

# AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC TRUST FUND (ACP TRUST FUND)

## ABOUT THE TRUST FUND

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Trust Fund (ACP Trust Fund) was created in 2023, building on decades of EIB financing experience in the three regions. The ACP Trust Fund relies on two pillars of support, from the European Commission and from the EU Member States. The trust fund aims to foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, with the primary aim of promoting growth and prosperity.

The ACP Trust Fund's **European Commission compartment** has been operational since 2023. It focuses on boosting economic growth, including in least developed and fragile countries, by investing in high-impact projects for the private sector. It offers technical assistance and financial instruments such as equity, quasi-equity, subordinated debt, risk-sharing and local currency lending.

The trust fund's **Member States compartment** will support projects financed by the European Commission compartment and other projects in the ACP countries under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI – Global Europe), the European Union's main instrument for international partnerships. These projects can also be in the public sector and benefit from EU guarantees. To unlock the trust fund's potential, it is essential that donors contribute to the Member States compartment, which will offer:

- **Technical assistance**, to help raise standards and ensure that environmental and social requirements are met during a project's preparation and implementation phases. It includes pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, design and tender documents, environmental and social impact assessments, and skills development at the institutional level.
- **Investment grants**, to help lower the beneficiary's total financing needs. The grants can also add specific social or economic value to projects.
- **Interest rate subsidies**, to bring down the overall cost of an investment by reducing the financing costs in cases where the beneficiary project promoter faces debt sustainability constraints.

## Strategic priorities

The overarching goals of the trust fund are in line with the European Union's strategic orientations:

- Green Deal
- Global Gateway
- Jobs and inclusive growth



## AREAS OF ACTION

Climate

Energy

Financial inclusion

Economic resilience

Digitalisation

### REDUCING POVERTY IN THE ACP REGIONS

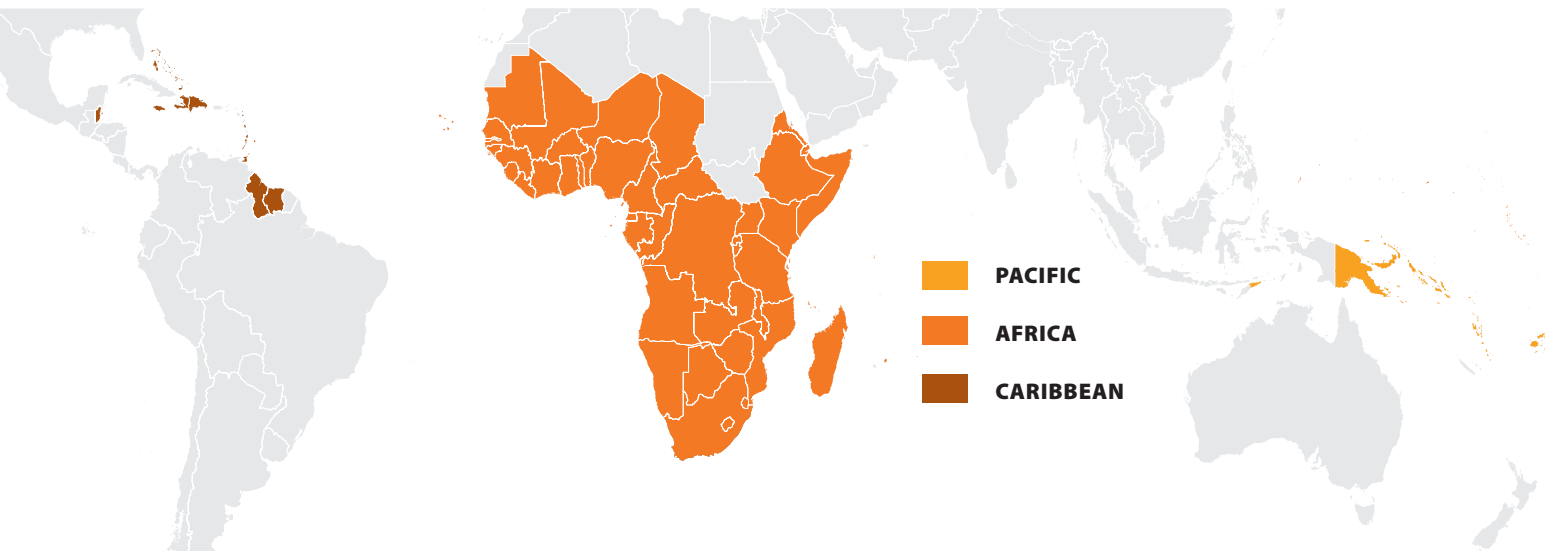
- **European Commission compartment: €500 million (2023)**, with the aim of triggering up to €3.5 billion in investments
- **Member States compartment: €200 million** (up to €400 million in total)

The geographic coverage of the ACP Trust Fund is very broad, but the beneficiary countries face similar challenges. The trust fund promotes inclusive and sustainable private sector-driven economic growth and development, especially in least developed countries and fragile states, most of which are located within its geographical scope. It aims to have an impact on environmental sustainability, climate action, gender equality, social inclusion, economic resilience, and peacebuilding.

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS SUPPORTED



### ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES



**Africa:** Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. **Caribbean:** Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. **Pacific:** Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

### OUR DONORS

This fund is multi-donor. The fund's first compartment was launched in March 2023 thanks to a contribution from the **European Commission**. The fund's second compartment will receive contributions from several **EU Member States** and is expected to be created in the second half of 2023.