



COMPACT GOAL

To reduce poverty and spur growth by increasing the quantity and reliability of electrical power through infrastructure improvements and a strengthened energy policy and institutional environment.

COMPACT AT A GLANCE

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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 Parrakou) 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.
Eligibility Notification	
12-10-2014	Benin was re-selected as eligible to develop a compact by MCC's Board of Directors.

Following Compact signing in September 2015, MCC and the Government of Benin have focused on standing up the new MCA. Entry-into-Force is targeted for Fall 2016. MCA's National Coordinator and six other key staff have been recruited. The next six key management staff are expected in May. Procurement of program design works is also advancing, with technical evaluations for the Tariff Study, Feasibility Study to Establish a Power Generation Company, and Off-Grid Enabling Environment ongoing.