

The ACP-EU MIGRATION ACTION

Technical Meeting on Visa Facilitation

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The logo for the ACP-EU Migration Action consists of several colored circles (blue, orange, yellow, light blue) arranged around the text. The text 'ACP EU' is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with 'ACP' in orange and 'EU' in blue. Below it, 'MIGRATION ACTION' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, with 'MIGRATION' on one line and 'ACTION' on the line below.

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ACTION

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The Action stems out of the... ***ACP-EU Dialogue on Migration and Development***

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...”;

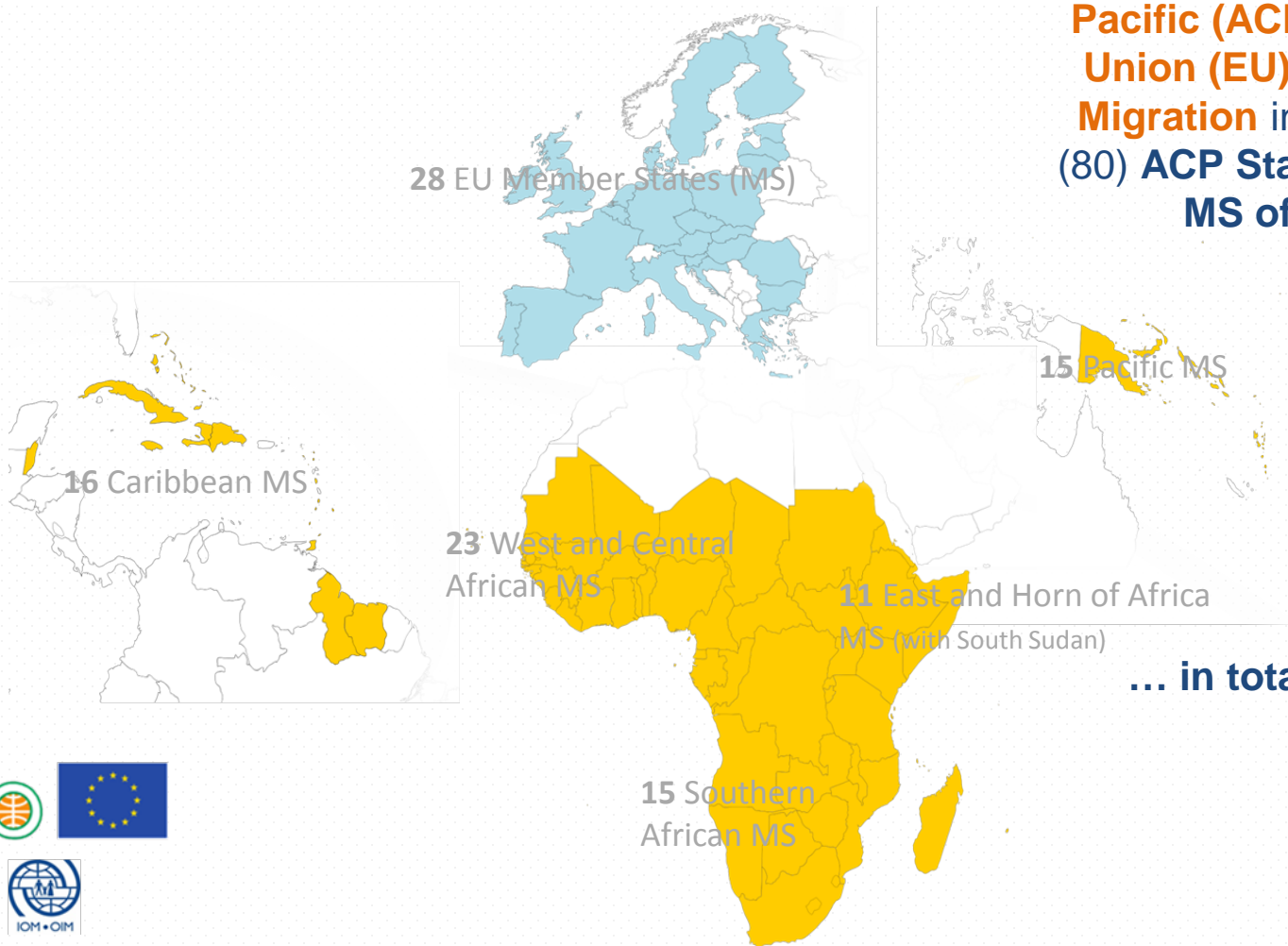
The latest recommendations on **VISA, REMITTANCES, READMISSION and TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS & SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS**

... are the basis of the ***rounds of Dialogue discussions*** based in Brussels



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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

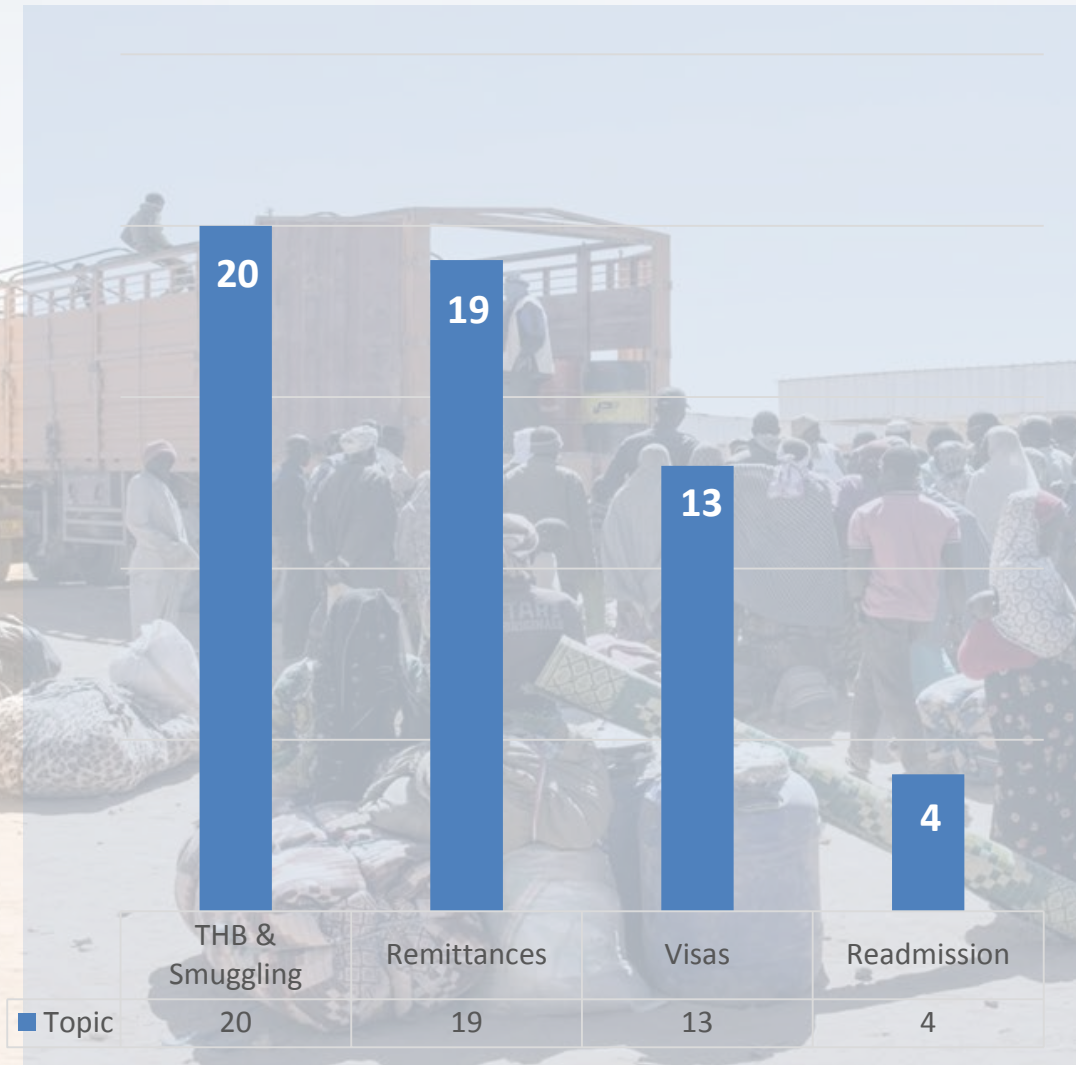
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Technical Assistance
from the Action

13 in Visa

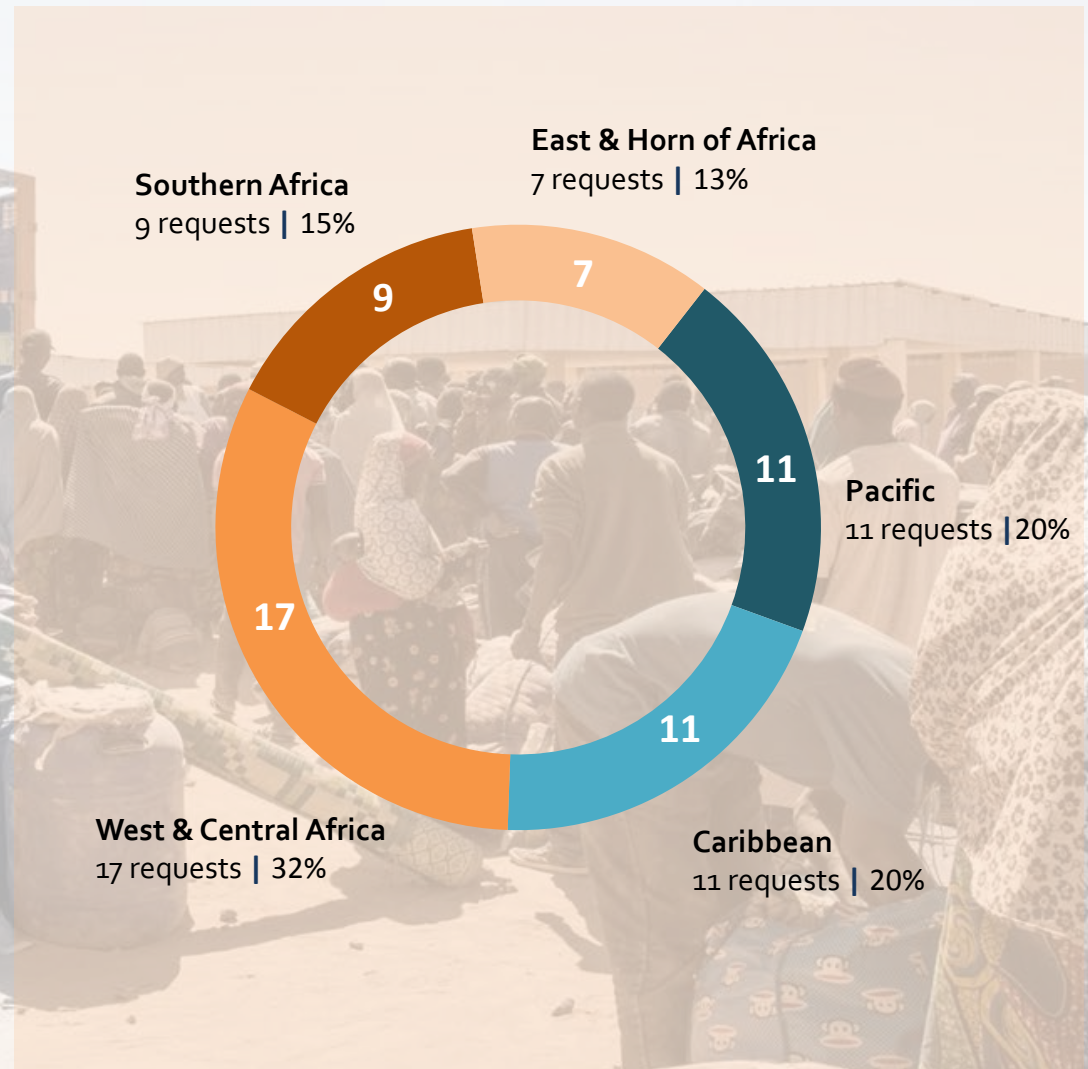
... is the third topic chosen
for **technical assistance**

5 in Sub-Saharan Africa

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

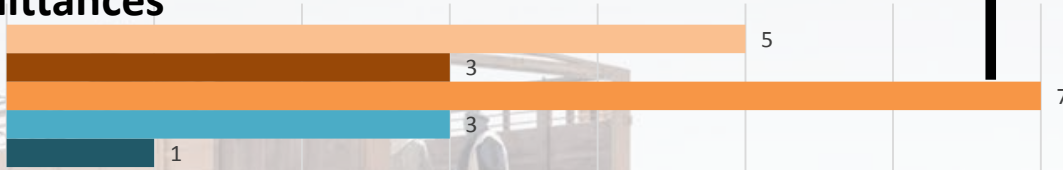


... with most requests from **West and Central Africa**, this however also being the region that comparatively has more ACP countries.



In **Sub-Saharan Africa**, there is a lot of interest in the topic of **Remittances**

Remittances



Readmission



Visa



THB & Smuggling



- Eastern & Horn of Africa
- Southern Africa
- Western and Central Africa
- Caribbean
- 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
DATAS

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

A woman in a patterned headscarf and a light-colored t-shirt carries a young child on her back. The child is wearing a bright orange and yellow patterned shirt. They are in a dusty, outdoor setting, possibly a transit area. In the background, there are other people, some carrying items, and a white van with a roof rack. The sky is clear and blue.

Thank you for your attention!

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