OACPS Research and Innovation Programme

The pathway to sustainable development
Background

Research and innovation (R&I) are critical to addressing pressing societal and economic challenges, accelerate green transition, create new jobs and businesses, and help reduce poverty.

A growing number of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries are incorporating research and innovation in their national development agendas, but innovation performance remains hindered by inadequate policies and skills development mechanisms.

Despite their differences, the 79 ACP countries share a great innovative potential that can be harnessed with appropriate funding and the right policy framework conditions.

The OACPS Research and Innovation Programme

Implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and funded by the European Union, the programme aims to:

- foster a conducive R&I environment across the ACP countries;
- enhance the quality of their R&I policies and systems;
- facilitate access to R&I knowledge, transfer and cross-fertilisation among ACP countries;
- unlock their inclusive innovation potential and support their transition into knowledge-based economies for sustainable and inclusive development.

A three-pronged strategic approach

- The Innovation Fund
- The Policy Support Facility
- The web portal
A long-term OACPS- EU partnership in Research and Innovation

The OACPS Research and Innovation Programme is based on the experiences of previous EU-funded initiatives supporting ACP countries in improving their R&I systems, such as the ACP Science and Technology Programme (2008-2018), the ACP Caribbean & Pacific Research Programme for Sustainable Development (2010-2018) and the ACP-EU Cooperation Programme in Higher Education, EDULINK (2006-2018).