

Workshop on Funding and Technical Assistance for the Manufacture Sector

Funding possibilities within EC

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EC policies for private sector support in ACP countries

- Cotonou Agreement
 - Article 21
 - Cooperation shall support the necessary economic and institutional reforms and policies at national and/or regional level, aiming at creating a favourable environment for private investment, and the development of a dynamic, viable and competitive private sector

- Guidelines for EC support for private sector development
 - Support to private firms and the improvement of economic and institutional environment – as fundamental elements of EC cooperation

Past EC-Cooperation with Mauritius in the field of private sector development

- Long history of cooperation
- From 3rd to 8th EDF – > € 24 million worth of grants
- Lessons learnt
 - From micro to meso for better sustainability
 - Calls for Proposals rather than open guichet approach: better transparency and appropriation

9th EDF – Decentralised Cooperation Programme

- Envelope of € 3.4 m
 - Fight against Unemployment and Support to Job Creation through
 - Strengthened Business Environment of SMEs for increased competitiveness through clustering
 - Training and re-skilling of SMEs cadres and floor-level workers in key sectors
 - Promotion of higher value-added entrepreneurship via strengthened business support services and innovation
- + additional € 200,000 for assistance in governance issues through CfPs

All-ACP/Horizontal instruments for private sector

- Centre pour le Développement de l'Entreprise (CDE)/PROINVEST
- BIZCLIM
- ESIPP
- Pesticides Initiative Programme (PIP)
- Strengthening fisheries products health conditions

CDE/PROINVEST

- € 110 m
- Objective: to promote investment and technology flows to enterprises operating within the key sectors in the ACP States
- Activities: to support intermediary organisations and business associations and to develop inter-enterprise partnerships
- Calls for proposals on established calendar

BIZCLIM

- To enhance the business enabling environment in ACP countries
- € 20 m
- TA to (i) improve legislation and institutional arrangements;
 - (ii) improve financial sector enabling framework;
 - (iii) reform State Owned Enterprises; and (iv) enhance macroeconomic stability
- Proposals can be submitted directly to PCU in Brxls via internet.
- www.acpbusinessclimate.org

EU-SADC Investment Promotion Programme

- € 16.3 m
- For SADC Countries
- Objectives:
 - Support to intermediary organisations
 - Organisation of business to business events - five selected areas: agro, construction, tourism, mining and light engineering
 - Support to SADC promoters of investment

Other allocations

- Trade, preferential access, for textiles and clothing
 - EU main source of FDI to Mauritius – cumulated investment of Rs 10 billion from 1995-2005
 - EU main commercial partner – 65% of total Mauritius exports
 - Textiles and Clothing – exports to EU 60% of Mauritius exports
 - € 700,000 m worth of Trade Related Assistance per annum, which is expected to increase to € 1 bn by 2010
- Tourism (70% of tourist arrivals are from Europe)

EIB

- European Investment Bank (Investment Facility):
 - Provision of long term financial resources other than grants, to assist in promoting growth in the private sector and helping to mobilise domestic and foreign capital
 - Total volume of ongoing assistance to Mauritius as at end 2005 - € 208 m
 - Public sector projects
 - Private sector projects

■ Conclusions

- Large number of programmes

- Access

- Focus on partnership, innovation and intervention at macro/meso level

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