



## Benin Compact Progress

- ★ **Access to Markets Project:** MCA-Benin has completed a Master Plan outlining construction, renovations and upgrades to the Port of Cotonou's operations and infrastructure. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.
- ★ **Access to Land Project:** MCA-Benin began installing seven land survey (GPS) stations to formalize land rights in more than 300 rural villages. Eighty villages have already been selected and a new round of village selection is underway.
- ★ **Access to Financial Services Project:** In July, President Boni Yayi formally announced the "Challenge Facility," a MCA-funded insti-

tution which provides grants to support microfinance institutions in Benin.

- ★ **Access to Justice Project:** MCA Benin signed an accord with the National Assembly to support comprehensive review of drafts of the new Penal and Civil Codes. Passage of the new codes will open the door for construction of nine new courthouses.
- ★ **Other Highlights:** MCA-Benin signed a \$1.5 million agreement with the Beninese Ministry of Finance to support the Ministry's supervision of over 700 microfinance institutions. MCA-Benin will provide support to the Ministry over the course of four years enabling it to hire more staff and increase financial institution inspections.

### Compact At-A-Glance

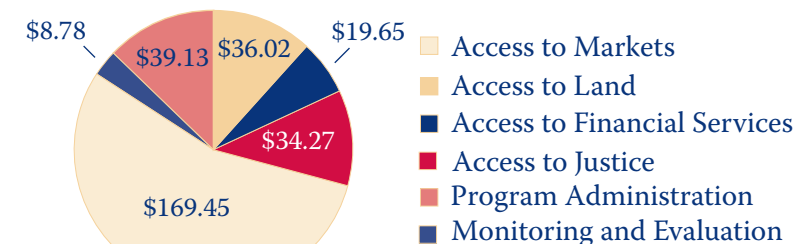
Signed ..... 2/22/2006

Entry Into Force..... 10/6/2006

The five-year, \$307 million compact will increase access to land through more secure tenure, expand access to financial services through grants to enterprises, provide access to justice by bringing courts closer to rural populations and improve access to markets through improvements to the Port of Cotonou.

### Obligations by Project

in millions



\$53,162,365 total contract commitments  
\$24,387,039 disbursed to date

### Country At-A-Glance

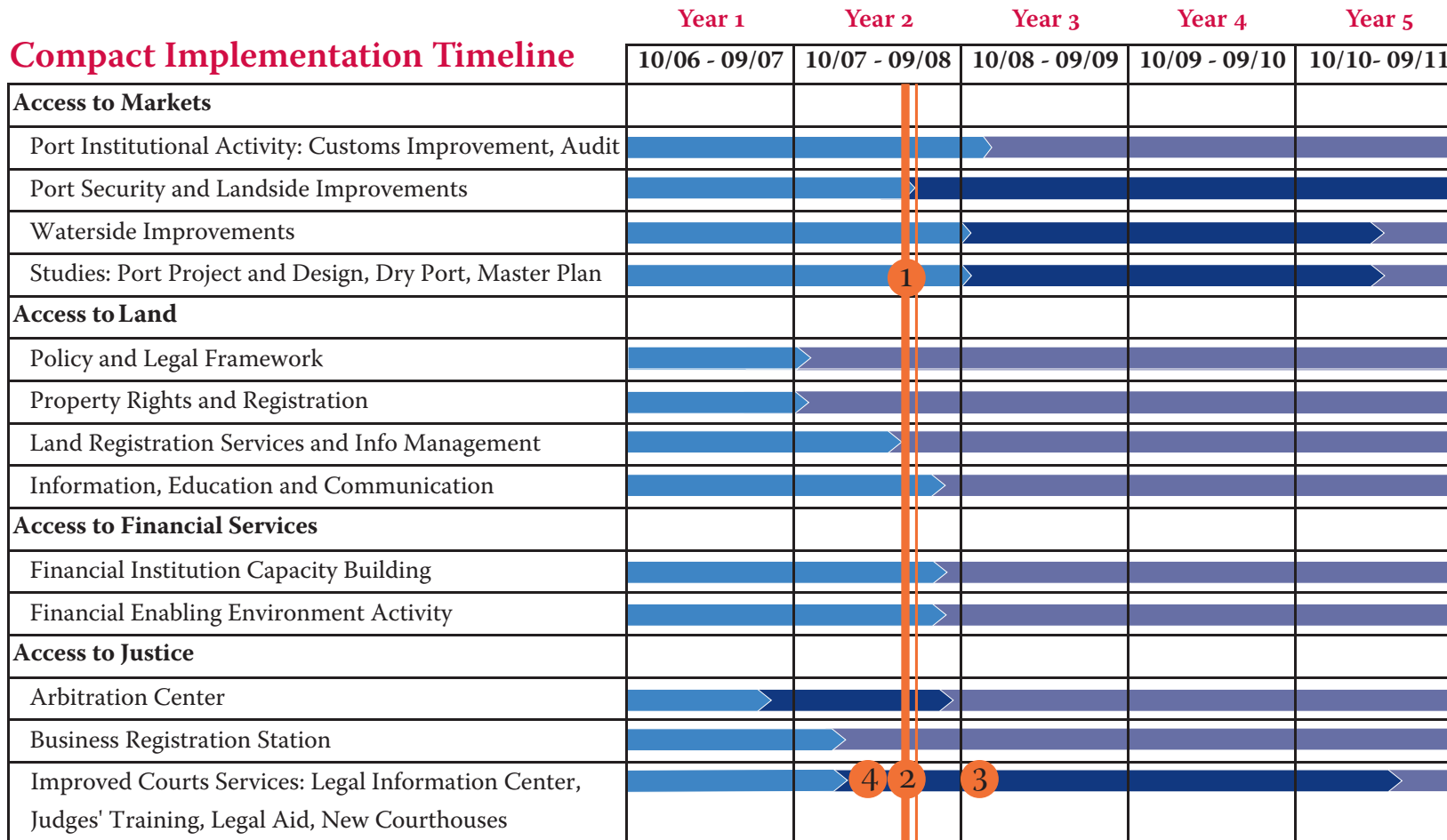
Population..... 8,177,208\*

GNI per Capita ..... \$570\*



On the Web:  
[www.mcc.gov](http://www.mcc.gov)  
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## Compact Implementation Timeline



- Project Preparation
- Construction - Infrastructure
- Project Activities - Other Sectors

**We Are Here**

July, 2008  
 Disbursements to Date..... \$24,387,039  
 Total Contract Commitments..... \$53,162,365

**1**  
 July 2008:  
 An updated Master Plan and Feasibility Study for the Port of Cotonou including environmental studies is complete

**2**  
 June 2008:  
 Over 200 Beninese judges, court personnel and mediators completed three months of training focused on commercial law

**3**  
 Oct. 2008:  
 Construction tenders will be issued for the Legal Information Center, a law library open to the public

**4**  
 June 2008:  
 National Assembly commits to reform of legal codes

\* For more information on country proposals, due diligence, program set-up, implementation and monitoring, and ongoing impact, please see the diagram entitled *Typical MCC Program Cycle* at [www.mcc.gov](http://www.mcc.gov).