



Multi-Stakeholder Policy Dialogue: Accelerating action for Sustainable and Circular Value Chains in Garment & Footwear

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OACPS

- Group of 79 Member States
- Based in Brussels
- ACP-EU- Cotonou Partnership Agreement
- ACP States - Commodity Dependent –including Cotton
- Traceability and Transparency key in the ACP-EU relations



Opportunities and Challenges

in enhancing traceability and transparency

- Traceability and transparency have become an important part of the sustainability landscape
- New Partnership Agreement between ACP & EU is driven by the sustainability agenda

Opportunities

- Attraction of Foreign Direct investment
- Enhanced Trade
- Consumer welfare

Challenges

- Technological barriers - *difference in technological advancement (blockchain, bar codes and chips)*
- High Cost - *Traceability requires substantial investment in technology and processes aimed at performing various levels of verification on products, parts and components at all stages of the value chain*
- Trade Barrier



What Action/ measures need to be put in place at the International and National Level?

- Policy and regulatory Frameworks – *Standards and Guidelines*
- Monitoring and Evaluation mechanisms
- Dialogue Platforms
- Capacity Building Programmes

Examples

- COLEACP Fit for Market Programme- Manual on Traceability
- CTA – Grants to support block chain use in agriculture across ACP States
- ACP- EU Joint Technical Committee on Trade Cooperation



Thank you!
Merci Beaucoup!

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