

# The Cotonou Agreement: A user's guide for non-state actors

The role and place of non-state actors in the implementation of the Cotonou Agreement is clear. What is not clear; however, are the modalities and conditions to ensure their full and effective participation. The guide provides a comprehensive coverage of the relevant issues of interest to non-state actors and reflects the successful consultation process undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders from the six ACP regions and the European Commission. In particular, the guide also provides practical information and specific answers on the modalities for the enhanced engagement of non-state actors in ACP-EC cooperation.

The guide is available here:  
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