



Realities in achieving results

Joint Stakeholders' Conference of the Programmes:

EDULINK II

ACP Science and Technology Programme (S&T II)

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

7 - 8 July 2015

**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.

This joint stakeholders' conference will provide an opportunity for participants to strengthen new and existing ties and will focus on strengthening the networks of ACP and EU higher education and research communities.

These two days will focus on the practical aspects of ensuring projects' expected results, impact and sustainability within the global development framework of improving the quality of learning and innovation that is paramount to achieving the desired inclusive development and economic goals in the ACP Member States.

Agenda

7th July 2015 (Day 1)

09:00	Registration	
09:30	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks (<i>Assistant Secretary General, Political Affairs & Human Development, ACP Secretariat</i>) Introduction to the objective of the conference (<i>Mr. Denis Salord, Head of Unit E3, Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission</i>) 	
10:00	Achieving the Programmes goals <i>Moderated by ACP Secretariat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term survey / Lessons learnt from the first year of EDULINK II Outcomes of the final survey of ACP S&T I (Call 2008) and mid-term surveys of ACP S&T II (Call 2012) and CP-RPSD (Call 2010). 	
10:30	<i>Project presentations on year 1 experiences</i> <i>Moderated by ACP Secretariat</i> Some representatives of on-going projects will report on their approach to achieve their goals within the objectives of the three programmes. They will also report on constraints met and solutions found, and will recommend best practices. Their experience will be the basis for the discussion of the afternoon session 1.	
12:30	Lunch and speed dating (<i>Networking is encouraged through short meetings</i>)	
14:30	Parallel Discussion Sessions: Realities in achieving results Session 1 – working groups (with common project theme clusters) <i>Moderated by ACP Secretariat – DEVCO</i> <i>Rapporteur –(a designated project manager)</i>	
	Room C – EDULINK Mechanisms and experiences in ensuring sustainability of results Sharing clustered groups outcomes, discussion and conclusion	Room B – ACP S&T and Research Mechanisms and experiences in the valorisation of the results (innovative approaches) Sharing clustered groups outcomes, discussion and conclusion
17:00	Networking and Bilateral Meetings <i>Participants will use this time slot to meet each other and present their projects whilst project managers will have a given timeslot for bilateral meetings with the Contracting Authority and TAUs</i>	
18:00	Cocktail reception (foyer ACP House)	

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8th July 2015 (Day 1)

09:00	Introduction to the objective of the day Mr. John Kakule, ACP Secretariat
09:30	Session 2 – Collaboration challenges in consortia (problems, solutions, best practices) working groups (Rooms B & C) <i>Moderated by ACP Secretariat – DEVCO</i> <i>Rapporteur – (a designated project manager)</i>
11:00	Session 3 – Narrative and financial reporting (experiences, recommendations) working groups (Rooms B & C) <i>Moderated by ACP Secretariat – DEVCO</i> <i>Rapporteur – (a designated project manager)</i>
13:00	Lunch and speed dating
15:00	Working groups - reporting from the parallel sessions preparation Bilateral meetings
15:30	Reporting from the parallel sessions <i>Moderation: Mr. John Kakule, ACP Secretariat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the rapporteurs of the outcomes of each session • Questions and answers
16:30	Closure of the conference Main outcomes of the conference (<i>DEVCO</i>) Closing remarks (<i>ACP Secretariat</i>)
17:00	Networking and Bilateral Meetings