



ACP SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

The ACP Science and Technology Programme is an ACP-EU co-operation programme launched in June 2008. Open to all 79 member states of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP), the 27 member states of the European Union (EU), the 3 EU candidate countries, and the 3 member states of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) that belong to the European Economic Area (EEA), it funds partnership projects to be selected through an open Call for Project Proposals.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the ACP Science and Technology Programme is to support ACP countries in formulating and implementing science and technology (S&T) policies that can lead to sustainable development and to poverty reduction through economic growth and progressive integration in the world economy.

The purpose is to strengthen the internal S&T capacity of ACP countries to support research, development and innovation in the ACP region at three levels:

- Institutional, administrative and policy making.
- Academic research and technology.
- Business and civil society.

The Programme promotes interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable development along three main axes:

- Co-ordination and networking in applied research.
- Instruments for collaborative research.
- Management of research activities and reinforcement of research.

TYPE OF PROJECTS

The projects to be funded should primarily focus on:

- **Quality health care:** traditional and biodiversity-dependent community medicines; biotechnology.
- **Environmental research activities:** climatic variability, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, desertification and rising sea levels; indigenous technology; use of foreign technology.
- **Energy:** renewable sources of energy.
- **Transport:** congestion, air pollution; accidents.

- **Agriculture and agro-industry:** food productivity and security; agro-products; farmers' participation in production and post-harvest management.
- **Sustainable trade:** investments; private sector; trading capacity of ACP countries; socio-economic impact of international trade agreements and protocols.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The expected results of the ACP Science and Technology Programme are:

- Networks established or consolidated at intra ACP-level with linkages to international networks.
- Increased capacity to assess research needs to facilitate the formulation and implementation of research policies.
- Increased capacity and incentives to research network partners to prepare and submit project proposals to funding, including for example the EC's 'Seventh Framework Programme for research and technology development' (FP7).
- Research results better capitalized and disseminated.
- Quality of research results improved.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Call for Proposals

- A budget of Euro 33 million has been made available in two lots, one for the contribution of the European Development Fund and one for the contribution of the European Budget Line for South Africa. Through an open Call for Proposals projects will be selected. This deadline for the submission of proposals is set for **27 February 2009**.

Size of grants

- A grant may be requested for projects with a budget ranging from € 350 000 to € 1 million.
- In exceptional cases, applications for projects with a budget of up to € 3 million can be submitted whenever the Action proposed concerns at least any four of the six ACP regions (four African regions, the Caribbean region or the Pacific region); and the project contributes to the formulation and implementation of regional, interregional and intraregional science and technology policies or whenever the Ap-

plicant is a regional or inter-state body as defined under the following point (d).

- The Programme contribution will cover up to a maximum of 85 % of the total eligible project costs.

Duration

- The duration of a project should be of a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years.

Evaluation and selection

- Proposals will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee with regard to their quality and relevance.
- The final decision on the selection of projects for financing will be the responsibility of the ACP Secretariat subject to the approval of the European Commission.

All information about the Call, including the Application Form and the Guidelines for Applicants, can be downloaded from www.acp-st.eu.

WHO CAN APPLY

Organisations that are interested to apply for a grant under this Call must belong to one of the following categories:

- (a) ACP national or regional S&T organisations, research institutions, universities, ministries or public institutions dealing with research policies, ACP national research networks, relevant civil society or private sector actors or similar EU actors partnering with ACP counterparts.
- (b) Regional S&T institutions, with separate legal status, not belonging to any national system but formally recognised by one of the eligible countries.
- (c) Established ACP S&T networks provided that: all members and their HQs are located in eligible countries; the network has a legal status; is applying in its own right; and has been registered for a minimum of 2 years.
- (d) The Commission of the African Union and regional or inter-state bodies to which one or more ACP states belong, including bodies with non-ACP State members, which are authorised by those ACP States.



The organisations must belong to one of the 79 ACP Member States, the 27 Member States of the EU, the 3 EU Candidate countries, or the 3 EEA EFTA States. (NB: This obligation does not apply to international organisations).

African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries					
Eastern Africa	Central Africa	Western Africa	Southern Africa	Caribbean	Pacific
Burundi Comoros Djibouti Eritrea Ethiopia Kenya Madagascar Mauritius Rwanda Seychelles Somalia Sudan Tanzania Uganda	Cameroon Central African Republic Chad Congo Dem. Republic of Congo Equatorial Guinea Gabon Sao Tome & Principe	Benin Burkina-Faso Cape Verde Côte d'Ivoire Gambia Ghana Guinea Guinea Bissau Liberia Mali Mauritania Niger Nigeria Senegal Sierra Leone Togo	Angola Botswana Lesotho Malawi Mozambique Namibia South Africa Swaziland Zambia Zimbabwe	Antigua and Barbuda Bahamas Barbados Belize Dominica Cuba* Dominican Republic Grenada Guyana Haiti Jamaica Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia S ^t Vincent and Grenadines Suriname Trinidad and Tobago	Cook Islands Fiji Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia Nauru Niue Palau Papua New Guinea Samoa Solomon Islands Timor Leste Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu
European Union					
Austria Belgium Bulgaria Cyprus Czech Republic	Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany	Greece Hungary Ireland Italy Latvia	Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Poland	Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia Spain	Sweden United Kingdom
EU candidate countries					
Croatia	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		Turkey		
European Economic Area - European Free Trade Association (EEA EFTA) states					
Iceland	Liechtenstein	Norway			

* Institutions from Cuba and the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) may only participate in projects as associates, and cannot be final beneficiaries of the project.

The organisations must operate within a partnership:

- A partnership involves at least 3 organisations from at least 2 different ACP Member States (NB: Organisations belonging to the above categories ‘c’ and ‘d’ are considered partnerships in themselves and are not obliged to form alliances with others. Networks, however, have to be multinational).
- The number of non-ACP partners in a partnership **cannot** be greater than the number of ACP partners.
- Preference will be given to partnerships where the lead institution is an ACP partner or to partnerships composed exclusively of ACP partners, over those **not fulfilling** these criteria if at a certain stage of the evaluation process they receive the same scores.



For further information about the ACP Science and Technology Programme, please consult the Website: www.acp-st.eu

