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Making Traceability & Transparency , Sustainability and Circularity work for small actors and vulnerable groups Module 4

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The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

- The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), which became an International Organisation in April 2020, evolved from the ACP Group founded via the Georgetown Agreement in 1975.
- Composed of 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific States, which include cotton producing countries
- MSMEs account for a large share in OACPS Economies
- The OACPS promotes the sustainable development of our Member-States and their gradual integration into the global economy with the ultimate objective of reducing and eventually eradicating poverty.



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Support measures to facilitate market access for SMEs in emerging economies



National Level

Setting up an enabling environment to promote Traceability & Transparency systems by offering incentives to stimulate the adoption of digital tools, transfer of technology & promotion of innovation and research; facilitating easy access to affordable Internet and ICT services; & access to Finance.



International Level

➤ Trade Agreements

- Provisions on capacity building and technical assistance to enable SMEs comply with market access regulations such as aspects of Traceability and Transparency
- Provisions on transition periods to allow SMEs to adapt and comply with Market Access regulations



➤ Adoption of Declarations at International Fora to support and promote SME market access



➤ Information dissemination on conditions for market access to SMEs through various channels including Embassies



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Examples



National Level

- **Joint ACP-EU Cooperation Framework for Private Sector Development support**
 - Fit for market (FFM) Programme: EUR 65 million implemented by COLEACP
 - ACP-EU digital connectivity and digital solutions to strengthen the resilience of MSMEs: EUR 15.5 million implemented by GIZ
 - Support to business friendly and inclusive national and regional policies and strengthening productive capacities and value chains: EUR 34.7 million implemented by World Bank, UNIDO and ITC



International Level

- **New OACPS-EU Partnership Agreement** – Provision on Trade and sustainable development
- **Economic Partnership Agreements** – To be reviewed to include provisions on Trade and sustainable development
- **OACPS Early Warning Alert Mechanism on Trade Regulations**
- **OACPS Consultative Platforms** – Joint ACP-EU Ministerial Trade Committee, OACPS Ministerial Consultation on Commodities and value chains, Joint ACP-EU Working Group on Cotton etc
- **WTO Platform** - (*OACPS Geneva office*) Committee on Agriculture, DG Consultative Framework Mechanism on Cotton, World Cotton day etc
- **UN Platforms** – UNECE, UNCTAD- *Global Commodities Forum*, Common Fund for Commodities





Thank You!

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