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OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS	STAKEHOLDERS	RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATIONS	TIMEFRAME*	ACP SECRETARIAT FOLLOW -UP ACTIVITY
<p>Dialogue and Advocacy</p> <p>-Programming (national and regional)</p> <p>-Trade negotiations WTO and EPAs</p>	<p>Strategic planning seminar</p> <p>Public awareness seminars</p> <p>Research, capitalisation and impact studies</p> <p>Consultation on participation in the programming process and resource allocation</p> <p>National, sub-regional and global policy dialogue seminars with Governments, EC and ACP Secretariat</p> <p>Meet to review the negotiation process and formulate strategies for engagement</p>	<p>Clarity of vision, mission and goals</p> <p>Organisation of policy dialogue sessions, public awareness</p> <p>Formulation of strategies and policies</p> <p>Experiences capitalized</p> <p>Effective participation in NIP and RIP elaboration</p> <p>Ability to influence actors and political orientations of the implementation of the Agreement</p>	<p>- National and sub-regional/regional and all-ACP platforms</p> <p>- National/regional and all-ACP umbrella organisations</p> <p>- ACP Civil Society Forum</p>	<p>National, sub-regional/regional, and all-ACP platforms</p> <p>ACP Civil Society Forum</p>	<p>On going-December 2007</p> <p>EPAs - August 2006.</p>	<p>ACP Secretariat collaborated with the European Commission and representatives of Civil Society Organisations to create an ACP-EU eligibility criteria for NSA access to EDF funds in 2004.</p> <p>ACP Secretariat in close collaboration with representatives of Civil Society Organisations coordinated the production of an information package entitled “User’s Guide for Non-State Actors’</p>

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<p>-Decentralized cooperation</p> <p>-Political cooperation</p> <p>-Financial cooperation</p> <p>-ACP-EU Natural Disaster Facility, the ACP-EU Water Facility, and the ACP-EU Energy Facility</p> <p>-Non-State Actor participation in the fight against HIV-AIDS</p>	<p>Monitoring and evaluation seminars</p> <p>Participation in all stages of dialogue at all levels</p> <p>Dialogue with EU CSOs</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation seminars</p> <p>Convene a regional consultation with Civil Society Representatives on the initial implementation phase of the ACP-EU Natural Disaster Facility</p> <p>In accordance with our commitments under the MDG, we plan to continue to lobby ACP Governments to keep their promises regarding the promotion of sexual and reproductive health; providing treatment and prevention services for HIV/AIDS. A global ACP stock-taking exercise of best practice should take place</p>	<p>Guidelines on procedures for monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>Joint actions ACP-EU civil societies</p> <p>Participation in all relevant events</p>	<p>Research institutions, outreach organisations</p> <p>- Medias</p> <p>- Central and local government</p> <p>- Private sector</p> <p>- Other Non-State Actors</p>		<p>Facilities - December 2006</p> <p>HIV/AIDS – December 2007</p>	

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<p>- Human Rights and Democratic Processes</p> <p>- ACP-EU ICT Development Cooperation Programmes</p> <p>- Promotion of ACP Cultural Industries</p>	<p>Engage in policy dialogue with ACP Governments and the EC on Human Rights, Child Rights and Democratic Processes, and liaise with ACP Civil Society Focal points</p> <p>Conduct an all-ACP Civil Society meeting to formalize processes for the elections of officials for the ACP Civil Society Forum</p> <p>Liaise with the ACP Secretariat and the European Commission to receive technical updates on the rate of progress of the implementation of the ACP proposal to promote the development of ICT Programmes</p> <p>Liaise with the ACP Secretariat and the European Commission to receive technical updates on the rate of progress of the implementation of the ACP proposal to promote the growth of cultural industries.</p>				<p>Human Rights - December 2006</p> <p>ACP Civil Society Forum – April 2007</p> <p>ICTs - February 2007</p> <p>Cultural Industries - March 2007</p>	

The timeframe will have to be revised to ensure cohesion between the different activities and provide the plan of action a strategic direction. Strategic planning meetings should be carried out at sub-regional and regional levels to clearly define vision, mission, goals and time-frames.

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<p>To establish and/or strengthening of Civil Society structures at national, sub-regional and global levels.</p>	<p>Dialogue on frameworks and mechanisms for participation</p> <p>Setting up national and regional processes</p> <p>Formalisation of the ACP Civil Society Forum and the establishment of an ACP Civil Society Forum Secretariat</p> <p>Awareness rising for community-based organisations and the public through print media and campaigns</p> <p>Creation and/or strengthening of thematic groups or networks on strategic sectors</p> <p>Launch strategic alliances and dialogue with other Non-State Actors</p> <p>Create a common space for different Non-State Actors</p>	<p>Increased awareness.</p> <p>Dialogue with ACP-EU institutions, Governments, Commission in all the identified areas</p> <p>Establishing or strengthening of National and sub regional platforms taking into consideration the different areas of concern and levels.</p> <p>Formalisation of the ACP Civil Society Forum.</p> <p>Proposals for frameworks and mechanisms for participation.</p> <p>Dialogue with other Non-State Actors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing platforms -National umbrella organisations - Existing sub-regional platforms - Networks and regional organisations, - ACP Civil Society Forum, - National organisations - Community based organisations - Thematic / strategic sector national and sub-regional organisations - ACP-EU institutions - ACP Secretariat - Research institutes - Local government bodies - Private sector - Other Non-State Actors 	<p>Existing national and regional platforms</p> <p>National umbrella organisation</p> <p>Regional networks/organisations</p> <p>ACP Civil Society Forum</p>	<p>National activities: December 2001-achieved</p> <p>Sub-regional Activities : March 2002-achieved</p> <p>Global level: On going-December 2007</p>	<p>ACP Secretariat organised six consultative regional seminars with National Authorizing Officers, Regional Authorizing Officers and Non-State Actors in December 2001 and May 2003.</p> <p>Legal legislation of the ACP Civil Society Forum</p>

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<p>Capacity Building</p> <p>- National - Sub regional/regional - Global</p>	<p>Research/information</p> <p>Seminars to examine the modalities for capacity building in Civil Society (can be organised with strategic planning seminars on dialogue and advocacy)</p> <p>Development of a user-friendly information dissemination strategy</p> <p>Dissemination of information at national, sub-regional and global levels</p> <p>Technical skills building at the national and sub-regional levels</p> <p>Institutional capacities (staff teams)</p> <p>Creation of a database on available funding</p> <p>Study on the financial sustainability for concerned organisations</p> <p>Fund raising</p>	<p>- Improvement of analytical capacities</p> <p>- Increased awareness of Civil Society organisations.</p> <p>- Working teams constituted on different levels</p> <p>- Establishment of financing mechanisms</p>	<p>- National, sub regional and global organisations</p> <p>- National, sub regional and global platforms</p> <p>- Research institutions/organisations</p> <p>- ACP Secretariat</p> <p>- European Commission,</p> <p>- European Civil Society Organisations</p> <p>- Governments</p>	<p>National, sub regional/regional and global organisations and platforms, research institutions/organisations, ACP Secretariat and European Commission</p>	<p>On going-December 2007</p>	<p>During 2001-2006, the ACP Group, through its Secretariat, formulated project proposals under the 9th EDF, to <i>inter alia</i>, help build the capacity of NSA stakeholders in projects relating to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACP-EU Natural Disaster Facility • ACP-EU ICT Development Programme; • The promotion of ACP cultural Industries; • The Global Fund for the Fight against AIDS and Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

The allocation of funding (0-15%) should take account of the needs to promote human rights and good governance.

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Monitoring and Evaluation of the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement and the Civil Society Plan of Action	Impact studies Setting up of sub regional and global observatories Follow up seminars (all areas and levels) Preparation of progress reports and conducting of mid-term review Dissemination of findings to the public Putting in place a structure to follow up and coordinate the activities of the ACP Civil Society Forum	Agreement on procedures and criteria for monitoring and evaluation Awareness of levels of NIP and RIP implementation raised Observatories set up Measurement of impact of cooperation Submission of progress report Identification and adoption of possible remedies Mechanisms for public information set up	- National, sub-regional/regional and all-ACP platforms - National umbrella organisations, national organisations - ACP Civil Society Forum - ACP Secretariat, EU Commission - NAOs - Research institutions - ACP-EU institutions, outreach organisations - Medias - Governments - Local administration - Private sector - Other Non-State Actors - Public	National, sub-regional/regional, platforms, national umbrella organisations, regional networks/organisations, and ACP Civil Society Forum	On going-December 2007	

Representatives of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, meeting in Brussels during the period 19 - 21 April 2006, undertake to implement the aforementioned Plan of Action for the implementation of the Brussels Declaration of the 2nd ACP Civil Society Forum.

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