The ACP-EU MIGRATION ACTION

Technical Meeting on Visa Facilitation
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Based on Art. 13 of the COTONOU AGREEMENT…

... and therefore on the explicit will of all parties that migration becomes “...subject of in-depth dialogue in the framework of the ACP-EU Partnership...”;

The latest recommendations on VISA, REMITTANCES, READMISSION and TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS & SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS

... are the basis of the rounds of Dialogue discussions based in Brussels
The Action stems out of the... 

ACP-EU Dialogue on Migration and Development

The African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) - European Union (EU) Dialogue on Migration involves the 79 (80) ACP States and the 28 MS of the EU

... in total 118 countries
Background on the ACP-EU Migration Action
- **INITIATIVE** of the [ACP Secretariat](#) and the [European Union](#), implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

- **DONOR** → the [European Union](#) through the 10th EDF (9,7 M€).

- **IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES** → to promote the ACP-EU Dialogue on Migration & Development recommendations through demand-driven technical assistance (5§ received to date) for ACP Governments and Regional Organizations and support to Non-State Actors initiatives.

- **TIMELINE** → the Programme started in June 2014 and is currently foreseen to end in February 2018 (44 months).

- **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**→ 80 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (incl. South Sudan)

- **DECENTRALIZED STRUCTURE** → to ensure constant & direct engagement with Gov./ROs/NSAs
The Action offers...

- **Demand-driven Technical Assistance (TA)** to requesting ACP Governments or Regional Organizations exclusively in the following areas: **visas, remittances, readmission, THB and smuggling of migrants**;

  **Component 1**

- Funding opportunities for **initiatives proposed by NSAs** for the benefit of migrants in the same thematic area and country/region where a TA intervention has been implemented;

  **Component 2**

- **Information collection & dissemination** with the purpose of feeding the ACP-EU Dialogue with new perspectives.

  **Component 3**
The Action’s achievements ...
56 ACP Cs/ROs

... have requested Technical Assistance from the Action

13 in Visa

... is the third topic chosen for technical assistance

5 in Sub-Saharan Africa

... COMESA, Namibia, Sudan, Liberia & Benin

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… with most requests from **West and Central Africa**, this however also being the region that comparatively has more ACP countries.
In **Sub-Saharan Africa**, there is a lot of interest in the topic of **Remittances**.

- **Remittances**: 5 (Eastern & Horn of Africa), 3 (Southern Africa), 3 (Western and Central Africa), 1 (Caribbean), 7 (Pacific).
- **Readmission**: 0 (Eastern & Horn of Africa), 0 (Southern Africa), 3 (Western and Central Africa), 1 (Caribbean), 1 (Pacific).
- **Visa**: 1 (Eastern & Horn of Africa), 2 (Southern Africa), 2 (Western and Central Africa), 2 (Caribbean), 1 (Pacific).

...the **Pacific** appears to be requesting a lot on the topic of **Visa**.
The case of Benin:
A technical assistance providing recommendations towards an E-Visa in the context of a growing number of entries
Rational of the technical assistance request made by the Ministry of Interior and Public Security

- Limited capacities
- Growing number of entries/tourists
- Lack of access to visa applications
- Lack of reliable data
- Time consuming
What would bring to Benin the establishment of an E-Visa

- Modernization
- Easing of the Visa Application
- Data Collection, Processing & Analysis
- Interconnexion
- Live Data Viewing
- More Secure Visa Fee Collection
Main RISKS on engaging towards an E-visa

- Lack of strong political support
- Internet/intranet
Thank you for your attention!

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