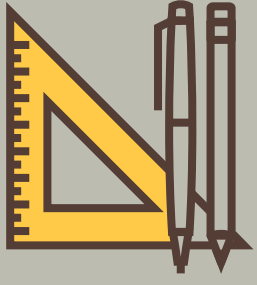


# RELATIONS BETWEEN ECOWAS AND SPAIN

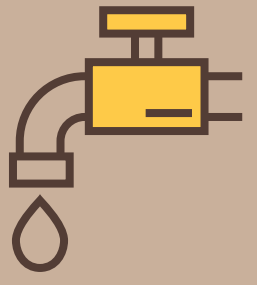
ECOWAS is a priority for the Spanish Cooperation [www.aecid.es](http://www.aecid.es) ● Spain is one of the main partners of ECOWAS ● Cooperation with ECOWAS covers different sectors of strategic importance for the region

## INFRASTRUCTURE



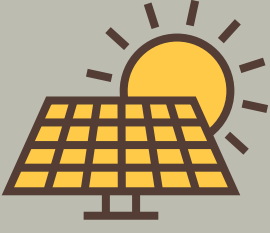
- Support for strengthening the capacity of the Programme Preparation and Development Unit (PPDU) located in Lomé.
- Financing feasibility studies for regional infrastructure projects
- Funding: 5M€

## AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY



- Finance "innovative" projects related to social safety nets in West Africa, implemented by non-state actors, nonprofit: international NGOs, national and local federations, associations and organizations of producers / producers, pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and agroindustry.
- 10 projects have been approved so far. Other calls for proposals will be launched.
- Support for strengthening the capacity of the Regional Agriculture and Food Agency (ARAA) located in Lomé. [www.araa-raaf.org](http://www.araa-raaf.org)
- Funding: 5M€

## RENEWABLE ENERGIES



- Support for strengthening the Regional Centre for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency since its inception in 2009 [www.ecreee.org](http://www.ecreee.org)
- Contributes to financing the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Facility (EREF) for small to medium sized renewable energy and energy efficiency projects and businesses.
- Funding: 7M€

## MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT



- ECOWAS-Spain Fund on Migration and Development supports Member States and the Commission to implement the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration.
- Also finances civil society projects at national and local levels in the areas of policy development and implementation, strengthening of coordination structures, promoting free circulation of people and preventing irregular migration.
- In total, the Fund will finance 55 projects implemented by civil society organizations and 19 by ECOWAS Member States and the Commission.
- Funding: 10M€

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



- Through the project Business Incubator for African Women Entrepreneurs (BIAWE), funded by NEPAD Spanish Fund, support is given to nurture the business ventures of women in rural communities operating primarily in the area of agriculture. [www.nepad.org](http://www.nepad.org)
- Funding: 1M€

## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



- With the support of the Programme for Inclusive Policies in Africa (APIA), ECOWAS countries will develop Action Plans for Youth Employment.
- Funding: 94.000€