

<i>Title of the project</i>	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NON-STATE ACTORS IN POLICY DIALOGUE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COTONOU AGREEMENT AND OTHER REGIONAL FRAMEWORKS
<i>Country</i>	Lesotho
<i>Position</i>	Senior Expert
<i>Location of the position</i>	Lesotho
<i>Probable starting date</i>	01/10/2010

<i>Description of the assignment</i>	The global objective of the proposed consultancy is to support a participatory process aiming at establishing a tripartite dialogue within the framework of the Cotonou Agreement and other regional frameworks.
<i>Specific objectives</i>	<p>The specific objectives of the proposed consultancy comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituency Building – to support the establishment of NSAs representation in the framework of Cotonou dialogue in Lesotho; • Research and data collection – to ensure that NSAs in Lesotho have the necessary skills, specialisation, analysis and information to represent the needs and opinions of the NSA sector including on specific thematic areas; • Strengthening NSA communication and partnership internally but also regionally and internationally; • Raising awareness and understanding of NSA to policy instruments related to the EU (such as EPA); • Strengthening liaison with government, donors and other key stakeholders especially on development policy; • Development of country level guidelines on cooperation with NSA in Lesotho based on the Cotonou Agreement based on monitoring of Government /EU programmes and NIP implementation via Joint Annual Review meetings, Country Strategy Meetings and other <i>ad hoc</i> meetings between the EC, government of Lesotho and NSA; • Networking of Lesotho NSA with southern and northern counterparts and stakeholders through information exchange, visits, seminars, etc.
<i>Required output</i>	<p>The expected deliverables for this intervention are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current situation through a rapid appraisal of the knowledge, attitudes and practices of NSA with regards to policy engagement in general and development policy framework (such as Cotonou) in particular; • Design of an information /data collection tools and development of multi-levelled information strategy to allow for relevant information on the subject to be collected, analysed and disseminated locally through umbrella and media organisations; • Training and/or Training-of-trainer (include material and curriculum development) on setting up and animating a development policy forum and information network; • Support and backstopping to beneficiaries and target groups following the training and sensitisation and during the implementation of the dialogue activities; • Develop models for partnership in the region on issues of policy dialogue, poverty and development by identification of the relevant and most strategic partners, • Sensitisation and conscientisation about Cotonou and regional policy issues (EPAs, APRM, SADC ad SACU processes, etc) by organising and/or facilitating seminars, workshops or conferences aimed at enhancing dialogue, awareness and the full and active participation of NSAs in the development policy agenda. • Build bridge between this process and the on-going National Development Action Plan process spearheaded by the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and the various consultative processes foreseen under the Cotonou agreement (in

	co-ordination with the office of the National Authorising Officer)
<i>Requested profiles</i>	Senior Expert
<i>Working language</i>	English

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