



Editorial

Lessons from the ACP Science and Technology Programme

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It is with pleasure to inform you that the second phase of the ACP Science and Technology Programme that ran between 2012 and 2018 has recently been evaluated on the impacts it has generated. You can read about the impact [highlights of some of the 21 projects](#) operating in the fields of Energy Access and Efficiency, and Agriculture and Food Security. The programme had a specific focus on capacity building around Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in ACP countries to facilitate the creation, update and use of scientific knowledge in the academic, industry, policy and civic sectors.

You will see that the levels of sustained impact vary significantly, both in the nature and the scale of sustained impact achieved, as well as through the continuation of project activities and services. Overall, they are

impressive, in terms of enhanced capacities and institutional capabilities, sustained socio-economic impact, technological innovations, policy development and financial sustainability.

By continuing to strengthen their knowledge in STI areas, and expanding and transferring this knowledge across society, the organisations and persons who were actively involved in these projects can contribute to assisting the ACP countries in their socio-economic development. For this to happen, I emphasise the need to intensify networking among actors in the STI areas at national, regional and international levels. And to leverage knowledge experiences and learning opportunities from these past projects.

This was the objective of the two cross-fertilisation workshops we organised recently on R&I project implementation and impact management (18 October and 10 November). Representatives from the former ACP Science and Technology Programme and from the current projects and their related third-party projects supported by the ACP Innovation Fund shared experiences and made suggestions about how to better measure impacts and promote R&I results during and after the project implementation period.

Highlights of these two events will soon be published.



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