

Benin Compact Progress

- ★ **Access to Justice Project:** The Minister of Justice has agreed to hire additional court staff, confirmed arrangements to improve case management and information technology systems, and obtained the land titles for the nine courthouse sites required for the Project. Designs are being completed to permit construction of these nine courthouses, plus a Legal Information Center, all to be linked by modern technology.
- ★ **Access to Markets Project:** In April and May, MCA-Benin received bids for three of the six construction works lots for the Port of Cotonou. Subject to progress on the selection of a private sector port operator and certain reforms of port administration, MCA-Benin will be able to begin construction on the South Wharf and Jetty by the end of the year.

- ★ **Access to Land Project:** In preparation for granting urban land titles, the existing state land titles and approved sections for civilian land plots are being reconstituted. In rural areas, the work in 190 villages has moved from the first stage of diagnostics and census to the second phase of survey and mapping using the new country-wide GPS system financed by the Compact.
- ★ **Access to Financial Services Project:** The Challenge Facility grant fund is working with the 40 projects selected in March to develop the details of their operational plans and begin project implementation. These projects, proposed by local microfinance institutions and small businesses, will reduce poverty by improving access to financial services for these 40 Beninese employers.

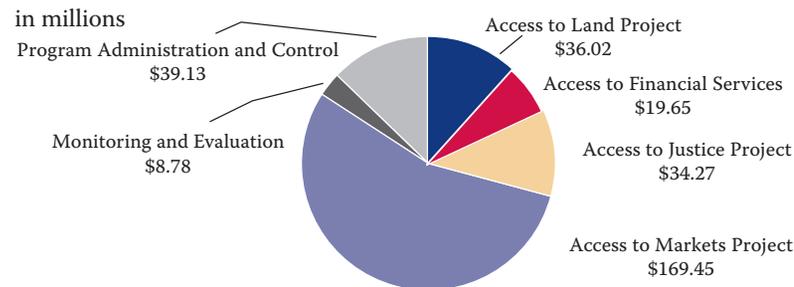
Compact At-A-Glance

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



\$60.355,717 total contract commitments
\$32,800,077 disbursed to date

Country At-A-Glance

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

GNI per Capita\$570*



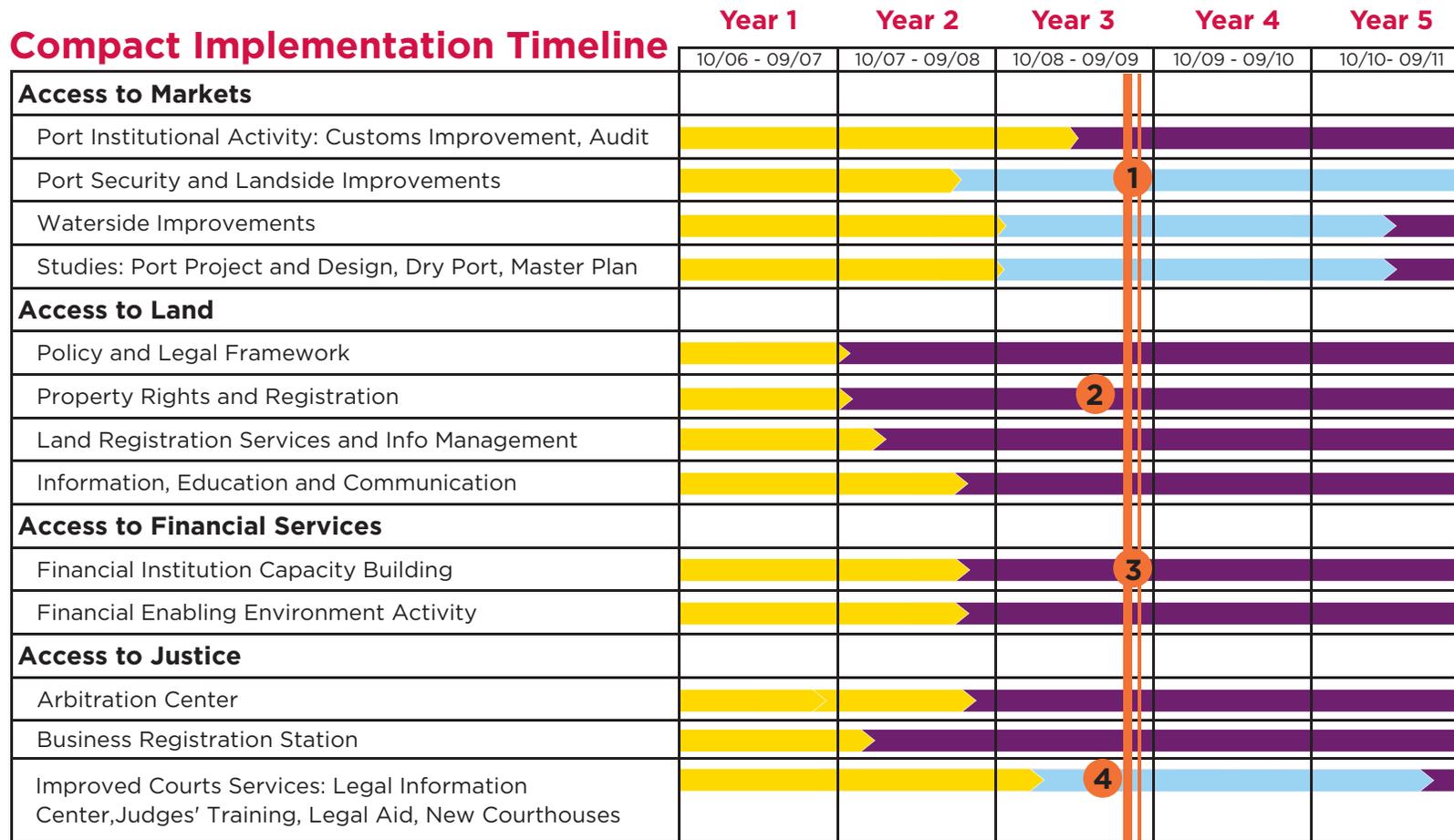
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Compact Implementation Timeline



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

- 1**
June 2009:
Bids received for Port Lots 1-3, the largest of all compact activities.
- 2**
June 2009:
Diagnostic phase for villages ends and transitions to survey phase for rural land titling.
- 3**
June 2009:
Challenge Facility launches second request for applications.
- 4**
June 2009:
Ministry of Justice satisfies the last conditions precedent to start court construction.

We Are Here

August 2009
Disbursements to Date..... \$32,800,077
Total Contract Commitments..... \$60,355,717

* 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.