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:**

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