



**Summary**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Ad hoc support to ACP Delegations on WTO Doha Negotiations and Implementation of WTO Agreements</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>ACP Group in Geneva</b>
<b>Duration of the Project</b>	The project is expected to start in <b>May 2010</b> and the period of performance is <b>6 months</b> from the date of commencement.
<b>Objectives of the action</b>	<p><i>Overall objective</i></p> <p>The overall objective of the assignment is to enhance the effective participation of the ACP countries in the ongoing WTO Doha negotiations and implementation of the WTO agreements with a view to facilitating their integration into the Multilateral Trading system.</p> <p><i>Specific objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the capacity of ACP (Geneva-based and capital-based) delegations' participation in the multilateral trade negotiations in order to protect, promote and address their interests/ concerns in the WTO Doha negotiations.</li> <li>• Enhance the analytical skills of ACP Delegations in Geneva to prepare national and regional positions related to WTO negotiations and maintain coherence with EPAs negotiations in order to ensure that ACP countries interests are preserved.</li> <li>• Guide negotiators to participate in scheduling and drafting legal text elements to be factored into the negotiations.</li> <li>• Enhance the capacity of ACP Observers to the WTO to accelerate their accession process and to be well equipped to participate meaningfully in the multilateral trading system</li> <li>• Contribute to the compliance of ACP countries with their WTO commitments and strengthened national and regional capacities to implement such commitments.</li> <li>• Improve the capability of ACP to use the WTO legal framework</li> </ul>
<b>Target group(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target groups for this project are the ACP Group in Geneva, including ACP Missions in Geneva (and by extension, the capitals), focal points handling different subject and none resident ACP countries.</li> </ul>
<b>Expertise Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key experts 1 : Team Leader and key expert for NAMA</li> <li>• Key expert 2: Agriculture</li> <li>• Key Expert 3: Services, TRIPS and Trade Disputes</li> <li>• Key expert 4: Trade Facilitation and Rules</li> <li>• Key Expert 5: Development including RTAs and Environment</li> </ul>

<b>Expected results</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better understanding of the issues under negotiations</li> <li>• Effective participation in multilateral trade negotiations</li> <li>• Well-researched technical papers with clear recommendations on specific positions and trade strategies to be shared with the capitals.</li> <li>• Submission of concrete text-based ACP proposals into the negotiations and promotion of development-oriented positions in DDA negotiations</li> <li>• Improved awareness by ACP countries of the challenges deriving from the issues at stake</li> <li>• Better synchronisation of commitments under WTO Doha negotiations with those under EPAs negotiations with a view to preserving the development prospects of ACP countries.</li> <li>• More ACP countries accede to the WTO</li> <li>• ACP countries capable of using the WTO legal framework</li> <li>• Increased compliance of ACP countries with their WTO commitments.</li> </ul>
<b>Main activities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expert advice and provision of technical and analytical papers on the issues under negotiations</li> <li>• Draft and guide negotiators in drafting briefing notes on key salient issues under negotiations</li> <li>• Hold consultations with ACP Focal Points before, during and after WTO negotiating sessions.</li> <li>• Accompany on a regular basis ACP Group sessions at the WTO</li> <li>• Assist beneficiaries in drafting proposals and position papers for the negotiations</li> <li>• Draft and guide negotiators in drafting legal text elements to be introduced into the negotiations</li> <li>• Draft responses to documents submitted by other WTO Members in the negotiations</li> <li>• Hold consultative workshops / seminars / brainstorming sessions to enhance the technical capacity of ACP negotiators in the WTO negotiations</li> <li>• Assist the beneficiaries in preparing draft schedule of their commitments</li> <li>• Provide assistance in the implementation of WTO agreements</li> <li>• Encourage and coach the ACP on how to use and benefit from the WTO legal framework</li> </ul> <p>All the above activities must lead to enhance capacity for the ACP Group to become active participants in the negotiations and discussions in other relevant WTO bodies. Synergies between activity areas and activities should be exploited as much as possible (joint consultations, sharing of documents, double-use of experts for specific overlapping issues, etc). Wherever possible, activities should build on the activities already undertaken by the ACP delegations in Geneva in order to ensure sustainability and consistency.</p>
<b>Budget Estimate</b>	<b>199.400 €</b>