



INTRA-ACP GCCA+ PROGRAMME An initiative of the ACP Group of States funded by the European Union's European Development Fund

MEDIA ADVISORY:

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States are meeting to assess the outcomes of COP 24 and will discuss the way forward on implementation.

Brussels, Belgium, 5th March 2019 – The ACP Secretariat is hosting a special Post-COP24 meeting to assess the outcomes of the Conference of the Parties which took place from the 3rd to the 14th December 2018 in Katowice, Poland and discuss the way forward on implementation. A particular focus will be put on key issues for the ACP Group of States, including specificities for the *Small Island Developing States*, the *Least Developed Countries* and the *Land-locked Countries*.

The objectives of the meeting are several, they principally consists on building on the ACP Report "*Climate Ambitions: An analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in ACP countries*," and exploring means and ways to support ACP Countries in the updates of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) expected for 2020, but also of coordinating, in collaboration with regional and other partners, the organisation of an event during the United Nations General Secretary's Climate Summit and the 74 General Assembly Debate in September 2019 in New York. The meeting has also the objective of identifying other potential international and regional opportunities relevant for the ACP Group of States to collaborate with, ensuring that issues of importance to the Group are brought to the fore and addressed, in the prospective to COP 25 in Chile.

WHO:

- ACP Secretary General, **Dr. Patrick I. Gomes**
- Ambassador of Samoa and Chair of the Subcommittee on Sustainable Development, **H.E. Fatumanava-O-Upolu III Dr Pa'olelei Luteru**
- Director General, DG DEVCO European Commission, (TBC)
- Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), **H.E. Ms. Lois Young**
- Head of Unit, International Relations, DG CLIMA European Commission, **Mrs. Elina Bardram**
- Advisor to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Chair, **Ms. Tenzin Wangmo**
- Ambassador, Special Advisor to the President of Mali, African Group of Negotiators (AGN), **H.E. Hussein Alfa Nafo**

WHEN: Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March 2019, from 9:30 to 18:00

WHERE: Secretariat of the ACP Group of States, Avenue Georges Henri, 451 - B-1200 Brussels, Belgium

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

About the ACP

The **African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States** (ACP) is an organisation created by the Georgetown Agreement in 1975. All 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific Member States, except Cuba, are signatories to the Cotonou Agreement, also known as the “ACP-EC Partnership Agreement”, which binds them to the European Union. Of the 79 states, 48 are from sub-Saharan Africa, 16 from the Caribbean, and 15 from the Pacific.

The ACP Group’s main objectives are:

- Sustainable development of its Member-States and their gradual integration into the global economy, being poverty reduction a priority. This requires a new, fairer, and more equitable world order;
- Coordination of ACP Group activities to facilitate ACP-EC Partnership Agreements;
- Consolidation of unity and solidarity among ACP States, as well as mutual understanding between their peoples;
- Establishment and consolidation of peace and stability in a free and democratic society.

About the GCCA+ initiative

The **Global Climate Change Alliance Plus** (GCCA+) is a European Union flagship initiative, which helps the world’s most vulnerable countries to address climate change. Having started with just four pilot projects in 2008, it has become a major climate initiative funding over 70 projects of national, regional, and global scope in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and the Pacific. This EU initiative helps mainly Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) increase their resilience to climate change.

The GCCA+ also supports these group of countries to implement commitments from the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change (COP21). This is in line with the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the new *European Consensus on Development*.

About the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme

It is an **Intra-ACP Group of States Programme** that supports ACP countries’ efforts to address climate change, helping them to better tackle climate change as a challenge to their development. It is funded by the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), in the context of the wider Global Climate Change Alliance+ (GCCA+) flagship programme and it is managed by the ACP Secretariat in Brussels.

The Programme’s **overall objective** is to increase the resilience of ACP regions and countries to climate change and achieve the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular the Goal 13 "Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts", in order to alleviate poverty and promote sustainable development. Its **specific objective** is to strengthen the capacities of ACP regions and countries to undertake regional and national adaptation and mitigation actions in response to the challenges caused by the impacts of climate change.

Further information, reference documents and reports are downloadable at:

www.intraacpgccaplus.org/knowledge-management-platform

- An analysis of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in the ACP Group of States
- 10 stories of technical assistance from the Programme Intra-ACP GCCA
- Building Resilience to Climate Change in ACP countries
- ACP Issues paper for the COP24 Katowice Climate Change Conference