



**European Union support  
to cultural cooperation with  
Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean and Pacific countries**

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# EU-ACP cultural cooperation

## **Political bases of EU/EC cooperation:**

- EC Development Policy Framework
  - European Consensus
  - Africa Strategy
- UNESCO Convention
- EC cultural cooperation with third countries  
(Euromed, ACP, South Africa, India et alii)

# EU-ACP cultural cooperation

## **Overview ACP - EDF:•ACP Countries - three levels:**

- 78 ACP countries
- 6 ACP regions
- ACP Group of States (intra-ACP)

## **European Development Fund (EDF):**

9th EDF (EU15): 2003 to 2007

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## **Political bases of EU-ACP cooperation:**

- Cotonou ACP-EC Partnership Agreement
- Article 27 – culture
- ACP Culture Ministers Conferences, Dakar 2003 + Santo Domingo 2006

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## **Intra-ACP cultural cooperation - 8th EDF:**

1. Support programme to ACP cinema and television films
2. Support programme to ACP cultural events in the EU Member States
3. Various other individual projects (festivals etc.)

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## **Intra-ACP Film support programme – 8th EDF**

- Film production: 47 films since 2000
- Film distribution: Africa Cinemas
- Film promotion at Cannes Market
- Various prizes
- 6 million euro fund
- Evaluation results
- Total ACP film industries support: 14 M € (2000 to 2006)

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## **Intra-ACP Cultural events support programme – 8th EDF**

- Festivals: dance, music, theatre, film, visual arts
- Circulation and residence of ACP artistes
- Most of EU15 Member States
- 46 projects in 1999 and 2002 to 2004
- 2,6 million euro fund
- Evaluation results

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## **National and regional projects – 7th + 8th EDF**

- Local cultural initiatives
- Cultural heritage
- Cultural events in ACP countries
- Regional training (dance, television etc.)
- Regional networks

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## **Intra-ACP cultural cooperation – 9th EDF:**

1.Support programme to ACP cultural industries

2.Support programme to ACP films

3.ACP Festival 2006Total of 15 million euro

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## **Intra-ACP Cultural industries support programme – 9th EDF**

- Components:

- ACP Cultural Observatory

- Intra-ACP cultural support fund

- Pilot Project in 5 ACP countries

- 6,3 million euro in total / 2,3 million euro fund

- Call planned for 2007

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## **Intra-ACP Film support programme – 9th EDF**

- Components:

- Film production

- Film distribution/promotion

- Training

- 6,5 million euro fund

- Two calls planned for 2007 + 2008

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## National and regional projects – 9th EDF

- Festivals
- Framework programmes:
  - Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Benin
  - West Africa
- EC Delegations in countries in charge

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## Outlook - future cultural cooperation:

- Communication on culture
- 10th EDF foundations
- Thematic programme: Investing in people