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Dear reader,

It is my pleasure to present to you the second issue of News from AIDCO C4 Section Natural Resources and Infrastructures.

The signing of the final signature of the individual financing agreements in mid January of new 10<sup>th</sup> EDF intra ACP programmes allow us to move towards implementation. The Natural resources Section and Infrastructures section had six new programmes in the latest action plan representing a total allocation of € 308 million. Also, in the Food Security thematic budget line seven new initiatives have been developed for a total of € 66 million. In the following pages you will find a brief introduction to our new programmes and a sample selection of ongoing projects.

I wish to particularly highlight achievements of the section in the domain of Communication. Testimony is the second prize, awarded to the PIP programme in this year's AIDCO Communication Award – Project of the Year.

By the end of 2009 the section has seen the departure of three valued colleagues, i.e of Raffaella Boudron, Melanie Bride and Ricardo Diez-Baeza which moved to the EC Delegations in Philippines, Laos and Haiti. We are thanking all three of them for their contribution during these three years, certain that we will have again the pleasure to meet and work together with them. In parallel, I am pleased to announce the arrival of our three new colleagues (Alexandru, Aude and Peter) taking up the flambeau.

I wish you great pleasure reading this newsletter.

Denis Salord, [Head of Unit AIDCO C4](#)

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## NATURAL RESOURCES and ENVIRONMENT

Land policy Intra ACP AAP 2009 **NEW**

To support land policy development in Africa the Commission decided in December 2009 to contribute with 9 million € to the African Union Land Policy Initiative. A contribution agreement with UNECA will be signed in beginning of 2010. The programme includes pilot projects in 12 African ACP countries yet to be selected. To complement this programme the Commission also supports the African civil society's participation in national land policy processes through a contribution of 2,95 millions to the Land Policy Coalition hosted by IFAD.

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Programme Manager: Christer Hermansson

"PIP Quality and conformity - Fruits and vegetables" - second phase (€ 33 million – 10th EDF) AAP 2009 **NEW**

The second phase of the Programme "PIP Quality and conformity - Fruits and vegetables" (previously named "Programme Initiatives Pesticides") was prepared last year. There was no interruption in the activities between the transitory phase and the second phase as the grant contract with COLEACP (a private sector network who will continue implementing this programme) was signed in October 2009 for 5 years.

The global objective of the Programme is to increase the contribution of the fruits and vegetables sector to poverty reduction. The second phase of the programme will support ACP exporters and producers of the fruits and vegetables sector, and especially smallholders, to comply with regulations and private standards and to benefit from new development and market opportunities, like organic market, fair trade, etc. Contributing to sustainable and safe food for local and regional markets is also an objective of the programme.

The Statement of intent of the second phase is available on <http://www.coleacp.org/en/pip/14800-pip-2009-2014---statement-intent>

A video to present the Programme activities and the modalities for beneficiaries to apply for its support has just been finalised and is available on-line on <http://www.watchtv.be/ftp/pip/> and was voted second during the AIDCO Communications Awards Ceremony [http://www.cc.cec/dgintranet/europeaid/info.com/communication-awards/2009-selection\\_en.htm](http://www.cc.cec/dgintranet/europeaid/info.com/communication-awards/2009-selection_en.htm)

During the coming months, the Programme is participating in / organising different events in order to present the second phase of the Programme in Kenya, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Cameroun, Ghana, Ivory Coast, etc. Visit the website for more information on these events.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

CRIS N°: 021 473 (Decision)

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Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA) AAP 2009 **NEW**

This € 40 million contribution to the GCCA will fund activities in the three ACP regions to help vulnerable countries deal with challenges related to mitigating and/or adapting to the effects of climate change. For Africa, capacities at the regional level will be enhanced through cooperation with CILSS and COMESA. Also an € 8 million contribution is foreseen to the ClimDEV Africa initiative. Activities for the Pacific component are envisaged to be implemented through an agreement with the University for the South Pacific. In the

Caribbean, the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre has been identified as the implementing partner. In support to all regions, a facility will be set up to quickly mobilise technical assistance.

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**Contribution to the Standards and Trade Development Facility - STDF (€ 2 million 10th EDF)**

A contribution to the multi-donors trust fund, Standards and Trade Development Facility, hosted at WTO was agreed on last year, taking over previous contributions by DG Trade. The objectives of the STDF are (i) donor and technical assistance provider coordination in the SPS field and (ii) improvement of SPS capacities in ACP countries.

The STDF Operating Plan for 2009-2011 has been agreed upon in December 2009 at the Policy Committee and is available on

[http://www.standardsfacility.org/files/various/STDF\\_314\\_OperatingPlan2010-11\\_Jan10.pdf](http://www.standardsfacility.org/files/various/STDF_314_OperatingPlan2010-11_Jan10.pdf)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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**Programme "Strengthening Food Safety Systems through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures in ACP countries" (€ 30 million – 9th EDF)**

The objective of the programme "Strengthening Food Safety Systems through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures in ACP countries", planned under the 9th EDF, is to establish risk-based food and feed safety systems for export products in ACP countries in line with regional, international and EU SPS standards.

The following are the expected results for participating ACP beneficiaries:

- § Gaps are identified and risk-based animal health, plant health and food safety systems are strengthened,
- § Food and feed inspection services,
- § and sustainable laboratory services are supported,
- § Local capacity and expertise is strengthened,
- § Ad-hoc SPS measures are supported.

The programme will be implemented by a consortium led by COLEACP and including: Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (France), National Food Institute/Technical University (Denmark), CIRAD (France), Natural Research Institute (UK), Ecole Nationale de Santé Vétérinaire (France), France Vétérinaires International (France), Direction Générale de l'Alimentation (France), Food and Environment Research Agency (UK). The programme starts on March 1st for 4 years.

During the coming months, the Programme will update its strategy and approach. Workshops on the field will start from September/October. The Programme team will share the same offices as PIP2 and a close collaboration will be established between both Programmes.

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CRIS N°: 020 732 (Decision)

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**Global Index Insurance Facility**

The Global Index Insurance Facility(GIIF) is a comprehensive risk mitigation program created to address the scarcity of affordable insurance protection against weather and natural disasters in developing countries. Index insurance solutions guarantee beneficiaries, including smallholders, rapid payments following natural disasters once a pre-determined index (e.g centimetres of rainfall, variation of temperature, wind-speed and

seismic activity and Richter scale). The Facility has been established within the World Bank Group and is managed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The European Commission (EC) is the primary donor to the initiative and has committed EUR 24.5 million to facilitate reaching the objectives of the facility. The official launch of the programme was on December, 2nd 2009 in Nairobi represented by the EC Delegation to Kenya.

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Programme "All ACP Agricultural Commodities Programme" (€ 45 million)

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the programme Steering Committee took place at the ACP House the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2010. The participants from International and Regional Organisations, ACP Secretariat, DG DEV, and AIDCO, discussed on latest programme progress reports of the Tranche I and approved the Global Work Plan for the Tranche II. The recommendations of the March-May 2009 Mid Term Review have been followed for the design of this approved Global Work Plan, i.e. :

- to increase focus : fewer commodity sectors covered in each ACP region
- to strengthen ACP ownership : partnership agreements signed between IOs and selected Regional Organisations (Focal points)

A special training session with Focal points was also organised the following day to further discuss on the Global Work Plan, the modalities for enhancing information flows and communications. A detailed list of interventions is available on the website by region and by action (including action fiche with latest news)

All partners agreed that the next steps for the remaining months (the programme runs until 31/12/2011), will be:

- implementation and its monitoring, by ensuring new role of focal points as well as continuation of coordinated actions by agencies; and
- harvesting and dissemination of results thru communication outputs as soon as actions are completed and lessons learnt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

CRIS N° : 018 543 (Decision)

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SFP "Strengthening Fishery Products Health Conditions in ACP/OCTs"

The Financial Agreement of this programme ends November 30, 2010. Most activities will continue implemented until the very end.



Module 1 (Strengthening national health control capacity) and module 2 (Technical support of testing laboratories) continue their missions for strengthening beneficiaries capacities. Module 1 has published 9 supply tenders to deliver equipment for the fisheries inspections services of the Competent Authorities. Module 2 is also preparing tender dossiers for laboratories equipments.

During the second semester 2009, module 3 and 4 activities have started in the area of support for export industry and for small scale fisheries. These activities are mainly implemented through technical assistance and training missions.

A new PMU team is mobilised since March 2010.

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## Fish 2 : "Strengthening Fisheries Management in ACPs"

The activities started in the second semester of 2009. The PMU went through the recruitment process of the facilitators in the 6 regions of the programme: one in the Caribbean's, one in the Pacific regions and four in Africa. A start up programme estimate has been signed to allow the assessment activities to start. Six regional workshops occurred between October and December 2009. The purpose of this activity was to devise the overall work plan of the programme and to design the operational programme estimates.



The operational part of the programme will start on the first semester 2010 with a second round of workshops to define the action plans of the countries and Regional fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) that will be supported by the programme through the implementation of two Programme Estimates for the components 1 to 4:

- § Improvement of fisheries and management plans;
- § Reinforcement control and enforcement capabilities;
- § Reinforcement of national and regional research strategies;
- § Improvement of business support and private sector investment.

Component 5 (Increase of knowledge sharing on management trade) will be implemented through a service contract.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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## FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT GOVERNANCE AND TRADE (FLEGT)

The ACP FLEGT programme ( 9 ACP RPR 125) had its first call for proposal end of 2009. 12 proposals for pilot projects were selected out of 78 received. The contracts will be signed in beginning of 2010 and the actions will start immediately after. The countries concerned of the selected proposals are: Cameroun (FLEGT in Congo Basin), Central African Republic (increased capacity in civil society), DR Congo (multi-actors working group), Dominican Republic (establishment of FLEGT priority area), Ghana (Training centre for FLEGT), Liberia (Social agreements), Sierra Leone (Capacity building for verification) and Tanzania.

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## FOOD SECURITY

### DCI FOOD – FOOD SECURITY THEMATIC PROGRAMME

The Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP) has been established with the aim of ensuring the full implementation of the EC Food Security Policy (Council regulation (EC) No 1292/96) that has been guiding the Commission's action in the fight against hunger, since 1996.

#### Updates on the ongoing actions for the Annual Action Programmes (AAP) 2008 and 2009:

- Support to FARA (Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa), € 10 million- The World Bank Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) is now operational.
- Support to AFAAS (African Forum for Agriculture Advisory Services), € 1.5 million. The MDTF is expected to be operational by March 2010.
- Support to ASARECA (Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa), € 4 million (de-concentrated to the EC Delegation in Uganda)
- Support to ICIPE (International Centre of Insect Physiology)- Diffusion of Pro-poor & Poor environment Tsetse Repellent Technology (€ 1.5 million) (de-concentrated to the EC Delegation in Kenya).

- Support to PAEPARD II (Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development) (€ 5.5 million)- Kick of meeting expected by 11/12 February 2010 in Brussels.
- Technical and scientific support to food security information for decision-making in Sub-Saharan Africa (€ 5 million), Joint Research Centre (JRC). The launch of the program is expected by the first trimester of 2010.
- Support to Farmers' organizations and agricultural policy processes in Africa (€ 5 million): the project is now fully operational following the start-up and planning workshop held in Johannesburg (South Africa) on 17th – 19th June 2009.
- Strengthening CAADP (Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme) institutions and processes (€ 5 million): the World bank Multi Donor Trust Fund is operational; secured funds amount to US\$ 28.7 M and 4 child trust funds for the AU, COMESA, NEPAD and ECCAS are expected to be made effective within the first quarter of 2010.
- Plate-forme pour le Développement Rural et la Sécurité Alimentaire en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre – Le HUB / UNOPS (€ 3.5 mil): the project management has been devolved to EU Delegation in Senegal.
- Support to International Land Coalition: Ensuring access to and control over natural resources helps achieve food security: the contribution agreement with IFAD (€ 2.95 million) has entered into force.
- Livestock for Livelihoods - Strengthening Climate Change Adaptation Strategies through Improved Management at the Livestock-Wildlife-Environment Interface /AU-IBAR (€ 4.8 million): the project management has been devolved to EU Delegation in Kenya.
- Regional Cassava Initiative in support of vulnerable smallholders in Central and Eastern Africa / FAO (€ 4.7 million): the project management has been devolved to EU Delegation in Uganda.

Regarding the initiatives for the year 2010, the AAP 2010 implementing the FSTP has not been adopted yet by the Commission, expected by April 2010. Unit C4 has been working in the preparation of the following seven initiatives, totalling € 65.975 million:

- Support to CORAF /WECARD (Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement), € 11.475 million;
- Support to Nutrition Strategy in West & East Africa / UNICEF (€ 15 million);
- The Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) of the African Agriculture Equity Fund / IFAD (€ 10 million) ;
- Gouvernance, politiques de gestion des ressources marines et réduction de la pauvreté dans l'Ecorégion WAMER (Afrique de l'Ouest) / PNUD (€ 10 million);
- Programme Régional de gestion durable des terres et d'adaptation aux changements climatiques au Sahel et en Afrique de l'Ouest / CILSS (€ 10 million);
- Accessible systems to manage risk in family agriculture in Africa / ECART (€ 4.5 million);
- Regional initiative in support of vulnerable pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in the Horn of Africa / FAO (€ 5 million).

The EC is working in the preparation of the FSTP Phase II (2011-2013) and the adoption of this new strategy is expected by mid/end-2010.

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## INFRASTRUCTURES AND TRANSPORT

### INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FUND FOR THE CARIBBEAN REGION

The establishment of an infrastructure Fund for the Caribbean is envisaged under the 10th EDF intra-ACP envelope with a €40 million allocation. A formulation study, contracted by the EU Delegation in Guyana, produced a final report at the end of March 2010 which includes a strategic approach to the establishment of

such a fund including a recommended scope of operations, alternative structure options, an estimation of initial financing requirements as well as an outline of potential donor entities. The EC is currently in negotiations with CARIFORUM on the final modalities of this new instrument. In parallel, the EC is consulting EU Member States as potential donors.

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#### EU-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP FOR INFRASTRUCTURE – PREPARATORY ACTIONS AND STUDIES

The process for selecting a consultant to carry out the Technical Assistance to the African Union Commission (AUC) in support of the EU-Africa Partnership for Infrastructure was concluded successfully after two unsuccessful tenders and a negotiation process. The TA will be responsible for supporting the Partnership in the next 2 years, as well as for identifying, formulating and procuring priority projects in the energy, transport, as well as information and telecommunication technologies.

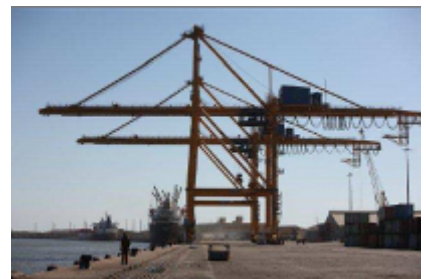
Moreover, the consultant will be requested to carry out secretariat tasks in the organisation and follow-up of the meetings of the Partnership Steering Committee, which is scheduled to hold its third meeting in Tunis on 7-9 April.

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#### EU-AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FUND

The close of 2009 found the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund in a considerably strengthened position, both in terms of resources and operational results. As a response to the global crisis, and in order to accelerate counter-cyclical measures for developing countries, the Commission decided in November 2009 to increase its contribution to the Trust Fund by EUR 200 million, and invited Member States to take action to increase the TF resources to EUR 500 million. Finland pledged EUR 5 million and became the 12th EU Member State to join the instrument. The UK made an additional commitment of EUR 20 million, thereby increasing its total contribution to EUR 30 million. The total endowment of the TF thus now stands at EUR 372.7 million.



In the context of strengthening the pipeline of projects, Italy nominated SIMEST to the Projects Financiers Group (PFG), and there are signs of more and more financiers being active in taking prospective projects forward. In the past 6 months, 2 meetings of the Executive Committee were held in Brussels, and 10 operations were approved for grants reaching over EUR 31 million, including interest rate subsidies for the Port of Pointe Noire in Congo and the rehabilitation of the Benin-Togo power transmission line. The associated loans leveraged by the participating financiers reach about EUR 240 million and the total capital mobilised by other institutions or the private sector exceeds EUR 450 million, thereby yielding a total leverage factor of about 14:1. In addition, 2 operations have been given clearance in principle for a total amount of EUR 26 million. It is noteworthy that the grants approved or cleared in 2009 represent an increase of about 94% compared to the previous 1.5 years of operation.

Finally, as many approved operations reach implementation phase, disbursements reached EUR 23 million, or 24% of the funds committed to projects.

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## Overseas Countries and Territories

### SAINT HELENA: EDF FUNDED PROJECT RECEIVES TOP INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

August 2008 saw the completion of rockfall protection works on the 200m high volcanic cliff above James-town Wharf on the remote South Atlantic Island of St Helena. In recognition of the quality of the design and construction for this project as well as the clear benefits to the local community, the contractor, W A Fairhurst, have recently been awarded the Ground Engineering Award for International Project of the Year (<http://www.geawards.com>). Moreover, the Site Supervisor for the project was awarded the prestigious Glossop Award by the Engineering Group of the Geological Society for her work on the island.

The rockfall protection works were designed to mitigate the unreasonably high risk of death or injury to the users of the wharf as well as the frequent damage to buildings and plant. As the Wharf provides the only access on and off the Island, the importance of safe access and protection of critical cargo handling plant cannot be understated.

Fairhurst's design was developed with the constructability and safety of the operatives as a prime driver as well as offering simplicity of form to give a sustainable design that allows maintenance by trained labour resident on the Island. CAN France built upon this approach by adopting the use of specialised plant and equipment including the use of a helicopter for mesh installation, further shortening the construction period and giving immediate and significant cost savings. St. Helena Government also retained a thorough involvement in all stages of the works, demonstrating a firm commitment to the successful delivery of the project.



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### March

- Atelier de lancement de la phase 2 du PIP au Sénégal: 9 mars
- Atelier de lancement de la phase 2 du PIP au Burkina Faso: 11 mars
- STDF Working Group: 19 March
- OCT Forum: 23-26 March
- Atelier de lancement de la phase 2 du PIP au Kenya (dans le cadre de Hortec): 24-26 mars
- Atelier de lancement de la phase 2 du PIP en Uganda: 30 mars

### April

- SPINAP Steering Committee 6-7/4
- EU-Africa Partnership for Infrastructure Steering Committee: 7-9 April, Tunis.
- ALive Executive Committee 7-8/4 and General Assembly 9/4
- FARA Board meeting in Ghana, April 12-13
- EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund Executive Committee: 15 April, Brussels
- Nile Basin Trust Fund Committee meeting, Entebbe 27-29 April
- AU CAADP Partnership Platform meeting in April (to be defined)
- Fish2 : regional workshops to approve plans of activities of beneficiary countries and organizations.

### May

- Executive Board of CORAF/WECARD in Senegal, 5/6/7 Mai 2010
- CTA Board meeting: 25-26 May or 14-15 June

### June –September

- FLEGT Steering Committee
- EU-Africa Infrastructure Executive Committee: mid-June
- STDF Working Group: 2 July
- Ateliers de lancement du Programme "Strengthening Food Safety Systems": September/October
- STDF Working Group: 22 October