



ACP Group Support Towards the Cotton Sector

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Policy Context

- ❑ Commodities sector plays a significant role
- ❑ Past programmes – *Banana Accompanying Measures, Accompanying measures for Sugar Protocol Countries, Sugar Research Programme, EU/Africa Partnership on cotton*
- ❑ 2017 – New Approach (NA) – *focus on promotion of value chains as opposed to commodity specific support*
- ❑ **Pillars** – Finance; Capacity Building; Trade and Investment; Climate Change



Main Cotton-Sector orientation

Pan African Cotton Investment Programme (PACIP)

- Follow-up to the ACP/EU Partnership Cotton Programme that came to an end in November 2017.
- Aims to promote sustainable development of African cotton value chains
- **Focus areas:** Cotton production; investment in processing of cotton and its by products & capacity building of institutions and professional organisations.



Main Cotton-sector orientation (cont.)

Implementation

PACIP will be implemented through two main Actions under the ACP Private Sector Development Programme

- **Business Friendly and Value Chains component**

This component was launched on 12th November 2019

- **Agriculture Value Chains**

ACP Secretariat/EU finalising an Action Document



Other Related Initiatives

Other ACP/EU initiatives not specific to cotton but supporting agriculture value chains development include:

- Agri Business Fund (ABC): Euro 45m investment fund that targets smallholder farmers
- Farmers Organisation for ACP Countries Programme: Euro 40m support to ACP farmers' organisations



THANK YOU!

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