



OACPS Research and Innovation Programme

Focus on the mid-term results (July 2023)

Research and Innovation (R&I) are essential drivers of sustainable development for African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. They help address complex challenges (climate change, food, energy and water insecurity, epidemics, etc.), accelerate the green transition, create new jobs and businesses, and reduce poverty.

In order to play this key role, they must rely on adequate financing and skills development mechanisms, as well as appropriate policy frameworks. This involves better coordination among all R&I stakeholders (government, industry, academia and society), optimising the use of often limited resources and accelerating the transformation of research results into products, processes, services and technologies that have a positive impact on society and the economy.



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Implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and funded by the European Union, the OACPS R&I programme (2018–2025) aims to unlock the innovation potential in its 79 member countries through:

79 member countries

16

Caribbean

48

African

15

Pacific

ACP INNOVATION FUND

12 projects, along with more than **70 sub-projects**, implement solutions to foster an enabling environment for R&I by carrying out a wide range of actions on the ground, with concrete results already achieved:



More than **30 maps**, studies and **publications** produced



More than **10,000 people trained** (face-to-face and online)



13 innovation and technology transfer **spaces** created



A dozen learning spaces or platforms established



150 entrepreneurs and innovators incubated



A dozen digital tools developed



50 innovations in the process of being patented by the African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI)

POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

At the request of national or regional public authorities responsible for R&I, tailored, evidence-based services are deployed by independent experts to help countries strengthen the quality and effectiveness of their R&I ecosystems.

This facility has already implemented **8 services**:



13 publications (country background and policy recommendations)



More than **100 institutions** involved



More than **100 policymakers** with enhanced capacities and knowledge in R&I



Recommendations translated into **concrete actions** (R&I strategies, operational instruments, allocated funds)



Synergies with regional and international organisations (e.g., UN IATTWS6, UNESCO, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat)

WEB PLATFORM

This portal facilitates access to, transfer and cross-fertilisation of R&I knowledge in ACP countries through:



An InnovationXChange platform (with more than **200 members**)



Events organised online or in person



Interviews with R&I stakeholders (**25 podcasts**)



Newsletters and an online **thematic magazine**



<https://oacps-ri.eu/>

