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OVERVIEW

Context: Given the fiscal constraints faced by ACP governments, the disruptions to value chains and general uncertainty in the global economy, it is timely to explore opportunities for and the lessons of reform. ACP countries are facing the challenge of growing their private sectors as global circumstances become more complex. Crises offer an opportunity for governments to prioritize tackling structural and investment climate constraints. The peer-to-peer learning event will share lessons learned from ACP BF country projects and draw on the World Bank's broader experience in investment climate reform areas.

Event summary: The objectives of the event are to (1) foster peer-to-peer learning among policy makers by sharing ACP BF program experiences, (2) facilitate capacity building by discussing latest global trends and best practices in the thematic areas of the program; and (3) showcase achievements of the program to date. The event will be focused on the latest investment climate innovations, delivery solutions, and practical examples of successful project design and implementation.

The event will be centered on the ACP BF Program's two thematic areas:

- **Theme 1:** Facilitating the improvement of policy, regulatory, and administrative environments informed by strengthened diagnostics.
- **Theme 2:** Facilitating the improvement of policy environments for FDI linkages addressing key market failures.

Participants: Event participants will include the ACP BF program, project leads and client counterparts from Angola, Cabo Verde, Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Ghana, Haiti, Kenya, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Zambia, among others, representatives from the European Commission and EU Delegations, and representatives from the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS) and Business ACP. In addition, given the purpose of the event is to share lessons learned and foster peer-to-peer dialogue, an invitation will be extended to relevant stakeholders, such as policymakers, other development banks, private sector representatives, relevant World Bank Country Management Units (CMUs), and OACPS regional focal points.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06

8:00 am **Registration**

8:30 am **Opening Remarks and Overview of Programs**

Opening Remarks

- (TBC) High-level representative of the European Commission
- H.E. Mr. George Rebelo Pinto CHIKOTI, Secretary General of the OACPS
- (TBC) H.E. Mr. Victor FERNANDES, Minister of Industry and Commerce of Angola
- Mona Haddad, Global Director, Trade, Investment and Competitiveness, World Bank Group
- Albert G. Zeufack, Country Director, Africa East, World Bank Group

Overview of Programs

- Asya Akhlaque, Practice Manager, Investment Climate, World Bank Group
- (TBC) Representative from UNIDO
- Matias Urrutigoity, Senior Trade Promotion Officer, ITC

9:15 am **Leveraging Multilateral and International Investment Agreements and Regional Integration for Increased Investment Flows**

This session will provide an overview of the latest developments in international investment agreements with implications for the domestic policies of ACP countries. As recent examples, the session will highlight the opportunities that the nascent WTO Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement, African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and its associated protocol on investment, and the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement offer for countries. The session will also spotlight the ACP BF project on the SADC Investment Climate Scorecard which seeks to diagnose and alleviate barriers to investment.

- Ivan Nimac, Sylvia Solf, Peter Kusek | Investment Climate | World Bank Group
- Thierry Beranger | DG Trade | European Commission

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06 (Cont.)

10:00 am **Coffee Tasting with ITC and ACRAM**

10:30 am **Attracting and Retaining Investment in the ACP Region**

(TBC) This session will provide an overview of the latest developments in investment promotion, sector prioritization, and investor aftercare programs, showcasing how these have been applied in ACP BF project countries.

- Ivan Nimac, Global Lead, Investment Policy and Promotion, World Bank Group
- Brian Portelli, Chief Technical Advisor, UNIDO
- (TBC) Delegations representing ACP BF projects

11:45 am **Strengthening Investment Policies for Enhanced Competitiveness**

(TBC) This session will provide an overview of international good practice for legal and regulatory framework for investment, including investment entry and screening, and will discuss national and sub-national applications of investment incentives regimes to support competitiveness and priority sectors.

- (TBC) Delegations representing ACP BF projects

12:45 pm **Lunch**

1:45 pm **Improving Business Environments through Regulatory Reforms**

(TBC) This session will discuss best practices for improving firm entry, operation, growth and exit.

- (TBC) Delegations representing ACP BF projects

3:00 pm **Coffee break**

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06 (Cont.)

3:15 pm **Enhancing Government-Business Service Delivery**

(TBC) This session will present on latest trends and innovations on streamlining and digitization of key business services, including at the subnational level, and will discuss guidelines for a cross-governmental system of risk-based regulation.

- (TBC) Delegations representing ACP BF projects

4:15 pm **Coffee break**

4:30 pm **Takeaways and Reflections**

Each country to present on their reflections and takeaways from the discussions. A summary of outcomes will be provided.

- Delegations representing ACP BF projects
- Peter Kusek, Senior Economist, Investment Climate Global Practice, World Bank Group

5:30 pm **Closing Remarks**

- (TBC) World Bank Group | OACPS | European Commission

6:00 pm **Conclusion**

6:15 pm **Closing Reception and Cocktail Hour**



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