



**Summary**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Regional Workshop to review interaction between WTO and EPA negotiations</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Tanzania (on behalf of EAC States)</b>
<b>Duration of the Project</b>	The intended commencement date is <b>March 2011</b> and the period of implementation of the contract will be <b>4 months</b> from this date
<b>Objectives of the action</b>	<p><i><b>The overall objective</b></i> is to improve the coordination of trade negotiations at the regional and multilateral levels and ensure that the Region gets maximum benefits from both processes.</p> <p><i><b>Specific Objectives</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the interface between WTO and EPA negotiations to avoid duplication (or competition) between negotiating positions.</li> <li>- Organise a workshop at high level to raise awareness among stakeholders</li> <li>- Establish a coordination mechanism to be used in preparing regional positions, negotiations, and implementation of the outcome</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of this contract is to ensure that EAC countries' harmonise and coordinate their positions through internal consultations and in the regional and multilateral negotiations to maximise potentials benefits for the EAC
<b>Expertise Required</b>	Two key experts are envisaged for this assignment: the Trade Policy Expert who would review the state of play in the negotiations, identify potential gap between negotiating positions. The Economist will analyse the consequences of these gaps for the EAC region, and identify possible options to militate against any potential negative effect that is likely to ensue.
<b>Expected results</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed state of play and relationship between WTO and EPA negotiations;</li> <li>- Identified specific areas that need harmonisation to facilitate coordination at the regional level in the WTO and EPA processes;</li> <li>- Preparation of analytical workshop materials highlighting areas of concern and options to ensure maximum gains for the region;</li> <li>- Holding of a 4 days high level regional workshop aimed at strengthening the capacity of policy makers and Technical Staff to analyse, propose and defend EAC positions; and</li> <li>- The establishment of a Coordination Mechanism</li> </ul>
<b>Main activities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and analyse the state of play in the WTO and EPA negotiations</li> <li>- Prepare workshop materials based on the current state of play and the analysis of the negotiations at the WTO and in the EPA.</li> <li>- Hold a 4 days' workshop in Pemba using the materials developed and any other relevant materials with around 63 participants from the Region</li> <li>- Prepare summary of proceedings</li> <li>- Propose the structure of a coordination mechanism</li> <li>- Assist the participants to come up with recommendations and way forward</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>€ 200.000</b>