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Objective of Initiative

Overall objective

To support the implementation of the CBD

=>by building national institutional and governmental capacities for assessing, designing and implementing policies that maximize development gains from trade-related policies in the agricultural sector while minimizing the impact on agricultural biodiversity.

Specific Objectives

Understanding trade and biodiversity linkages

- Increased understanding of factors that lead to a loss in biodiversity and protection of biodiversity associated with trade-related policies.

Integrated assessment

- Enhanced national institutional and governmental capacities to identify and quantify the environmental, social and economic effects of trade-related policies in the agricultural sector, with a particular emphasis on agricultural biological diversity;
- Improved national institutional and governmental capacity for conducting integrated assessments of trade-related policies in the agricultural sector.

Specific Objectives

Biodiversity assessment methodologies and indicators

- Development of more refined agricultural biodiversity assessment methodologies and indicators that take into account the specific circumstances of the participating countries and the contribution of agricultural biodiversity and its use to poverty alleviation.

Stakeholder involvement

- Enhanced civil society engagement in assessment and policy-making processes relating to both CBD implementation and the EU-ACP EPAs.
- Enhanced multi-stakeholder consultations in policy development, enhancing acceptability and sustainability of policy reforms resulting from projects.

Specific Objectives

Impact on policymaking

- **Enabling ACP countries to integrate the sustainable management of biodiversity and other natural resources in the negotiation and implementation of the EU-ACP EPAs;**
- **Enhanced capacity of government policy-makers and private sector decision-makers, as well as civil society, to develop and implement an integrated national response to enhance any positive effects and mitigate any negative effects to agricultural biodiversity, thereby contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development.**

Human capacities

- **Understanding link between trade and environment and trade and biodiversity, linkages with other sectors such as energy**
- **Understanding value and technicalities of integrated approach**
- **Integrated assessment methodologies (including ecosystem service approach)**
- **Indicators, in general, and biodiversity indicators specifically**
- **Conceptual framework**
- **Technical knowledge on the sector, or the crop, as well as regulation for the sector**
- **Use of valuation**

Institutional capacities

Inter-ministerial cooperation: opportunities to have trade, agriculture, environment ministries (and others such as Foreign Affairs) participate in meetings and consultations over a period of time and focused on an issue

Inter-institutional cooperation

- **Between government and academia / researchers
=> Developing staff expertise that ministries can call upon**
- **Between government and private sector and NGOs**

Stakeholder involvement

All countries had the participatory process and described the benefit of it.

Additional stakeholder involvement, or inclusion of marginalised groups => a more varied picture

=> In some cases clearly yes, mentioning NGOs, traditional fishermen, farmers, communities, individual traders and producers

=> For others not so clear

=> Explanations given

– Country already has an inclusive approach

– Some groups have been left out

– Stakeholder consultation in some way sensitive

Trade and Biodiversity Linkages

Increased understanding of linkages between trade and biodiversity of...

	yes	tse	no
Main actors	11		
Other relevant stakeholders	10		1*

* too early to say

Integrated assessment

Identification of (...) of trade polices affecting the sector

	yes	tse	no
Environmental, social and economic impacts	9	2	
Biodiversity impacts	8	2 *	1*

* Lack of data

Better understanding of ...

	yes	tse	no
Assessment methodologies for biodiversity	8	3	
Biodiversity indicators	9	2	1
Valuation techniques for biodiversity	5	6	

Impact on policy making

Integration of environmental incl. biodiversity in the (...)

	yes	use	no	not yet
Negotiation of EU-ACP-EPA	1 ¹	3 ²	5 ²	2
Implementation EU-ACP-EPA			1	9 ²
Negotiation of other trade agreements/policies				11 ⁵
Implementation other trade agreements/policies				11

1 Min. of Trade requested preliminary findings before signing EPA (biodiversity issues now included)

2 Negotiators from Min. of Trade participated in the project

3 Project was too late to have impact

4 Negotiation of Trade and Service Agreement, Midterm Review of MAAS

5 E.g. negotiation of PACER and East African Community Negotiations