Global Framework

Background:
- 2001: European Commission Communication on ICT and Development - recognises that ICT can play an important role for more efficient and effective aid delivery and also can have a significant impact on social and economic development.
- 22 Nov. 2005: European Consensus on Development – ICT as an element for Economic Growth -> Call for mainstreaming of ICT in development aid
- 2007: Decision of European Commission for the financing of the ACP-Information and Communication Technology Programme [@CP-ICT]
Global Framework: Where can the EDF intervene?

1- Regulatory reform and Capacity building

2- Broadband infrastructure
   - Technology neutral
   - Private sector led (through PPP)
   - Public intervention when market does not deliver:
     - Rural sector
     - trans-border
     - post conflict
     - networks that operates according to Open Access Principle

3- Non-commercial e-services
   - E-government, e-learning, telemedicine, R&D networking
ACP-Information and Communication Technology Programme [@CP-ICT]

Envelope: €20M

Objective: accompanying ACP countries in developing their ICT sector

Purpose:
- Building of Human and Institutional capacity
- integrate international good practice in ICT policies and regulations
- create effective linkages with development strategies

Results sought:
- enhanced capacity to develop ICT policy, strategies and regulations
- sector programmes developed, with Action Plans associated
- knowledge sharing in the ICT sector over the ACP region
ACP-Information and Communication Technology Programme [@CP-ICT]

Activities

- €8M contribution to the project “Support for the Establishment of harmonised policies for the ICT market in the ACP Group of States”, implemented by International Telecommunication Union – ITU

- €9.5M grant scheme aiming at:
  
  - fostering research, knowledge sharing and learning networks on ICT
  
  - involving ACP national and regional decision makers in the sector
  
  - providing expertise for the design of complex policies or regulations
ITU/EC project “Support for the Establishment of harmonised policies for the ICT market in the ACP Group of States”

48 months project

Objectives:

- Development and promotion of ICT market policies and guidelines nationally
- Support to regional organisations and sub-regional groups to develop and promote the use of harmonised ICT market policies and regulations
- Building of Human and Institutional capacity
Other initiatives

EC/ Pacific Regional Programme – Pacific Island Forum – 9th EDF
(implemented):

- includes initiatives on institutional capacity building, although not directly toward the ICT sector
- > will be continued during the 10th EDF (under programming)

- EC funded multi-country Renewable Energy Programme:
  - includes electrification of schools and public buildings, thus allowing access to ICT such as internet

- EC funded Fiji Education Support Programme
  - Development of Distance Learning Centres through ICT in several schools