

AgriFI window for the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) regions

A EUR 50 million regional window, dedicated to sustainably increase production and incomes of smallholder farmers ACP regions by investing in private sector entities focusing on farmers' livelihood improvement. It is enabling small and medium enterprises, financial institutions and impact funds in ACP countries to access long term funding via debt, quasi-equity and equity investments. AgriFI will help create and consolidate regional and continental agricultural value chains, and therefore, supporting the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area and fostering food security at national and continental levels.

“The new AgriFI support to the ACP region is part of a critical package of measures designed to enhance financial inclusion across our members, who need support in the area of agricultural value chains competitiveness. This is why the AgriFI ACP window will focus on 10 value chains.”

Escipion J. Olivera Gomez, Assistant Secretary General for the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States

A value-chain approach

The AgriFI Regional Window for ACP follows a value chain approach, and gives priority to 10 value chains in particular (non exclusive): **cocoa, cotton, cashew, coffee, coconuts, kava, sugar cane, livestock, maize and agri-insurance.**

Focus on women & youth

All financing contracted within the Regional Window will aim at fully contribute to the transformation and modernisation of the agricultural sector.

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) is an organisation created by the Georgetown Agreement in 1975. It is composed of 79 African, Caribbean and Pacific states, with all of them, save Cuba, signatories to the Cotonou Agreement, also known as the “ACP-EC Partnership Agreement” which binds them to the European Union. There are 48 countries from Sub-Saharan Africa, 16 from the Caribbean and 15 from the Pacific.

Why a regional window?

AgriFI financing windows offer customised approaches designed to meet the needs of specific markets, in line with national strategies.

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