Lessons learnt and future perspectives

Joint Stakeholders' Conference of the Programmes:

EDULINK II

ACP Science and Technology Programme (S&T II)

**ACP Caribbean & Pacific Research Programme
for Sustainable Development**

5 - 6 July 2016

**ACP House
Avenue George Henri 451
Brussels, Belgium**

Introduction

The three EU-ACP collaborative programmes: EDULINK, the ACP Science and Technology Programme (S&T II) and the ACP Caribbean & Pacific Research Programme for Sustainable Development (CP-RPSD), offer opportunities for actors in the ACP higher education and research sectors to address both the structural as well as the scientific and technological challenges faced by ACP Member States. The continued participation of a variety of organisations in these three programmes is extremely impressive and a clear demonstration of the substantial interest amongst the academic and science communities.

The three programmes offer a unique framework for actors, both from the ACP Member States and from across the world to connect and collaborate in a truly global exchange of experiences and know-how in pursuit of the development of equitable knowledge-based societies.

The purpose of the conference is to provide beneficiaries and stakeholders with the opportunity to exchange views on the progress in ACP countries with regards to the scientific divide, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) capacities, capacity building and regional integration in the field of higher education.

In particular, the conference will provide beneficiaries and stakeholders with the space to reflect and share experiences on the following points:
  (1) the extent to which individual projects have been able to contribute to the achievement of the overall objectives of the three programmes;
  (2) the state of play of STI and Research in ACP countries, and of the capacities of ACP higher education institutions;
  (3) the lessons learnt and the role that beneficiaries and stakeholders will be able to perform, at their respective levels, in a longer term perspective

The conference will run through three phases:
  (1) Exchanges on (expected) results and (prospective) impact;
  (2) Presentation of key issues related to ACP higher education and research institutions' capacities – both from a global and a sectorial perspective;
  (3) Reflection on lessons learnt and presentation of partnership/funding opportunities.

Tuesday 5th July 2016 (Day 1)	
08:00	**Registration and Poster setting**
09:00	**Opening ceremony** • Welcoming remarks (*Mr. Léonard-Emile Ognimba , Assistant Secretary General, Political Affairs & Human Development, ACP Secretariat*) • Introduction to the objective of the conference (*representative, Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission*) (TBC)
09:30	**Session 1 (Plenary): Key issues affecting ACP higher education and research institutions' capacities** *Views from international stakeholders:* an invited speaker(s) (*TBC*) will present during an interactive session on the global perspectives, concerning the current situation and needs of ACP higher education and research institutions, and the role of such institutions in supporting ACP countries' transition towards a knowledge-based economy. Moderator (TBC) Speaker (s): • Mr / Mrs • … Discussion with the audience
10:30	**Coffee break**
11:00	**Session 2 (Plenary): Completed projects: highlights and lessons learnt** Four projects will present their results and impacts throughout the different ACP Regions and how they have contributed to the achievement of the overall objectives of the programmes represented. Each presentation will be followed by a short discussion. Introduction by Moderator (TBC) : • *Project 1 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 2 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 3 (FR)* Mr. () • *Project 4 (EN)* Mr. () Discussion with the audience **Closing remark: Chairperson**
12:30	**Lunch Break and Poster session**
14:30	**Parallel Session 1: Exchanges on projects (expected) results** **Objectives:** To review the state of progress in achieving results: share lessons learnt, good practices, challenges and opportunities in achieving the programme's overall objectives. In each room three projects will present their results and how implementation at project level has contributed to the achievement of the overall programmes' objectives. Each session will be introduced by an invited speaker (*TBC*) that will present a sectoral approach with specific inputs on the state of play, challenges and opportunities in the agriculture and food security field in the one hand, and the energy access and efficiency field on the other hand. The speech will be followed for each session by project presentations and discussion with the audience. The sessions will be closed with an overview of discussion outcomes by the moderator/rapporteur.

	Room C – Agriculture and Food Security	Room B – Energy Access and Efficiency
	Moderator: (TBC) Rapporteur: Project Beneficiary (TBC) Speaker: • Mr / Mrs Project presentations: • *Project 5 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 6 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 7 (FR)* Mr. () **Round Table discussion** **Closing remark: Moderator/rapporteur**	Moderator: (TBC) Rapporteur: Project Beneficiary (TBC) Speaker: • Mr / Mrs Project presentations: • *Project 8 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 9 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 10 (FR)* Mr. () **Round Table discussion** **Closing remark: Moderator/rapporteur**
16:30	**Poster and Networking session** **Refreshment**	
18:30	**End of Day 1**	

Wednesday 6th July 2016 (Day 2)

09:00	**Parallel Session 2: Exchanges on future impact pathways** **Objectives:** Exchange of suggestions and measures to identify and insure impacts pathways after the project has ended: share lessons learnt, good practice and present results in an analysis of the achievement in reaching the long term goals of the three programmes. In each room three projects will present on how their project outcomes have influenced the state of play of STI and Research in ACP countries, as well as their impact on ACP Higher Education Institutions' capacities. Each session will be introduced by a moderator, followed by project presentations and discussion with the audience. The session will be closed with an overview of discussion outcomes by the moderator/rapporteur

	Room C – Agriculture and Food Security	Room B – Energy Access and Efficiency
	Moderator: (TBC) Rapporteur: Project Beneficiary (TBC) Presentations: • *Project 11 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 12 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 13 (FR)* Mr. () **Round Table discussion** **Closing remark: Moderator/rapporteur**	Moderator: (TBC) Rapporteur: Project Beneficiary (TBC) Presentations: • *Project 14 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 15 (EN)* Mr. () • *Project 16 (FR)* Mr. () **Round Table discussion** **Closing remark: Moderator/rapporteur**
10:30	**Coffee break**	

11:00	**Parallel Session 3: Exchanges on projects good practices**
	Objectives: Participants to reflect on and share possible recommendations for their own institutions and partners on the basis of the key lessons learnt through the implementation of the projects.
	In each room two projects will report on their lessons learnt and the role that beneficiaries and stakeholders are able to undertake, at their respective levels, in a longer term perspective (including possible collaboration/funding opportunities).
	Hereafter, a break-out session with small groups will further discuss on the topic.

	Room C – Agriculture and Food Security	**Room B – Energy Access and Efficiency**
	Moderator: Project Beneficiary (TBC)	Moderator: Project Beneficiary (TBC)
	Rapporteur: Project Beneficiary (TBC)	Rapporteur: Project Beneficiary (TBC)
	Presentations:	Presentations:
	• *Project 17 (EN)* Mr. ()	• *Project 19 (EN)* Mr. ()
	• *Project 18 (EN)* Mr. ()	• *Project 20 (EN)* Mr. ()
	Break-out session	**Break-out session**

12:30	**Lunch Break and Poster session**

14h30	**Session 3 (Plenary): Reporting from the parallel session 3**
	Moderated by ACP Secretariat
	• Presentation by the rapporteurs of the outcomes of discussion sessions;
	• Questions and answers

15:30	**Session 4 (Plenary): Future perspectives - Beyond the projects.**
	Objectives: Presentation of future perspectives of collaboration and funding
	Invited experts will present other collaboration/funding opportunities
	Introduction by the Chairperson: DEVCO
	Speakers::
	• Mr / Mrs
	• Mr /Mrs
	Questions/answers

16:30	**Closure of the conference**
	Main outcomes of the Conference
	Closing remarks *(ACP Secretariat – DEVCO)*

17:00	**Poster and Networking session** **Bilateral Meetings**