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The **Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme** is an initiative of the ACP Group of States funded by the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), in the context of the wider Global Climate Change Alliance+ (GCCA+) flagship programme. The Programme, managed by the ACP Secretariat in Brussels, has two components: (i) regional programmes; and (ii) a service contract providing institutional support to the ACP Secretariat and demand-driven technical assistance services.

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.

Regional programmes, currently in preparation and due to start in 2018, will focus on delivering the Programme's six **expected results**:

1. Dedicated **operational and institutional capacity** in ACP regional organisations to support ACP countries in relation to climate negotiations and implementation of the Paris Agreement.
2. Regional and national **climate change strategies** contributing to the implementation of the **Paris Agreement** (including nationally determined contributions).
3. **Replication and scaling up of pilot adaptation projects** implemented and tested in ACP countries.
4. Intensified **strategic dialogue and sharing of information, capacity and knowledge** about climate action across southern countries and regions.
5. Strengthened **provision of services** by technical institutions, universities and regional centres in support of climate change adaptation and mitigation.
6. Innovative approaches for **accessing and mobilising climate finance** from the public and private sectors.

The **technical assistance (TA) team**, comprising four full-time experts, has been established to support the ACP Secretariat with coordinating programme implementation, including monitoring, knowledge management, communication and visibility, and strategic dialogue. It is also responsible for managing the new **Climate Support Facility (CSF)**, set up to provide **demand-driven, short-term technical assistance and training on climate change** to ACP regional organisations and countries, as a complement to other components of the Programme.

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Priority areas for CSF interventions are defined by the three priority areas of intervention of the GCCA+ flagship initiative, namely: (i) mainstreaming climate change into poverty reduction and development efforts; (ii) increasing resilience to climate-related stresses and shocks; and (iii) supporting the formulation and implementation of concrete and integrated sector-based climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies; and by the six expected results described above.

Examples of areas of intervention include:

- Climate change mainstreaming in policies, strategies and plans.
- Implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs).
- Access to climate finance
- Replication, scaling up and mainstreaming of successful adaptation and mitigation practices.
- Generally, areas that bring together the climate change and the sustainable development agendas.

Eligible organisations include regional organisations, ministries and government agencies, and non-state actors such as cities/municipalities, universities, research institutions and civil society organisations in ACP countries.

Eligible activities are those related to priority areas of intervention and programme objectives/expected results as described above. Short-term expertise will be available to support, for example:

- Feasibility studies.
- Project identification or formulation.
- Determination of funding requirements.
- Capacity building, training, workshops.
- Curriculum development.
- Policy development.

How to apply?

Send an e-mail to: intra-acp-gccaplus@acp.int. This will trigger the opening of a service request, on the basis of which the TA team will:

- Establish the eligibility of the request.
- If confirmed, support the timely preparation of a work order and the mobilisation of short-term expertise.

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