

Benin Compact Progress

- ★ **Access to Justice Project:** In October 2008, the Parliament of Benin enacted new legal procedural codes, thereby replacing codes that had been out of date for 10 years. Having now achieved that milestone, MCA-Benin may proceed with the construction of 9 courthouses in various sites throughout the country. The Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation Center (CAMEC) has now been fully staffed and is starting operations in new office space in Cotonou.
- ★ **Access to Land Project:** MCA-Benin completed construction on five of seven global positioning stations that will collect data for land mapping and titling activities. MCA-Benin also trained

more than a dozen trainers on surveying and mapping with the most sophisticated GPS equipment in the region. MCA-Benin has also completed an in-depth assessment of the national urban land permit commission.

- ★ **Access to Financial Services Project:** MCA-Benin established the Management Unit for the Financial Innovation and Expansion Challenge Facility, which launched its first request for grant applications in September 2008. The team trained 27 delegates throughout Benin to ensure that institutions in remote areas would have access to information and application materials regarding the Challenge Facility.

Compact At-A-Glance

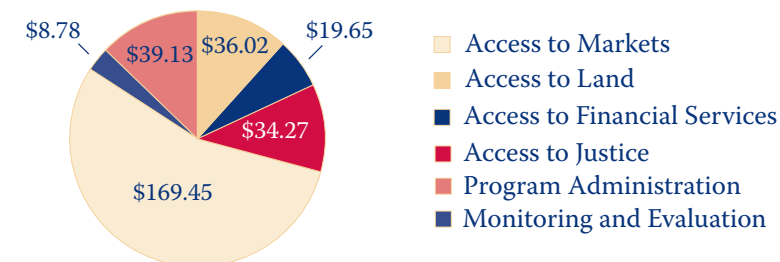
Signed 2/22/2006

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

The five-year, \$307.3 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



\$52,255,019 total contract commitments
\$24,396,415 disbursed to date

Country At-A-Glance

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

GNI per Capita \$570*



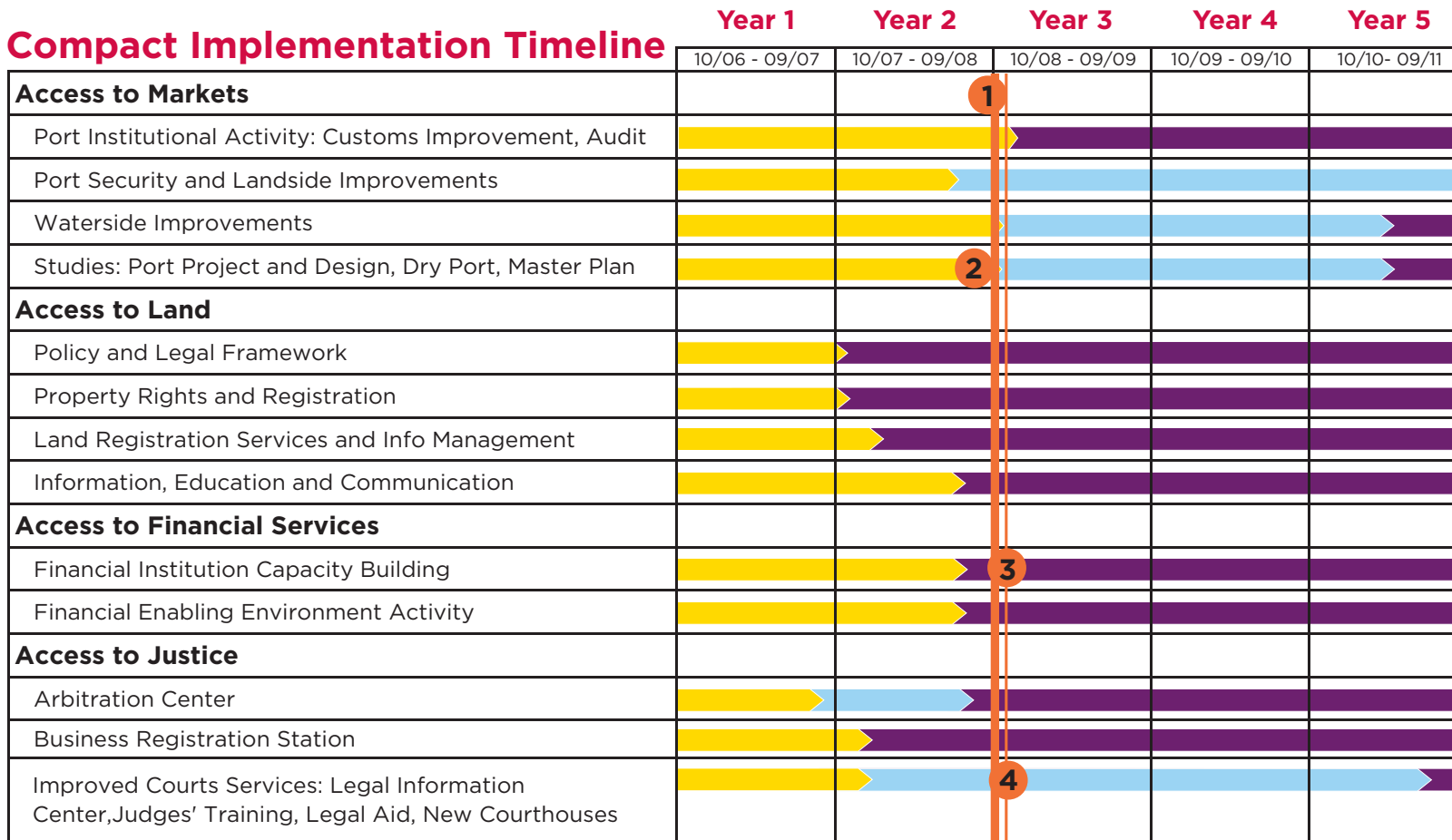
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Compact Implementation Timeline



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

* 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.

Compact Implementation Status Report Timeline, Benin

1
September 25:
MCA receives Certificate of Appreciation for transparency from US Ambassador at 2 year anniversary recognition event

2
Sept. 2008:
Environmental Validation workshop in Cotonou to explore local concerns about Port construction

3
October 2008:
Challenge Facility opens its first batch of proposals for micro-finance projects

4
October 17:
National Assembly passes reformed Legal Procedural Codes for the first time in 10 years

We Are Here

October, 2008
Disbursements to Date..... \$24,396,415
Total Contract Commitments..... \$52,255,019