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I. Background

South-South Cooperation initiatives are a driver of economic and social development in ACP countries. The principles of South-South and Triangular Cooperation contribute to the implementation of development programmes, especially in the context of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. The implementation methods for achieving this require diverse partnerships, as well as the contribution of civil society organisations, universities, and think tanks. In terms of culture, coordination mechanisms must be implemented as well as sound institutional frameworks that allow for better participation of local ACP authorities. Culture contributes to sustainable urban development, the real framework for diversity of expressions and cultural exchanges, as well as social cohesion and the identity of persons. Towns are also vectors for the development of tourism and cultural trade. The effectiveness and impact of South-South and Triangular Cooperation on cultural development will be strengthened by new collaboration initiatives and the conclusion of partnership agreements between towns.

II. Objective

This panel will show that the intensification of South-South cooperation in the culture sector is particularly dynamic in terms of the contribution of territorial authorities and, in particular, towns. It facilitates the free movement of artistic presentations and professional skills. The panel will also study how communities and local authorities, as well as financial institutions, civil society organisations, and development partners are mobilised to define the relevant strategies in the area of urban cultural development, which contributes to peace, integration and solidarity in ACP countries. This panel will present the initiative “African culture initiatives,” an original programme of cooperation and partnerships driven by the organisation “*Cités et Gouvernements Locaux Unis – Afrique (CGLU-Afrique)* [United Cities and Local Governments of Africa].” At the request of the CGLU, the panel will discuss the possibility of extending this initiative to ACP countries, bearing in mind the regional specificities of the Group.

III. Discussion

Introduction

- South-South Cooperation: the role of Cities
- Cooperation among local governments
- World Cities Cultures Programme
- UNESCO Creative Cities Network

Discussion and Q&A