



GCCA Intra-ACP Programme

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Conclusions and Recommendations

4th Programme Steering Committee Meeting of the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme

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1. Introduction

The Global Climate Change Alliance Intra- Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Programme (GCCA Intra-ACP) was designed to help ACP Member States to better tackle climate change as a challenge to their development. In order to facilitate monitoring and evaluation of Programme implementation, the Programme co-organises its annual Programme Steering Committee (PSC) meeting with one of the regional partners, rotating each year between the three ACP regions. In 2015, GCCA Intra-ACP held its fourth Programme Steering Committee (PSC) meeting on July 2 and 3, 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, hosted by ACPC/ClimDev at the United Nations conference centre.

The PSC included presentations on implementation progress and future work plans by five of the programme's regional implementing entities as well as a presentation made by the Technical Assistance Support Programme to the ACP Secretariat and the Climate Support Facility.

1.1. Specific objectives of 4th PSC were to:

- ✓ Provide update on programme priorities and implementation, including plans for possible second phase
- ✓ Provide guidance on strategic priorities and programme management
- ✓ Strengthen exchange of information between the five regional components
- ✓ Provide updates on the possible second phase o the programme.

1.2. Participants

Participants were representatives of the:

- **ACP Secretariat:** Expert in Rural Development, Food Security and Environment, Environment and Climate Change Programme Officer;
- **GCCA Intra-ACP Programme:** Technical Adviser to the ACP Secretariat, Knowledge and communications Expert;
- **Climate Support Facility (CSF):** CSF Administrator ;
- Regional components' organizations :
 - **Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA):** Climate Advisor
 - **Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) :** Manager of the West-African GCCA component/CILSS expert in natural resources management and Scientific Coordinator of the GCCA Intra-ACP Support Project in West Africa
 - **African Climate Policy Centre/ Climate for Development in Africa (ACPC/ClimDev):** Senior Climate Science Expert
 - **Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC):** Programme Manager of the GCCA Intra-ACP Caribbean Support Project, Senior Environmental & Resource Economist and International and Regional Policy Officer

- **University of the South Pacific (USP):** Acting Project Team Leader of the of the GCCA Intra-ACP Project in Pacific Region & Project Manager and Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

- **United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)** : Climate Science Expert
- **Delegation of the European Union to the African Union:** Head of Delegation of the European Union to the African Union in Addis Ababa and Attaché GCCA Focal Point
- **Mauritius - Ministry of Environment Sustainable Development Disaster and Beach Management** : Environment Officer

2. Plenary sessions

The 4th PSC meeting was organised over two days using plenary sessions divided into four thematic areas: (1) the Technical Assistance component, (2) the implementation of the GCCA Intra-ACP projects in ACP regions (3) outcomes of the 2nd ACP Regions Joint Policy Discussion and (4) a possible second phase of the Programme.

On the first day, welcoming remarks were given by Mr. Olusola OJO, Expert in Rural Development, Food Security and Environment at the ACP Secretariat and H.E. Mr. Gary Quince, Head of the EU Delegation to the African Union in Addis Ababa. This was followed by presentations under the first two themes. The second day saw a continuation of presentations from the regional representatives from Africa under the second theme; followed by discussions about the outcomes of the 2nd ACP Regions JPD and a possible second phase of the programme.

Representatives from regional components provided updates on programme implementation from start of the Programmes in their respective regions to date in the context of the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme, including success stories, challenges faced and plans for a possible second phase of the Programme. They also shared their work plan to end of current contract, future perspectives and budget.

2.1. Theme 1: “Technical Assistance Component”

For the first theme, presentations were made by Dr. Pendo Maro and Ms. Lisa Kistler; and the Climate Support Facility (CSF) as presented by Mr. Manuel Harchies.

- **GCCA Intra-ACP Programme:** The TA Support Programme presented a summary of the TA Support Programme’s objectives and work. The summary included activities under each of the programme’s three results streams: 1) Deliver technical assistance services through the Climate Support Facility (CSF); 2) facilitate regional dialogue on climate change issues across ACP stakeholders; and 3) promote knowledge sharing on climate change issues amongst ACP stakeholders. Details were provided on the pipeline of technical assistance projects including those missions that had been approved since the last PSC meeting as well as those currently in progress. In addition, a summary of the geographic location of technical assistance as well as the type of missions was included. At the time of the presentation, the programme had

completed 37 Work Orders in total with an additional 8 being implemented and 14 more being drafted. Over half of the technical assistance was directed to entities located in Least Developed Countries (LDC) and/or Small Island Developing States (SIDS). In addition, the majority of projects were requested directly by beneficiaries located in ACP countries. Updates on regional dialogues followed, including a brief overview of the programme's use of its website and its involvement in the UNFCCC process. Finally, an update on the programme's initiative to collect knowledge sharing documents and share them via web platforms in the coming months was provided.

- **Climate Support Facility (CSF):** made a presentation on the implementation progress of the CSF, including the use of the CSF budget on completed missions.

2.2. Theme 2: “Regional Implementation”

Under this theme there were presentations from University of the South Pacific (USP) Pacific Center for the Environment and Sustainable Development (PaCE-SD) presented by Ms. Aliti Koroi and from the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), presented by Mr. Joseph McGann.

On the second day, Presentations were made by Dr. Benoît Sarr from the Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Dr. Mclay Kanyangarara from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Dr. Joseph Intsiful from the African Climate Policy Centre/ Climate for Development in Africa (ACPC/ClimDev).

Below is a summary of some of the main issues during the discussions. All presentations and a Summary report from each of the regions, is provided separately.

2.3. Summary of main issues from the Discussions

Budget for extension period and gap to possible second phase

On the question about budget for the reminder of the Programme in the Pacific region, USP representative made reference to the following periods and activities:

- No cost extension: January 2015 to April 2016 -> establish locally mapped climate change network, completion of implementation in counties, identify two additional communities and carry out assessment
- Cost Extension: October 2015 to April 2017, additional 1.9 million EUR

The CCCCC explained that they signed the GCCA Intra-ACP contract in 2011, which came to an end in December 2014. CCCCC has a no cost extension to September 2015, after which, they would not have funds to continue until the end of the extension period, June 2016.

CILSS explained that they had used about 80% of their budget thus far, expecting to reach 100% use by January 2016, when it would not be possible to continue with implementation. How do they

continue with implementation given the budget situation during the extension phase between January 2016 and end of extension period in June 2016? And what can be done by the GCCA Intra-ACP programme to continue the support to regional partners between the extension phase and the possible Phase II of the programme?

It was stated that the regional programme for COMESA ran from July 2010 to December 2016, with three funders of which the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme contributed 4 million EUR from July 2010 to December 2014; Norway 117 million EUR from December 2011 to December 2016; DfID 37 million EUR from March 2011 to March 2016. Three grants for one regional programme implemented by one tri-party regional organisation brings with it its own complexities, it was said.

How can the regional organisations address the implementation given gap between the extension period and a possible second phase of the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme? Participants stressed that the issue of donor coordination and blending needed to be addressed. For example, sometimes donors raise expectations or fund projects which result in acquiring of technology which becomes useless once project money runs out. But, if there was better donor coordination this could be taken up by another donor to enable capacity building and to properly and effectively use the available technology for the benefits of the receiving countries.

On a related note, COMESA inquired that as it was not possible to use grant money to develop money-making projects, would it be possible to explore possibilities to access private sector finances given that the ACP has a Private Sector Development Strategy?

Furthermore, CCCCC pointed out that the issue of cost extension/no cost extension involved administration fees which were not covered by the Programme (only activities are covered), hence the Regional organisations have to bare the administrative costs of such extensions.

Sharing experience and knowledge

The USP reiterated their willingness to share their online course modules and their experience with community engagement with other ACP regions. They were willing to negotiate with interested parties the necessary conditions and arrangements, including any possible costs. CCCCC echoed the willingness to share their technology, especially in desalination plants and C-CORAL tool with other interested regions/countries.

The CCCCC explained that their community project sites were identified and selected by national authorities, and not by the projects. However, as CILSS explained, in their case in another EU-funded programme, they were not allowed to choose beneficiaries, but rather were proposed to use those selected by the donors. They agreed that the CCCCC process of site and beneficiary selection was a good model to follow.

Better Intra-regional coordination and communication

Both CILSS and COMESA pointed to the general lack of synergy within Africa on climate change issues.

A general lack of communication and poor coordination role within Africa by the ACPC/ClimDev was noted by several participants including the ACP Secretariat and EUD representative. Both CILSS and COMESA pointed to the general lack of synergy within Africa on climate change issues. The representatives from COMESA and CILSS agreed to further their collaboration with ACPC to ensure better coordination and collaboration within Africa.

The ACPC/ClimDev decided to address the above via the following commitments:

- Will revisit how ACPC can get more involved in the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme and with ACP Secretariat, EUDs, other RECs in the Programme
- Will resolve the issue of visibility as required
- Proposed Dr. Joseph Intsiful and Dr. Thierry H. Amoussougbo as contact points from ACPC to the GCCA Intra-ACP programme to ensure better communication
- How do African RECs fit in to the ACP Programme when they are building blocks of AU and not UNECA? ACPCP /ClimDev will start inviting other African RECs to their PSCs

ACPC/ClimDev presentation showed activities under the current phase of the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme 2011 to 2015, but at the same time stated that the structural aspects were only set up in 2015. So how were the presented activities carried out? A representative of ACPC/ClimDev explained that during 2011 – 2014 ClimDev was functioning at a very minimum, as they had hardly any staff members. The necessary staff has since been hired, in late 2014 and 2015.

Furthermore, ACPC/ClimDev stated that the outcomes of the GCCA Intra-ACP meetings in Addis were very useful. There was a need to see how some of the issues raised during the four-day meeting could be reflected in the New York discussions on MDGs to take place in September, 2015.

Programme visibility and reporting

The importance of visibility of the Programme was stressed. A general improvement had been noted with one exception from one regional organisation. Commitments to address this were made. The visibility requirements for the programme include an acknowledgement of the Programme logos and caption, as exemplified by this document, using the relevant Programme colours, in all presentations and reports coming from the Programme.

In terms of reporting, the general requirement was for quarterly reports to the ACP Secretariat, but as regional partners were already reporting every six months on Programme implementation to the EU Delegation offices in their regions, it was agreed that they would send the same documents to the ACP Secretariat at the same time.



2.4. Theme 3: “Outcomes of the 2nd ACP Regions Joint Policy Discussion”

Dr. Pendo Maro presented the Summary notes and Recommendations from the 2nd Joint Policy Discussion (JPD).

The 2nd JPD aimed to provide a forum for sharing of information on:

- Best practices among the ACP regional partners following the outcomes of the 2nd Regional Technical Meeting;
- Regional dialogues on the preparation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs); and
- Preparations for COP 21: elements of common interest for an ACP position and activities during COP 21.

The Recommendations, presented below, were discussed and approved by the 4th PSC. A complete report of the Summary notes and Recommendations of the 2nd JPD is provided separately.

2.4.1. Recommendations from Day 1: Sharing Best Practices in ACP Regions

1. Data collection, analysis, tools, methods and dissemination of climate information and services to support decision-making at the sectoral and government levels should be promoted.
2. Climate change governance and institutional effectiveness should be improved in order to facilitate the implementation of climate change activities.
3. Education efforts should include both formal education, with concrete links to practitioners, as well as informal education that takes place in communities and includes awareness-raising and capacity building.
4. Traditional knowledge should be taken into consideration in building capacities to address the adverse impacts of climate change and disaster risk reduction.
5. Effective partnerships and networking should be established at all levels to scale-up successful climate change initiatives and facilitate mainstreaming.

2.4.2. Recommendations from Day 2: Preparation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and COP 21

6. Collaboration on climate change activities and initiatives between and within regions should be strengthened.
7. Online platforms, such as cap4dev, and other forms of media should be used for sharing success stories and best practices.
8. ACP Secretariat to collaborate with the Regional Partners to organise an Intra-ACP GCCA and GCCA+ side-event at COP21; as well as with other partners to organise other possible side-events as indicated above.
9. ACP Secretariat to compile, disseminate and promote the Intra-ACP GCCA activities at COP21.
10. ACP Secretariat to work in collaboration with ACPC to facilitate the sharing of information from the Caribbean and Pacific SIDS to African SIDS.

2.5. Theme 4: “A possible second phase of the Programme”

The ACP Secretariat, complemented by the EUD representative, gave a short presentation of the on-going process towards a possible second phase of the Programme.

Currently, there is an on-going identification phase, with external consultants evaluating the current phase of the Programme and carrying out visits and interviews with the different components of the Programme. The outcomes of the on-going activity are expected to feed-into the design of the possible second phase of the Programme. At the same time, discussions on the 11th EDF between the ACP Secretariat and the EU are still on-going. Specifically, the Strategic document, encompassing activities and budget under the 11th EDF is still being discussed between the two parties. Given the above, it is anticipated that any possible activity would probably start in 2017 but not sooner.

3. Conclusions and Recommendations

- The PSC decided to continue the improvement of synergies and networking among the Regional Partners and with the ACP Secretariat and GCCA+ Programme. The ACP Secretariat will work with the regional implementing entities to facilitate and continue improving this.
- The PSC agreed that Regional Partners will continue working together, further strengthening the intra and inter ACP sharing of best practices, synergies and coordination.
- The PSC decided to continue using the third annual Work Programme of the CSF for 2014-2015 for the remainder of the extension period.
- The ACP Secretariat updated the Regional Partners on the status of the possible second phase of the programme. The PSC mandated the ACP Secretariat to keep Regional Partners informed of any developments in this regard.
- The PSC decided that the challenges and constraints presented by the Regional partners be included as part of the Programme identification efforts that are on-going in preparation for a possible second phase of the Programme.
- The PSC decided that all regional implementing entities for the Intra-ACP GCCA Programme should provide a Summary Report on the implementation of the Programme to date in their regions, including the success stories and other issues as presented at the 4th PSC, as part of the Programme implementation report.
- The PSC agreed that all regional implementing entities will work towards improving the visibility of the Intra ACP GCCA within their own regions and countries.
- The PSC agreed that ACPC/ClimDev and other regional implementing entities participating in the UN Financing for Development meeting in Addis Ababa in July 2015 will inform other Regional partners and the ACP Secretariat of the outcomes of the event.



- The PSC has agreed to circulate the finalised documents of the meetings from June 30 to July 3, 2015 by September 2015.
- The PSC agreed that the ACP Secretariat will collaborate with the regional implementing entities, Global GCCA programme, partners, DG CLIMA and others in preparation for the side event for Conference of the Parties (COP) 21 in Paris. Regional entities have agreed to send timely information about planned activities for COP 21 to the ACP Secretariat for better coordination.
- The PSC identified some Recommendations from the Sharing of good practices presented during the first day of the 2nd Joint Policy Discussion (JPD) as possible items for follow-up for further discussion during the next Regional Technical Meeting (RTM). The PSC decided that it would be necessary to have a follow-up meeting of the 2nd JPD within the context of the RTM in early 2016, to be combined with a possible follow-up of the COP 21 decisions.
- The PSC welcomed the decision of the ACPC/ClimDev to propose two contact persons, Dr. Joseph Intsiful and Dr. Thierry H. Amoussougbo as focal points for the GCCA Intra-ACP Programme in order to improve communication, coordination and reporting of their GCCA Intra-ACP component with the ACP Secretariat and other Regional partners. The ACP Secretariat will share with ClimDev ACPC the focal points of all the regional implementing entities.
- The PSC requested ACPC/ClimDev to coordinate the provision of a document that maps out which actors in Africa are supporting the African Group of Negotiators and how each is supporting. Other African Regional entities should provide relevant information to ACPC/ClimDev.
- The PSC decided that the Regional Partners will provide six-monthly programme implementation reports, budgets and any other outputs and publications that are provided to the European Union Delegation to the ACP Secretariat as well.
- The PSC proposed to hold its 5th meeting in Brussels, Belgium. It will be hosted by the ACP Secretariat in April 2016. This is subject to the status of implementation of extension of the program by Regional partners.



Annex A: PSC Agenda

Day 1: Thursday July 2nd, 2015

Introduction

9h00 – 9h15: Introduction by ACP Secretariat (Chair)

Mr. Olusola Ojo, Expert in Rural Development, Food Security and Environment

9h15 – 9h30: Welcome Remarks (by hosting institute)

9h30 – 9h45: Welcome Remarks (by EU Delegation)

9h45 – 10h00: Opening of the meeting by a Ministry representative (of host country)

10h00 – 10h15: Coffee Break

Technical Assistance Component

10h15 – 10h45: Presentation and discussion on implementation progress by CSF

Mr. Manuel Harchies, CSF Administrator

10h45 – 11h15: Presentation and discussion of implementation progress

Dr. Pendo Maro, Technical Advisor to the ACP Secretariat

11h15 – 11h45: Questions and Answers

Regional Implementation and Extension activities

11h45 – 12h30: Presentation from the Pacific

University of the South Pacific – USP

12h30 – 13h00: Questions & Answers

13h00 – 14h30: Lunch Break

14h30 – 15h30: Presentation from the Pacific (cont'd)

- *Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme – SPREP*
- *Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat – PIFS*

15h30 – 15h45: Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.30: Questions & Answers

16h30 – 17h00: Presentation from Africa

Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel – CILSS

17h00 – 17h30: Questions & Answers



17h30 – 17h45: Closing of Day 1

Day 2: Friday 3rd July 2015

Regional Implementation and Extension activities (cont'd)

09h30 – 10h30: Presentation from Africa (cont'd)

- *Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – COMESA*
- *Climate for Development in Africa Programme - CLIMDEV-AFRICA*

10h30– 10h45: Questions & Answers

10h45 – 11h00: Coffee Break

11h00 – 12h00: Presentation from the Caribbean

- *Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre - CCCCC*
- *Caribbean Community and Common Market – CARICOM*

12h00 – 12h30: Questions & Answers

12h30– 14h00: Lunch Break

Outcomes of 2nd ACP Regions Joint Policy Discussion

14h00 – 14h30: Presentation and discussion of the outcomes

Dr. Pendo Maro, Technical Advisor to the ACP Secretariat

15h30 – 15h45: Questions & Answers

15h45 – 16h00: Coffee Break

Possible Second phase of the Programme

16h00– 16h30: Updates and Discussions

- ACP Secretariat
- EU Delegation

16h30 – 16h45: Questions & Answers

16h45 – 17h15: Draft Conclusions and Recommendations by ACP Secretariat (Chair)

17h15 – 17h30: Closing of the 4th PSC



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