



Main Messages

- Y AC was set up to respond to a need
- ▼ Contributed to the ACP and ACP/EU
 ST&I policy dialogue
- Y Is the AC still relevant?
- ∀ How can its reach be expanded?
- What impact indicators and mechanisms are needed for M&E the work of the AC?



Historical Context

- ▼ EU established an Expert Working Group on ST4D for its member states
- YEU wanted an ACP counterpart to facilitate exchange
- Y EU needed to know:
 - ACP interest in S&T
 - Priorities of ACP & emerging economies in developing ST4D policies



Historical Context

- 2001 ACPIWG on RTD
- Margary Objectives of IWG:
 - Liaise with competent authorities
 - Promote the group's activities
 - Widen representation
 - Mobilize ACP community
 - Lobby EU for funding



Historical Context

- *At October 2001 Maastricht meeting under leadership of CTA, ACPIWG:
 - Identified main limitations as -
 - Lack of national dialogues on S&T policy
 - >Exclusion of S&T from EU-ACP NAO process
 - Y Agreed to -
 - >mobilize funding
 - >share information and:
 - >formalize IWG at a later date



CTA

Prevailing Science Horizons - 2002 VIN Millennium Task Force on S&T Cape Town Ministerial Meeting on RT4D Committed to providing leadership on research Emphasized the need for S&T policies and plans 4 sustainable development through effective policy dialogue; Asked ACP states, ACP General Secretariat and the joint ACP-EU institutions (e.g. CTA) to support the Plan of Action CTA Agreed to support the IWG on S&T

Advisory Committee 2003 CTA convened 2nd IWG ACP States & ACP Secretariat attended William IWG formalized – AC on S&T4ARD Approved CTA S&T programme & adoption of innovation systems approach for ARD Agreed on TOR inter-alia: Review relevant and emerging S&T issues Contribute to developing policy guidelines Enhance cooperation and dialogue Encourage greater integration Meet annually and as needed

Advisory Committee 2003 Central Africa Southern Africa IRAD SIRDC/FOFIFA Univ. of Kinshasa Malawi farmers' rep. East Africa Policy org. NEPAD KARI Caribbean Region Uganda Oilseeds ASARECA CARDI West Africa CCST Car. Agribus. CORAF UWI CSIR Pacific Region Univ. of Nigeria NARI USP FARA PIANGO CTA

Advisory Committee 2004 - 2007 2004: Innovation 4 development - ASTI methodological framework, building ACP ASTI capacity, alliance with ISHS & EU/INCO-DEV, biodiversity; 2005: Strengthening the ASTI System - Biotechnology & biodiversity policy briefs, tertiary education, EU 7th Framework programme & stronger ACP/EU alliance 2006: Foresighting - climate change, bioenergy, women & youth; tertiary education & climate change policy briefs 2007: Advancing the S&T policy dialogue & improving performance and impact - AC, S&T cooperation, IPR for enhancing innovation; shrinking natural resources - livestock, fisheries, water, land, horticulture; indicators

AC Outputs 2004 - 2007 ACP S&T Policy Briefs Stronger ACP, ACP-EU and other international collaboration Recommendations from meetings taken up at regional & international level Enhanced ACP participation in informing ST&I policy processes

Added Value of the AC

Y To CTA −

- Expert advice on critical issues
- Galvanizing ideas and knowledge
- Opportunity for planning and exchange
- Approval of S&T programme
- Visibility as being at the heart of S&T networking
- Visibility as informing on S&T issues
- Enhanced focus in delivering its mandate

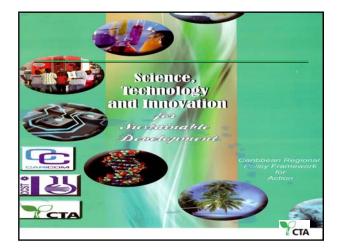


Added Value of the AC

To the ACP Region -

- Platform for ACP/EU exchange and policy dialogue on ST&I
- Exchange of shared challenges
- Promotion of collaboration & networking
- S&T now higher on the national and regional policy agendas
- Increased engagement in the global S&T debate
- Better informed experts on emerging issues





Added Value of the AC

Y ACP and ACP/EU Collaboration

- Inter& intra regional
- Enhanced ACP/EU scientific collaborative networks that address knowledge gaps
- Facilitated contacts between donors & national and regional organizations
- Encouraged cross fertilization of experiences and strengths



Challenges Ahead > 2007

Y Is the AC still relevant?

- ₩ If yes -
 - Is there consensus?
 - Is legitimacy an issue?
 - Can the AC increase its outreach? How?
 - What funding mechanisms are needed?
 - Should it continue to meet each year?



Challenges Ahead > 2007

Should the representation be expanded?

- Regional Policy Bodies e.g. CARICOM
- Regional Policy Networks e.g. FANRPAN
- Regional Farmers' Groups
- EU Key S&T ARD Constituencies
- EU & ACP authorities
- Should membership rotate?
 - every 2 years / 3 years



Challenges Ahead > 2007

- ★ Expanding reach To whom?
 - At ACP Secretariat & EC levels
 - To national and regional policy and decision makers
 - To ACP and EU scientific community
 - General public
- Expanding reach How?
 - Structured channels; existing platforms; media networks (build linkages)



Challenges Ahead > 2007

- **Y** Financing
 - > CTA
 - > Partners' contribution cash / in kind
 - Funding drive
- ▼ Do the benefits outweigh the costs –
 direct (face-face meetings) & indirect
- Y Can we put a financial value on the benefits to the ACP region?



Conclusion

- The AC fulfilled its mandate TOR
- It raised the profile of ST&I for ACP agricultural and rural development
- It met annually approved position papers
- ▼ Inter and intra ACP & ACP/EU cooperation and dialogue improved
- In the next phase the impact of its efforts must be tangible
- The AC must agree on impact indicators and M&E mechanisms



