



TEN-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AFRICA (PAD 2000)

The PCC adopted the Ten-year Action plan for the fight against Poverty through the Promotion of Cooperative Entrepreneurship in Africa (PAD 2000), during its 13th session held from 24 to 28 July 2000 in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Through the PAD, the PCC intended as a matter of priority, in collaboration with the States, to formulate cooperative policies and programmes, contribute effectively to the revamping of the cooperative movement, notably by the creation of lasting jobs with steady incomes in this sector and the improvement of resources generated by cooperative enterprises. In short, the PAD was intended to achieve three strategic objectives. These included the following:

- to contribute to the promotion of cooperative entrepreneurship as one of the reliable strategies for the creation of viable associative enterprises that make it possible to fight efficiently against poverty;
- to contribute to the creation of a conducive political, institutional and regulatory environment for the development of group entrepreneurship and private initiative in Africa;
- to develop human resources capable of inducing self-development dynamics through the creation of lasting jobs.

To align with the new cooperative dynamics, the countries that adopted this Action Plan were expected to implement programmes that contribute to the achievement of the aforementioned strategic objectives.



The PAD was articulated around five programme components making up indicative orientations for the interested countries and including some strategic areas of intervention in the form of action programmes.

The 14th session of the PCC held in Cotonou in June 2004 recommended the extension of the PCC to other African countries that are members of the AU.

The PAD was finally adopted in September 2004 by the extraordinary summit of Heads of State and Governments of the African Union at Ouagadougou, as a strategy for the creation of lasting jobs.

With the PAD for which the Supportive Counselling Centre (CAC) is the anchor point, the PCC intends to continue providing appropriate proximity assistance to countries for the crafting and implementation of cooperative development policies and programmes.

By the end of 2010, in order to respect the contextual requirements and the original commitments, the PAD that was adopted in 2000 for a period of one decade, needed to be updated.