

## EASTERN AFRICA COMMUNITY

SUPPORT TO THE EAC FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIPARTITE FTA  
AGREEMENT-TRADE POLICY AND EXPORT DEVELOPMENT TO THE EU MARKET

### IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

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The month of April was devoted to the inception phase and preparation for implementation of the programme. The focus of some activities foreseen in the Terms of Reference (ToR) were recalibrated in line with changes in the programme context and the needs of the key beneficiaries. The Inception Report (IR), a key document laying out the way forward for the implementation of the programme, was submitted on 11 April 2017 for review.

Overall the programme is on track and we foresee no major readjustments with respect to the programme's implementation schedule. The main activities undertaken by the team in April included, consultations with key EAC technical staff, private sector associations and a select number of Ugandan trade-related entities, i.e. Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives (MITC), Uganda Export Board (UEB), Ministry of East African Community Affairs (MEAC). The implementation activities also included research and desk work, as well as preparatory work for all proposed, 'clusters' of activities, such as preparation of report templates, draft questionnaires, planning of activities, etc. The month of May will be a critical month for advancing the programme implementation and initiation of key actions.