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TCII KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENT ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT GOOD PRACTICES

The Knowledge Sharing Event on Trade and Investment Good Practices was organised by the TradeCom II PMU from 20 to 21 february 2018, aimed at disseminating, as widely as possible, relevant “good practices” developed by TCII-supported programmes since the commencement of its implementation in December 2015. The Knowledge Sharing Event was attended by a total of 110 participants mostly representing the beneficiary ACP Countries and Regional Economics Communities (RECs).

In his opening key-note address, H.E. Dr. Patrick I. Gomes (Secretary-General of ACP Group) insisted on the role of the ACP Secretariat in building and sharing knowledge across the TradeCom II Programme. Uncertainties in the multilateral trade system demand solid knowledge and require stronger capacities to innovate and enhance knowledge on global trade issues and and to deal with the difficulties emerging from the demographic dividends, such as the youths who leave their countries in search of better opportunities. This calls for reinforcing production and trading capacities in the ACP countries to also benefit the youth.

Mr Leonard Mizzi, Acting Director at EC DEVCO (Planet and Prosperity; Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition) highlighted the constructive approach to the event and considered this event as an opportunity to identify good practices that can be scaled up, including an analysis of their impact on trade. “As a result of the outputs of this event, the EC should go to the EU Parliament, the UN, and other platforms to show case what is really working on trade and what can be scaled up, especially results that can lead to a more equitable trading system”.

Five clusters of “good practice” cases were proposed for the first round of knowledge sharing from the 23 programmes implemented by the TradeCom II Programme under its first Programme Estimate. These good practice cases were built around the following targeted outputs:

- 📍 Trade Policy and regulation
- 📍 The EPA and WTO Processes
- 📍 Custom Matters
- 📍 Quality Infrastructure
- 📍 Trade and Investment (The European Investment Plan; Private sector competitiveness)

CLUSTER 1: TRADE POLICIES AND REGULATION

The objective of this session was to consider good practices and lessons learned from national and regional trade policies in sustaining trade expansion and overcoming trade obstacles. Special attention was given to the trade-related monitoring frameworks and results setting.

Under this cluster, discussions focused on:

- 📍 The challenges facing small states in the implementation of the regional and national trade agenda, and the effectiveness of the TCII targeted support for trade mainstreaming and implementation of national trade policy frameworks;
- 📍 Sharing good practices on trade policies to support sustainable trade expansion and overcome trade barriers; also premised on the forecast that the ACP Group has the potential to be the next emerging market economies;
- 📍 Regional legal frameworks supporting trade integration and implementation of trade agreements;
- 📍 Key challenges requiring continued search for good practices and their subsequent dissemination;
- 📍 Link between TCII and other donors.



CLUSTER 2: THE EPA AND WTO PROCESSES

The objective of this session was to demonstrate EPA implementation technical assistance good practices and lessons learnt that can be disseminated at national and regional levels and progress in attaining ACP-wide common negotiation positions at the WTO and the case for fisheries subsidies.

Under Cluster 2 on The EPA and WTO Processes, discussions focused on:

- 📍 The good practice cases both from the TCII support to EPA implementation and the overall good practices emerging from the EPAs;
- 📍 Effective participation in the WTO negotiations and the underlying good practice cases of the TCII support;
- 📍 Regional experiences in the WTO negotiations in the trade issues that are critical for member states development and the good practice case from the TCII support;
- 📍 Good practice cases from the TCII support to countries' implementation of the WTO TFA.



CLUSTER 3: CUSTOMS MATTERS

The session identified demonstrable results in increasing efficiency and reducing transaction costs associated with the movement of goods across borders, the good practice cases for TradeCom II replication, and new needs going forward.

In particular, discussions focused on:

- 📍 The good practice cases on customs development under the EPAs;
- 📍 Innovative developments on trade facilitation instruments especially the electronic certificate of origin;
- 📍 Measures to enhance the efficiency of the trade facilitation services;
- 📍 Appropriate reforms of customs-related legislation and regulations;
- 📍 General reflections on good practices on customs matters.

CLUSTER 4: QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE (QI)

This session was aimed at exploring demonstrable regional and national quality infrastructure good practice cases in support of export competitiveness thus far, and the new needs going forward.

This panel focused on, inter alia:

- 📍 Demonstrable regional and national quality infrastructure good practices in support of export competitiveness in ACP regional organisations;
- 📍 Knowledge sharing with the business community, including women and youth traders, on the essence of the quality infrastructure;
- 📍 the current and future needs of the QI sector in ACP countries;
- 📍 the importance of quality infrastructure in the implementation of EPAs or iEPAs that have been signed;
- 📍 the robustness of the quality of products sold on the domestic, regional or international market that will have a positive economic impact but also on consumers; and
- 📍 the overall target of raising the level of competitiveness.



CLUSTER 5: TRADE AND INVESTMENT

This session considered innovative approaches towards supporting the private sector competitiveness, identifying the good practices and the measurement of their success thus far, and new needs going forward.

The session was organized in 2 sub-clusters.

In the sub-cluster 5A "Private sector competitiveness", presentations and discussions focused on:

- 📍 projects and programmes that provided support to formulate ACP countries' export strategy,
- 📍 identifying priorities and potentialities of their exports with respect to the European Union market,
- 📍 consolidating trade flows and other relevant data and increase and diversify exports.





Under the sub-cluster 5B, the European External Investment Plan (EIP) was presented and discussed as a tool to contribute to sustainable development, improve the investment climate, tackle roots of migration, encourage private investment and focus on jobs and growth. The aim of EIP is to go beyond classical development assistance and rather use the financial means to influence other streams available to achieve the SDGs.

A presentation of the ACP Private Sector Development Strategy was also made. The Strategy aims at helping to tackle the obstacles and challenges faced by the private sector dominated by MSMEs in ACP countries. It seeks to develop a resilient and increasing private sector to play a major role in a sustainable national economic growth trajectory while seeking to reduce poverty in ACP countries. It also aims to create real synergies between political principals, development practitioners, resource suppliers and beneficiaries to promote real creation of decent jobs ACP countries.

The Knowledge sharing event, gave also the opportunity to the OIF to showcase the state of play of the new linkages of H&S Programme with other programmes like DEDICOT, aimed at involving the Africa (one of the main cotton producers) in joining the international cotton-value chain.

The two-days seminar was closed with a presentation of the TCII Team Leader, Ahmed Ndyeshobola, on the recommendations on the way forward for the TCII Programme and the statements of Antti KARHUNEN, Head of Unit, Private Sector Development, Trade, Regional Integration and Viwanou GNASSOUNOU, Assistant Secretary-General, Sustainable Economic Development and Trade Department.



Mr. Gnassounou insisted on the need to encourage the EU, also in the context of the External Investment Plan (EIP), to provide more than just funds but the means to use the funds exploring the effective use of key institutions in the ACP countries and regions to better address the challenges and marshal additional resources from, inter alia, the EIP.

Mr. Karhunen highlighted the role of TCII Programme in the EU Development Agenda 2030. The first phase of the TCII programme is positive in terms of formulating national and regional trade policies, dispute settlements, information portals, coaching of SMEs, etc. These programme outputs must, therefore, be capitalised upon so that they remain sustainable and contribute to real economic and trade gains. The second phase is expected to provide more inputs in the areas of the advancement of the SDGs and TCII will continue to build capacities at local levels, and support strategic dialogue with businesses also beyond Africa, understanding their constraints and providing technical support going forward as they address the investment climate under the EIP and the structural reform agenda.

The Event was thought by all the participants to have been a great success in terms of participation and quality of discussions and demonstration of good practice experiences from the national and regional programmes supported by the TCII Programme.

The background document and a detailed report of the Knowledge Sharing seminar, are available and downloadable from the Tradecom II website (<https://bit.ly/2vJNdL7>) and from the Capacity4dev platform (<https://bit.ly/2HLq9AF>).





MAURITIUS

STRENGTHENING EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN MAURITIUS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE I-EPA IMPLEMENTATION

FINAL WORKSHOP

The two-days Final Workshop on Rules of Origin, Business and Export Development in the context of the Programme “Strengthening export competitiveness for inclusive growth in Mauritius, in the context of the i-EPA implementation” was held at Le Méridien Hotel in Pointe aux Piments on 8th and 9th March 2018.

On Day 1, participants received a presentation of two of the output documents: Manual on Rules of Origin and the Business Export Development Strategy - Business Model Canvass.

Both manuals have been provided to each selected SME and they have provided feedback.

The workshop was attended by the TradeCom II Regional Trade Expert Mrs Paula Hippolyte-Bauwens. In her Introductory Statement she was enthusiastic to receive the results and the outputs of more than 7 months of studies, analyses, meetings and on-the-job training, namely the Manuals on Rules of Origin and on Export Business Strategies as well as the proposal of the European Business Information Centre. She also expressed the expectation of the TradeCom II PMU that these outputs will stand the test of time, ownership and sustainability for years to come and will, in their own way, contribute to trade expansion, enhanced competitiveness and poverty reduction in Mauritius. These outputs are the reason that this programme is considered as a pilot programme in terms of the way it was conducted and the level of concertation engendered.

In his opening key-note address, the Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives, Mr Soomilduth Bholah thanked TradeCom II, the EU and the Contractor, as well as the Press, who supported this programme until the end and who all played a part in the global trading landscape of Mauritius. He insisted on the importance of SMEs in Mauritius as being the biggest contributors to the country’s global trade but whose trading capacities to be developed, as they are vulnerable to external shocks. He underscored the vision of the Government to make Mauritius a strategic hub for international trade and to resolve the untapped export potential issue that currently bedevils the sector. Furthermore, Mr Bholah listed the many obstacles faced by the private sector while posturing that these posed serious challenges for its growth and competitiveness, highlighted the pertinence of this programme and lauded TradeCom II’s exemplary support, providing direct assistance to the beneficiaries, while demonstrating the multiplier effect of the programme.

M. Golabek, Chargé d’Affaires of the EU Delegation lauded the Women’s and Youth component of this programme especially as it is being held on the International Women’s Day. The programme aligns itself with the EU’s own support to innovative trade and the private sector in Mauritius and in general in that it supports the reform and streamlining of transparency, supports the national indicative programme, provides technical expertise to enhance the policy framework and provides capacity building to the private sector, while encouraging public-private sector collaboration. The EU announced its recent allocation of 60m Mrupees to the EU-SADC Trade-Related Facility which aims at developing SMEs and enhancing the export development capabilities of SADC countries.

Mme. Canabady, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade expressed sincere gratitude to the EU and TradeCom II for their support which provides real hope for a deeper and wider EPA for Mauritius. She highlighted the economic situation that reveals the small contribution of SMEs to Mauritian exports and the dependence on a narrow export base, which is unsustainable. She pointed out government schemes which assist SMEs to attain regional and international markets and expressed hope to build on these schemes. She also announced the conversion of SMEDS to SME Mauritius set up to carve out individual tools for SME development in the country. She vividly encouraged the development of a follow-up programme to assist with the implementation of the results of this programme.

An interesting aspect of these sessions is the “testimonials” that allowed SME representatives to speak to their experience with the programme, their assistance in developing the manuals and their expectations going forward.

The second day was dedicated to a debriefing on the implementation of the programme and its outcomes. A third technical information session was conducted on the presentation of the Economic Business Information Centre (EBIC) proposal.

The workshop ended with a discussion on the sustainability of the programme with interventions by SME Mauritius, Business Mauritius and Association of Mauritian Manufacturers (Made in Moris), as well as the Maurice Standards Bureau.

TANZANIA REPOA AND ZANZIBAR

SUPPORT TO REPOA AND ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND MARKETING (ZMTIM) TO INCREASE COMPETITIVENESS OF PRIMARY PRODUCERS AND DIVERSIFY THE EXPORT BASE IN LIGHT OF THE TRADING OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE EU

TRADE POLICY WORKSHOP



The final workshop under the support programme was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 5th March 2018. The programme was launched in May 2017 with the overall objective of contributing towards sustainable economic development and poverty reduction in the United Republic of Tanzania through closer regional integration and increased participation in the global economy. This result has been achieved through identification of the bottlenecks limiting competitiveness and export diversification in agriculture, and strengthening REPOA's and subsequently Tanzania's research and advisory capacity in the areas of trade policy, competitiveness and non-tariff barriers.

ASSESSMENT OF THE PRODUCT QUALITY ENVIRONMENT IN THE ZANZIBAR-PEMBA EXPORT CORRIDOR

Based on field work in Zanzibar and in close cooperation with the ZMTIM, the programme proposed a set of recommendations in the area of improving quality infrastructure to enhance agricultural export competitiveness. The role of quality infrastructure is critical in enhancing agricultural exports where food safety standards and traceability are of paramount importance to access markets such as the EU. This is the case not only for Zanzibar-based exporters, but also those operating in mainland Tanzania. The areas where further work is required include quality infrastructure, regulatory and the institutional frameworks. Obtaining relevant certifications is costly, and many producers cannot afford it.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE BOTTLENECKS LIMITING AGRICULTURAL EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS

Field work in Zanzibar-Pemba and in the Northern export corridors resulted in a detailed analysis of the bottlenecks affecting agricultural competitiveness and export diversification, as well as a set of policy recommendations for addressing the bottlenecks. Using a value chain approach,



a detailed review of the performance and competitiveness potential of eight major export-oriented agricultural subsectors was undertaken as follows: spices, cloves and seaweed in the Zanzibar-Pemba Export Corridor; non-traditional agricultural exports namely horticulture, floriculture and avocados in the Northern Export Corridor; and finally, traditional agricultural exports, namely coffee and sisal in Southern, Western and Central Corridors. A case study approach was adopted to provide fresh insights into underlying issues in order to achieve a greater understanding of the potential for enhancing agricultural competitiveness and diversification.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE ANALYSIS TRAINING MATERIALS

Trade competitiveness is key to the ability and performance of a firm, sub-sector or country to sell and supply goods and services in a given market in relation to the ability and performance of other firms, sub-sectors or countries in the same market. A set of training modules and analytical tools has been developed to increase the capacity of REPOA researchers to undertake trade research. It includes guidance on a range of tools and indicators that can be used to analyse trade performance in terms of growth, orientation, diversification, quality, and survival, as well as quantitative and qualitative approaches to analyse the market and supply-side factors that determine competitiveness. The toolkit facilitates the identification of the main constraints to improved trade competitiveness and the policy responses to overcome these constraints. It uses a Trade Competitiveness Diagnostics (TCD) toolkit that was developed by the World Bank.



MSG SECRETARIAT

CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT TO ENHANCE MSG TRADE FACILITATION SERVICES

THE REGIONAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP



The Regional Validation Workshop held under the Technical Assistance Programme to provide “Capacity Building support to the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Secretariat and to enhance the efficiency of the Region’s Trade Facilitation Services” was convened on Thursday March 15, 2018 at the Melanesian Hotel, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

This Technical Assistance intervention which has as its main beneficiary, the MSG Secretariat with MSG Members namely Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, as its secondary beneficiaries, commenced in August 2017. The primary objective of this Programme is to support the beneficial integration of the four MSG States into the world economy and thereby contribute to sustainable economic development and poverty reduction.

The principal objectives of the Validation Workshop were to review and validate reports on the enhancement of trade facilitation services in the MSG Region and furthermore to improve the accessibility of trade, business and market information that can positively impact regional private sector development and investment in the MSG Region.

ENHANCING TRADE FACILITATION SERVICES IN THE MSG REGION

The Workshop focused on improving air connectivity, by pinpointing the key challenges affecting the regional air services industry and identifying practical solutions that can be implemented to surmount these hurdles. In addition, the modalities to facilitate the establishment of an MSG Shipping Commission were also discussed, in an effort to better monitor, regulate and facilitate enhanced shipping services across the MSG Region.

IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY OF TRADE, BUSINESS AND MARKET INFORMATION IN THE MSG REGION

The Workshop also facilitated the launch of the Online MSG Business Directory; an online facility and resource for business contacts and market information for individuals, firms and organisations on how to do business in the MSG Region. The launch of this online platform was complemented by a discussion on sourcing relevant and timely trade and business information from reputable regional and international sources.

Participants of the Workshop included representatives from the Ministries of Trade for Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu as well as delegates from the aviation and maritime industries; including regulatory authorities, commercial airlines and shipping companies. In addition, representatives from other private sector entities from across the MSG Region and Business Support Organisations (BSOs) were also in attendance. The Workshop also attracted participation from regional partners including the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO), Pacific Community (SPC) and Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO).

OUTCOMES OF THE REGIONAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP

The Regional Validation Workshop was hailed as being timely, relevant and informative. The importance of and the need for sustainability were underscored and key recommendations were proffered in this respect, highlighting the importance of leveraging regional institutional partnerships and greater national stakeholder involvement. In addition, the value to be derived in creating synergies in pursuit of cost efficiencies and effectiveness was also agreed on.

Commitment was received by the MSG Secretariat to channel the outputs of this Workshop, particularly in respect of enhancing trade facilitation services, to its Aviation and Tourism Dialogue and then to Senior Officials, Ministers and ultimately to the MSG Leaders in an effort to inform the policy decision-making process.

In building on the outputs of the Workshop and broadening accessibility to trade and related information, it was recommended that the MSG Secretariat, in partnership with PIPSO, should design and undertake an initiative that would attract and benefit a wider cross section of the regional private sector membership. It was proposed that this can best be facilitated through the leveraging of ICT and hosting of an online learning series.

The MSG Secretariat was charged with the responsibility of building on the momentum of the Workshop in advancing the regional economic integration efforts of its members.

ACP GROUP IN GENEVA

TCII SUPPORT TO THE ACP GENEVA

FOCUS ON THE PROGRAMME

The programme “Targeted Support to the ACP Group in Geneva to Strengthen the Group’s participation in the multilateral trade negotiations under the World Trade Organisation (WTO)” began its activities in March 2017. The aim of the programme was to support the ACP Group in Geneva to more effectively participate in multilateral trade negotiations in the WTO, and the drafting of ACP positions in the context of the WTO negotiations.

The Team of Experts supported preparatory work on the ACP Ministers declaration, developed with ACP Group in Geneva and endorsed by Ambassadors for the ACP Ministerial held in Brussels. Ministers adopted the declaration which was the first submission from any Member in the basket for MC11. The team worked intensively with ACP Coordination and Members in Brussels on the declaration and outcome reports as well as in Buenos Aires on drafts and strategies. The ACP Group could effectively frame their positions and priorities throughout the process in Geneva, Brussels, and Buenos Aires.

The Team’s support to the ACP Group led to progress being achieved on several key issues at MC11, namely on submissions on agriculture and fisheries. Regarding fisheries, support provided by the team informed several sessions in consultations at the EU mission with the original 7 proponents, including the first ever proponent-led consolidated working draft clearly reflecting ACP positions. This work, inputs and drafts, emerged into a Chair-led consolidated text developed from hours of several layers of consultations/negotiations, containing modified ACP positions backed by additional research and analysis to protect ACP interest and catapult the ACP Group, including coalition with the LDC Group and Africa Group, to help steer final options for an MC11 Fisheries Decision.



One of the greatest successes from the Team’s support to the ACP Group was reflected in a decision document agreed in Buenos Aires (WT/MIN (17)/64, WT/L/1031). Notably, the only multilateral decision taken by all Members, by consensus on a Doha Development Agenda (DDA) issue. The final decision led to the ACP Group achieving its objective of confirming a date for concluding the negotiations by next year, MC12 and a clear route for de-linking fisheries (with food security and depletion of ACP fisheries resources concern hanging in the balance with SDG 14.6 target 2020) from antidumping, and other protracted difficult trade remedies issues in the mandate for rules negotiations. Importantly, the decision did not compromise on any substantive areas of the ACP’s position, and expressly refers to the consolidated texts with Ministerial instruction to use them as a basis for negotiations in 2018.

The programme concluded with a brainstorming event with ACP Group delegates held in Geneva in February 2018 with WTO DG Azevedo, Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director ITC, and the Secretary General of UNCTAD, Dr Kituyi attending. The event hosted an excellent exchange of ideas between all parties and paved the way for a promising new outlook for the ACP Group ahead of the next WTO Ministerial.

SAMOA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS

TARGETED SUPPORT TO THE AUTHORITIES OF SAMOA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS IN THE ACCESSION AND PREPARATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EPA WITH THE EU

PROGRAMME’S HIGHLIGHTS

The purpose of this programme, awarded to the company A-Z Information Jamaica Limited, is to enhance the capacity of the Samoan and Solomon Islands’ authorities with respect to the accession to the Pacific-EU EPA and, subsequently its implementation. Specifically, the programme will support the Samoan and Solomon Islands’ authorities for the successful accession to the EPA and its effective implementation.

The programme officially commenced on February 8, 2018 through a joint kick-off / Inception meeting held with officials from Samoa and the Solomon Islands and the A-Z project team. In preparation for this meeting, the project team engaged officials through various remote meetings, to, inter alia, establish mutual understanding of the project, facilitate discussion on the approach and methodology to be used in executing the project and ascertain the expectations of the beneficiaries. A key matter discussed was the structure of

the project team and approach for executing the work, with experts being shared across both Samoa and the Solomon Islands.

During the month of February, significant progress was made on the project, according to country and main activities such as stakeholders’ consultations, presentation on legal aspects of the iEPA to trade officers within the Trade Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Samoa and the preparation of a national workshop. Significant dialogue with the private sector was also undertaken during the inception phase of the project.

In addition to the numerous consultations undertaken within Samoa and the Solomon Islands, and following extensive review of national and regional strategies, plans and documentation, as well as statistical data, the Inception Phase of the project culminated with the submission of the Inception Reports for Samoa and the Solomon Islands.

CAMEROON

OPTIMISING ACCESS TO THE MARKET AND LEGAL TOOLS RELATING TO CAMEROON'S TRADE POLICY

FOCUS ON THE PROGRAMME



The “Optimising access to the market and legal tools relating to Cameroon’s trade policy” project has as major objective to operationalize Cameroon’s national export strategy and take advantage of trade opportunities offered by the new EPA. It also has as objective to help Cameroon operators to formulate a better strategy for the prevention of trade disputes involving Cameroon while taking into account development imperatives.

As part of this project, a European market access map was produced for products and services of Cameroon’s priority sectors. It identified markets within the European Union that present new niches, figured out the nature of non-tariff barriers for Cameroon products and studied factors that limit trade opportunities for Cameroon’s products and services. The difficulties encountered are extrinsic impediments to operators and their own operational choices.

A study was also conducted on the correlations between EPA digital and trade areas of Cameroon. This study considered electronic commerce and the use of computer and telecommunications networks to facilitate the exportation of Cameroon’s products and services and reduce trade cost for business persons. It resulted in the identification of difficulties encountered, where they lead to a loss of competitiveness for Cameroon enterprises and means to remedy it.

Each of the aforementioned studies make recommendations to better access export markets and propose concrete measures to make the Cameroon national export strategy more operational. They have an action plan which describes the activities carried out, by each economic and regulatory stakeholders, in the short, medium and long-term.

Studies, their recommendations and action plans were presented and discussed during a national restitution workshop that held in Yaoundé from 18 to 20 December 2017. Additional recommendations were formulated and integrated

into the final version of studies, studies of which served as the national dialogue basis essential between business persons and Government services for the implementation of a dynamic policy for the promotion of exports to the European Union.

In addition to studies, the project organised several training and refresher workshops in Cameroon, led by the team of experts.

The first training on trade disputes, prevention and settlement of disputes, preparation of trade contracts took place in Douala from 10 to 12 January 2018. It helped to polish up the legal architecture of international trade and show the interactions between the various legal orders that affect Cameroon exporters.

A second training had as theme trade defence and implementation of an alert and monitoring protocol on anticompetitive practices. It took place in Yaoundé from 15 to 17 January 2018. The discussion held during this training led to an increased awareness in participants and the Ministry of Trade on the need to carry out specific and additional activities of designing a trade monitoring mechanism at the service of Cameroon’s trade policy. The structure of such a mechanism and variables to be taken into consideration were discussed and debated during the workshop, as well as financing options.


Based on what was discussed, the Ministry of Trade intends to prepare a project document including terms of reference for the concrete design of an effective trade monitoring mechanism in Cameroon.

Activities as part of this project enjoyed the fruitful and hitch-free cooperation of the Ministry of Trade, team of experts, Transtec and the TCII PMU.

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CARIFORUM	Caribbean Forum
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CTA	Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation
DG DEVCO	Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development
EAC	East African Community
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EDD	European Development Days
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement
EU	European Union
FTA	Free Trade Area
ITC	International Trade Centre
LDC	Least Developed Countries
NAMA	Non-Agricultural Market Access
NTB	Non-Tariff barriers
NTPF	National Trade Policy Framework
OECS	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
OIF	Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie
PACPs	Pacific ACP States
PIFs	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
PMU	Programme Management Unit
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RTA	Regional Trade Agreement
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SDG	Sustainable development goals
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary

TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade
TFTA	Tripartite Free Trade Area
TRA	Trade-Related Assistance
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TPF	Trade Policy Framework
TTIP	Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WCO	World Customs Organisation
WTO	World Trade Organisation

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