

## INFORMATION NOTICE for GRANTS

### The Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Secretariat)

#### Support Programme to cultural industries in ACP countries - 9ACP RPR 62

##### 1. Basic act and Financing source

ACP-EU Partnership Agreement of 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2000 (The Cotonou Agreement) revised the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2005. Funded under the 9<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF).

##### 2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2008 and expected results

The programme provides for intervention to enhance a common cultural space for ACP States, through the promotion of an enabling environment for creativity, cooperation and exchanges, independence and viability, as well as the safeguarding of cultural diversity and fundamental cultural values.

In order to meet these objectives, the grant scheme seeks to reinforce funding possibilities for ACP cultural operators in the field of cultural industries with a view to structuring and professionalizing the sector.

The programme is open to all cultural domains except cinema and audiovisual, covered by the "EU-ACP Support programme to ACP cinema and audiovisual".

The grant scheme is designed to support cultural projects aimed at contributing to the professionalisation of ACP cultural operators, by enlarging and consolidating exchanges, developing cooperation and economic linkages between operators, as well as quality improvement of ACP cultural goods and services.

##### 3. Eligibility conditions

Applicants and partners eligible from:

ACP : Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Dem. Rep of Congo, Congo, Cook Islands, Cuba, Ivory Coast, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Federated States of Micronesia, Mozambique,

Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

EU : Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

##### 4. Selection and award criteria

Grants will be awarded following a selection process. The evaluation will be carried out in conformity with the provisions of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions (available from the following Internet address: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/prcedures/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/prcedures/index_en.htm)).

##### 5. Maximum rate of Community financing

No grant may exceed 80% of the total eligible costs of the action. The balance must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources, or from sources other than the European Community budget or the European Development Fund.

##### 6. Schedule of the call for proposals

Indicative date for launching the call for proposals: May 2008.

The call for proposals will be published in the website of the Programme and the ACP Secretariat ([www.acp.int](http://www.acp.int)), as well as in the Europeaid website for call for proposals and tenders ([http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding-opportunities/index\\_fr.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding-opportunities/index_fr.htm)).

##### 7. Indicative amount of the call for proposals

The total budget earmarked for the grant scheme is estimated at EUR 2,3 million.