

Innovative impact fund to create jobs for rural youth in developing countries



Rome, 15 February 2019/ACP/IFAD: An impact fund with an innovative approach for attracting much needed capital to the rural areas of developing countries was launched today at the annual meeting of Member States of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

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ACP Group Thanks Cuba for Solidarity and Cooperation



Brussels 12 February 2019/ACP: The Director General of Cooperation from The Foreign Ministry of Cuba, Magalys Estrada met with High level ACP representatives to reflect on Cuba's cooperation with ACP countries during a special meeting on 7 February 2019 at ACP headquarters. The meeting was held in the framework of "Cuba days" in Belgium organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban revolution and several important anniversaries.

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Namibia assumes chairmanship of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors



Brussels 11 February 2019/ACP: The Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Kaire M. Mbuende will preside over the Committee of African, Caribbean and Pacific ambassadors in Brussels for the period 1st February – 31 July 2019.

His chairmanship comes at a decisive time when negotiations for a new partnership with the European Union are well advanced and are expected to be concluded during the summer of 2019.

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New Ambassadors of Nigeria, Sierra Leone join ACP Group of States



Brussels, 30 January 2019/ACP: Envoys from two ACP Member States, the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Sierra Leone, were officially presented to the committee of Ambassadors on Thursday 24 January 2019.

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ICC Prosecutor holds an exchange of views with ACP Ambassadors



Brussels, 25 January 2019/ACP: The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Dr Fatou Bensouda, addressed the Committee of Ambassadors of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States on Thursday 24 January to express her profound gratitude for the ACP Group's contributions to the work of the International Criminal Court, with 51 out of 79 ACP States having

ratified the ICC Rome Statute.

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STATEMENT BY THE ACP SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE TERROR ATTACKS IN MALI



Brussels, 22 January 2019/ACP: On behalf of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) and the ACP Secretariat, the Secretary General, Dr. Patrick Gomes, strongly condemns the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), in Aguelhok, Northern Mali. These unfortunate and barbaric attacks have led to 10 deaths of Chadian Nationals and more than 25 injured.

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Intra-ACP 'Climate Ambitions' and new website



Brussels, 22 January 2019/ACP: The Intra-ACP GCCA+ programme used 2018 to bolster its support for the 79 ACP states, culminating with the launch of the 'Climate Ambitions' report, at the COP24 in Katowice, Poland.

The programme has six expected results, and is helping countries in the African, Caribbean and Pacific regions to address the impacts of climate change and strengthen their resilience. The programme also promotes dialogue among the regions and other partners. "Through our dialogue, and technical assistance, we are also supporting ACP countries to implement their NDCs," says Pendo Maro, team leader.

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ACP Group pledges support for African cinema



Brussels, 18 January 2019/ACP: A satisfaction! This is what can be said about the presentation of the 26th edition of FESPACO held in Brussels on Thursday 17 January 2019. The Minister of Culture of Burkina Faso H.E. Abdoul Karim Sango and all lovers of African cinema met at the headquarters of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States to discuss the holding of the 50th anniversary of the FESPACO, which will take place from 23 February to 2 March 2019 in Ouagadougou.

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STATEMENT BY THE ACP SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE TERROR ATTACKS IN NAIROBI KENYA



Brussels, 16 January 2019/ACP: On behalf of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) and the ACP Secretariat, the Secretary General, Dr. Patrick Gomes, having learnt with deep shock and sadness of the terrorists attacks perpetrated in Nairobi, Kenya on 15 January 2019, conveys his deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims, His Excellency, the President, the Government and the Peoples of the Republic of Kenya. The Secretary General extends his best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to the injured.

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Jamaica praises ACP-EU development mineral programme



Brussels 14 January 2019/ACP/: Minister of Transport and Mining, Hon. Robert Montague, says the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)-European Union (EU) Development Minerals Programme has assisted stakeholders in the mining sector to embrace international standards.

The ACP-EU Development Minerals Programme is a three-year, €13.1 million capacity building project, which is an initiative of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, and coordinated by the ACP Secretariat.

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