



**Summary**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AD HOC SUPPORT TO THE ACP GROUP IN GENEVA</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>ACP Group in Geneva</b>
<b>Duration of the Project</b>	The intended commencement date is <b>March 2011</b> and the period of implementation of the contract will be <b>6 months</b> from this date
<b>Objectives of the action</b>	<p><i>The overall objective</i> is to ensure that ACP Delegations present in Geneva are able to fully participate in the DDA negotiations in what is envisaged to be the final stretch of the negotiations, so as to fully defend the ACP Group's interests in the negotiations and to benefit from the anticipated gains of the final outcome of the DDA, including full integration of ACP countries in a fair, rule-based, transparent, predictable and development-oriented 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 drafting legal text elements for incorporation in the outcome of the negotiations.</li> </ul>
<b>Expertise Required</b>	The project will be carried out by a team of <b>five highly qualified international trade experts</b> familiar with both ACP concerns and interests in the WTO and the details of the ongoing WTO negotiations. They will cover all subjects under negotiations particularly Agriculture, NAMA, Services, Rules, Trade Facilitations, Trade and Environment, Dispute Settlement, TRIPS and CBD and Special and Differential Treatment. The project will be implemented for a period of 6 months
<b>Expected results</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better understanding of the relevance of issues under negotiations for ACP States;</li> <li>- Production of papers analyzing draft modalities and submissions by other WTO Members in the context of identified ACP positions;</li> <li>- Effective participation in negotiations, including through the submission of ACP room documents, JOB documents or proposals where deemed appropriate and timely</li> <li>- Enhanced common understandings of and dialogue on pertinent issues and positions in the WTO between ACP Geneva missions and capitals</li> <li>- Well-researched technical papers with clear recommendations on specific positions and trade strategies to be shared with the capitals</li> <li>- ACP positions well represented and defended in the DDA negotiations</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> </ul>

<b>Main activities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert advice and provision of technical papers on the issues under negotiations;</li> <li>- Drafting briefing notes on key salient issues under negotiations;</li> <li>- Econometric analyses to situate ACP States in proposals on the table;</li> <li>- Hold consultations with ACP Focal points before, during and after WTO negotiating sessions;</li> <li>- Accompany when needed the ACP Group sessions at the WTO;</li> <li>- Draft proposals and position papers for the negotiations;</li> <li>- Draft 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>- Prepare and work with focal points to hold workshops/seminars/brainstorming sessions on specific issues according to the exigencies of the negotiations and requests by the focal points;</li> <li>- Assist in unpacking the requirements of schedules and legal requirements (verification of schedules, legislative changes where needed) for ACP States should modalities be achieved and the negotiations be concluded.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>€ 200.000</b>