



## Capacity Building Related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAS) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries ACP MEAS Phase III Project – Caribbean Hub

### BACKGROUND

The programme on capacity building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in the African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries is an initiative of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACP) funded by the European Union (EU).

The project is being implemented on behalf of Member States by a project team through the Sustainable Development Programme under the Human and Social Development Directorate of the CARICOM Secretariat.

UN Environment (UNEP) Law Division serves as the Executing Agency and overall ACP MEAs Coordinator ensuring that the EU, ACP and UNEP standards are met and working closely with the three regional Hubs (African, Caribbean and Pacific).

**Phase I and II** of the programme mainstreamed environmental management issues into institutions and national development plans. **Phase III** will provide an opportunity to consolidate the achievements of previous phases and focus on effective implementation, enforcement, monitoring and reporting of MEAs and related commitments in the biodiversity and chemicals and waste clusters.

Successful implementation of the project calls for a **MEAs Regional Coordinating Mechanism of Senior Technical Officials** to allow for synergies and coordination between this project and other regional initiatives. Provide guidance, exchange ideas, strategies and corrective actions to meet obligations under the selected MEAs and to ensure the Project is helping to advance the Region's development agenda.

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### Result 1

- Enhanced capacity, processes and infrastructure to enforce and comply with selected MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals and waste

### Result 2

- Improved national frameworks, legislations and mechanisms for the effective implementation of MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals waste

### Result 3

- Improved knowledge, knowledge sharing, guidelines and mechanisms for the effective implementation of MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals and waste

### Result 4

- Effective communications, outreach and awareness-raising increases stakeholder engagement, including political will among decision-makers

## CAPACITY BUILDING OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the action is to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the attainment of environmental sustainability in the Caribbean ACP countries. The priority is to provide assistance to the ACP countries to implement selected chemicals and waste and biodiversity MEAs at the national and regional levels.

The programme will promote the enforcement of environmental treaties and goals in Caribbean ACP countries by way of influencing policies and legislative frameworks.



Activities have been pre-identified based on consultations with CARICOM national focal points and Senior Policy Officials with oversight of environmental management, recommendations from the mid-term evaluations of Phase II and on a first needs assessment conducted with regional implementing partners in 2017.

The activities will focus on supporting the effective integration of environmental concerns addressed in the MEAs into national and regional policies and laws. This also includes:

1. Negotiators skills training curriculum
2. Development of legal and institutional arrangements
3. Development of technical guidelines to implement MEAs based on regional and international standards
4. Outreach, awareness and increased stakeholder engagement

The Caribbean Hub website

<https://caricom.org/projects/capacity-building-related-to-the-implementation-of-multilateral-environmental-agreements-meas-in-african-caribbean-and-pacific-acp-countries-the-caribbean-hub/>

The ACP MEAs website - <https://www.acpmeas.com/>