

ACP SUGAR'S POLICY PRIORITIES

TO ENSURE A UK PREFERENTIAL MARKET FOR SUGAR IMPORTS FROM LDC AND ACP COUNTRIES

1. A sugar policy which balances the needs of the cane and the beet sector in the UK

The UK must implement policies that, in the domestic market, balance the supplies from the cane and the beet sectors with the market's requirement. Preferential tariffs on their own, will not create preferential market prices for developing country suppliers.



2. Tariff Free Status for sugar from ACP/LDC Origins

Tariff free access to a preferentially priced market in the UK has for decades been the keystone in the development of many sugar dependent economies in ACP/LDC countries providing employment, and access to healthcare and education in rural areas.

3. Retention of tariffs on other origins, including the EU27

"Preference for all means no preference at all." Reducing or eliminating tariffs on sugar from all countries would destroy the value of preferential access for ACP/LDC states.

