



Lessons learned and future perspectives

Joint Stakeholders Conference

EDULINK II

ACP Science and Technology Programme (S&T II)

**ACP Caribbean & Pacific Research Programme
for Sustainable Development**

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**ACP House
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Introduction

The three EU-ACP collaborative programmes [EDULINK, the ACP Science and Technology Programme (S&T II) and the ACP Caribbean & Pacific Research Programme for Sustainable Development (CP-RPSD)] offer opportunities for actors in the ACP higher education and research sectors to address both the structural as well as the scientific and technological challenges faced by ACP Member States. The continued participation of a variety of organisations in these three programmes is extremely impressive and demonstrates clearly the substantial interest amongst the academic and scientific communities.

These programmes offer a unique framework for participants, both from the ACP Member States and from across the world, to connect and collaborate in a truly global exchange of experiences and know-how in pursuit of the development of equitable knowledge-based societies.

The purpose of the conference is to provide beneficiaries and stakeholders with the opportunity to exchange views on the progress in ACP countries with regard to the scientific divide (between ACP member states and the most industrialised countries), to Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) competences, and to capacity building and regional integration in the field of Higher Education (HE) and research.

In particular, the conference will provide beneficiaries and stakeholders with the space to reflect and share experiences through a **focus on information-driven analyses and thoughtful exchanges of ideas** in order to provide added value to participants and EU/ACP stakeholders through:

- Reflecting upon and sharing good practices, thus leveraging knowledge experiences and learning opportunities at a higher level;
- Understanding the 'state of play' in the industry/sectors;
- Understanding the evolving capacities and potential of Higher Education Institutions and Research Institutions, the HE/Research interface, and of the HE sector generally, in terms of teaching, research and community service; and
- Recognising the value of already generated knowledge, and how to create linkages to ongoing activities.

After plenary sessions addressing 'key issues affecting ACP higher education and research institutions' capacities' and 'completed projects: highlights and lessons learned', the conference will progress through three phases:

- Projects (expected) results and their implications;
- Future impact pathways; and
- Future perspectives – beyond the projects.

Unlike its predecessors, this Joint Stakeholders Conference will not focus upon the individual projects nor will it be content to address the objectives of the three EU-ACP programmes. Instead, it will concentrate on **what has been learned for the higher education and research institutions and for the industries and sectors focused upon – and on how that knowledge may best be applied**. As the Conference title expresses it:

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Tuesday 5th July 2016 (Day 1)

08:00	Registration and Poster placement
08:45	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming remarks: Mr. Léonard-Emile Ognimba, Assistant Secretary General, Political Affairs & Human Development, ACP Secretariat• Introduction to the objective of the conference: Ms Aida Liha Matejicek, Head of Unit DEVCO B4, European Commission and Dr Beata Kolecka, Head of Unit DEVCO 03, European Commission.
09:30	Session 1 (Plenary): Key issues affecting ACP higher education and research institutions' capacities <p><i>Views from international stakeholder:</i> the keynote speaker will make his presentation during an interactive session on the global perspectives, concerning the current situation and needs of ACP higher education and research institutions, and the role of such institutions in supporting ACP countries' transition towards knowledge-based economies and societies.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Professor Goolam Mohamedbhai is the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mauritius (1995-2005) and former Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities (2008-10). He was also President of the International Association of Universities (2004-08), Chairman of the Africa Regional Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge (2004-07) and member of the United Nations University Council (2007-12).</p> <p>Questions and Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Mike Douse</p>
10:30	Coffee break – Meeting of the rapporteurs and moderators
11:00	Session 2 (Plenary): Completed projects: highlights and lessons learned <p>Four projects will present their results and impacts throughout the different ACP Regions concentrating on how they have contributed to the achievement of the overall objectives of the programmes, and how they have possibly influenced national policies and institutions. General lessons learned through the particular projects, including good and replicable practices, will be identified along with generated added value for beneficiary institutions and partners.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Joe Pfaffe</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mrs Angelika Namdar (EDULINK II – E25)</p> <p>Project presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) EDULINK – E30 – ISA – Pioneering Education for Sustainability of Caribbean Aquaculture Development & Opportunities2) CPRPSD – R3 - UWI- GoLoCarSe project3) S&T – S1 – University of Greenwich – OPTIONS project4) EDULINK – E37 – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - PARTICIPIA <p>General discussion.</p>
12:30	Lunch Break (full organic) and Poster session
14:30	Session 3 (Parallel): Exchanges on projects (expected) results and their implications <p>Objectives: Each session will be introduced by an invited speaker who will present a sectoral approach with specific inputs on the state of play, challenges and opportunities in the agriculture and food security field on the one hand, and the energy access and efficiency field on the other.</p> <p>The speakers' addresses will be followed in each session by project presentations and discussion with the audience. Three projects will present the results achieved so far and indicate how implementation at project level is contributing to the achievement of the overall programmes' objectives. The sessions will be closed with an overview of discussion outcomes.</p>

	<p>Room C – Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mike Douse Rapporteur: Mrs. Karen Lee Lum (ACP S&T II – S2) Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Policy at the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU <p>Project presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EDULINK – E6 – University of Witwatersrand – EU-ACP Networking for Excellence on Agriculture and Food Security S&T – S19 – CIRAD– WIKWIO project S&T – S3 – Bioversity – ‘Crop wild relatives’ <p>Questions and discussion Closing remarks and Day One Wrap Up</p>	<p>Room B – Energy Access and Efficiency</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Joe Pfaffe Rapporteur: Mr. Alessandro Manzato (EDULINK II – E27) Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Niklas Hayek, Project Manager at the EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility <p>Project presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EDULINK – E2 – Hamburg University of Applied Sciences – L³EAP S&T – S14– University of Alicante– ENRICH project S&T – S12 – CIRAD – WABEF project <p>Questions and discussion Closing remarks and Day One Wrap Up</p>
16:30	Poster and Networking session Refreshments (organic food and beverages)	
18:30	End of Day 1	

Wednesday 6th July 2016 (Day 2)

08:45	<p>Session 4 (Parallel): Exchanges on future impact pathways</p> <p>Objectives: Exchange of suggestions and measures to identify and ensure impacts pathways after the project has ended based upon analyses of the achievement of the long term goals of the three programmes.</p> <p>In each room three projects will present on how their project outcomes have influenced the state of play of STI and Research in ACP countries, as well as their impact on ACP HE and Research Institutions' capacities.</p> <p>Each session will be introduced by a moderator, followed by project presentations and discussion involving the audience. The session will be closed with an overview of discussion outcomes.</p>	
	<p>Room C – Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Joe Pfaffe Rapporteur: Dr Patience Mshenga (EDULINK II– E8)</p> <p>Project presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EDULINK – E1 – Universidade Nova de Lisboa - AgIM EDULINK – E11 – Universita Degli Studi di Torino - RUSSADE CPRPSD – R9- CARDI- Improving Caribbean FS in the context of CC <p>Round Table discussion Closing remarks</p>	<p>Room B – Energy Access and Efficiency</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Mike Douse Rapporteur: Mr Jafaru AbdulRahman (ACP S&T II – S18)</p> <p>Project presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EDULINK – E38 – University of Alicante – CAP4INNO EDULINK – E16 – University of Applied Sciences Augsburg - JENGA S&T – S10 – Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt – NEED project <p>Round Table discussion Closing remarks</p>
10:30	Coffee break	

11:00	<p>Session 5 (Parallel): Future perspectives – beyond the projects</p> <p>Objectives: Participants are invited to reflect upon and share possible recommendations regarding how the value of already generated knowledge is recognised, and how best that may be linked to ongoing activities. What roles may beneficiaries and stakeholders undertake, at their respective levels, in a longer term perspective (including possible opportunities for collaboration)? What are the implications, in the medium/longer term perspective, for further STI/HE developments in and across the ACP countries?</p> <p>Thereafter, break-out sessions into small groups to enable further discussion on those questions.</p>	
	<p>Room C – Agriculture and Food Security</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Joe Pfaffe Rapporteur: Mr John Becker (ACP S&T II – S21)</p> <p>Project presentations:</p> <p>17) EDULINK – E32 – University of Girona – Development of a Regional Master in Pig Production and Food Security in Caribbean Countries + E4 – UCE – Food Security: From University to Territory</p> <p>18) CPRSD – R5 – UWI- Developing IDM strategies to improve vegetable production</p> <p>Break-out session</p>	<p>Room B – Energy Access and Efficiency</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Mike Douse Rapporteur: Dr Moeketsi Mpholo (EDULINK – E18)</p> <p>Project presentations:</p> <p>19) EDULINK – E14 - University of Turku – PROCEEDCARIBBEAN 20) S&T – S15 – University of Udine – Biochar Plus Project</p> <p>Break-out session</p>
12:30	<p>Lunch Break (full organic) and Poster session</p>	
14:30	<p>Session 6 (Plenary): Reporting from Session 5</p> <p>Moderated by ACP Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by rapporteurs on the key outcomes of discussion sessions • Questions and answers 	
15:30	<p>Session 7 (Plenary): Future funding opportunities</p> <p>Objectives: Presentation of future perspectives of collaboration and funding by invited speakers.</p> <p>Introduction by the Chairperson: DEVCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERASMUS Plus • Intra-Africa Mobility Programme • African Union Research Grant II <p>Questions and answers</p>	
16:30	<p>Closure of the conference</p> <p>Main outcomes of the Conference: Dr Joe Pfaffe and the EDULINK II and ACP S&T II TAUs</p> <p>Closing remarks (ACP Secretariat – DEVCO)</p>	
17:00	<p>Poster and Networking session</p> <p>Bilateral Meetings</p>	