



COMPACT GOAL

The objective of MCC's potential second compact in Benin is to unlock the growth potential of agribusiness through improved transportation and energy infrastructure and a strengthened policy and institutional environment.

COMPACT AT A GLANCE

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| Eligibility Notification..... | 12-15-2011 |
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| Eligibility Notification..... | 12-11-2013 |



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| 12-15-2011 | MCC Board of Directors selected Benin as eligible to develop a second compact. |
| Constraints Analysis | |
| 08-22-2012 | The Government of Benin's Unité de Coordination de la Formulation du 2eme Programme et du Suivi des Reformes de MCA-Benin (UCF) completed analyses of constraints to growth and private investment, social and gender inclusion, and private sector opportunities in August 2012. The findings of these assessments were validated through nationwide consultations with civil society, women's organizations, private businesses, donors, and local as well as national government stakeholders. |
| Eligibility Notification | |
| 12-19-2012 | MCC Board of Directors reselected Benin as eligible to continue developing a second compact. |
| Concept Note Received | |
| 09-14-2012 | UCF submitted project proposals (concept notes) for rural infrastructure, business environment, value chain support and renewable energy between September and November 2012. |
| Concept Paper Received | |
| 04-15-2013 | UCF submitted detailed project proposals (concept papers) for agribusiness institutional reform and enabling transportation and energy infrastructure. Further due diligence has narrowed potential compact investments to two geographic zones (centered around Cotonou and Parakou) and five value chains (cashew, cassava, maize, pineapple, and shea). Areas for potential policy and institutional reform include agricultural market regulation, taxation, transport, power, and trade. |
| Eligibility Notification | |
| 12-11-2013 | As a result of a failure to pass the Control of Corruption indicator on MCC's scorecard, the Board did not reselect Benin as eligible in FY2014. However, to encourage Benin to improve its scorecard performance the Board supported an MCC approach of "limited engagement" in FY2014. In keeping with this approach, Benin is not eligible to sign a compact and some components of development of a potential compact have been placed on hold. MCC is working with Benin to improve its scorecard performance. |

To encourage Benin to renew its commitment to improve its performance on the MCC scorecard indicators, the MCC Board authorized MCC to continue "limited engagement" with the Government of Benin in FY2014. This "limited engagement" status means Benin is not eligible to access compact funds in FY2014, but can continue to invest its own resources in compact development, with limited support and coordination from MCC.