



## Main Action and Specific Sectors

**Technical Assistance Facility** for improving the **Business Environment** and wider **Investment Climate** through a structured dialogue (ICR Facility). The ICR Facility supports public and private organisations in African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries, by creating a more conducive, sustainable, and inclusive business environment and investment climate.

- Business environment reforms for sustainability
- Climate smart investment
- Gender Inclusion
- Institutional Capacity Building
- Technical Assistance for Business Environment and Investment Climate Improvement

In the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the ICR Facility adjusted its offers. It provides technical assistance on cushioning the economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis via remote support and via online webinars.

## Investment Climate Reform Facility (2019-2022)

The programme is co-financed by the European Union ([EU](#)) and the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States ([OACPS](#)) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit ([GIZ](#)), British Council ([BC](#)), Expertise France ([EF](#)), Stichting Nederlandse Ontwikkelingsorganisatie ([SNV](#)).

### CORE BUSINESSES:

- **Technical Assistance (TA)** for Business Environment and **Investment Climate** improvement initiatives resulting from the formal and informal private and public dialogue (**PPD**) process.
  - Special focus: **Strategic ACP value chains**.
- **Strengthen** ACP regional and national development **financial institutions** in their capacities to participate in the identification, preparation and implementation of investment.
  - Special Focus: traditional and blended **finance instruments**.
- **Collect** and mainstream effective and innovative **instruments, lessons learned** and **best practices** with national and regional ACP partners and advised on through the TA Facility.

Discover the ICR Facility programme:

- OACPS Private Sector Development Platform, click [here](#).
- Read the Programme Factsheet, click [here](#).
- ICR Facility Web page, click [here](#).

### The ICR Facility is in line with relevant EU Policies and Instruments:



- EU External Investment Plan. Read more [here](#).
- Neighborhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI). Read more about the programme by clicking [here](#).
- European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+).
- Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in External Action 2021. Read more [here](#).

## How to Benefit from the Action and the Knowledge Generated by the ICR Facility?

**ACP** sub-regional, national or regional government entities, Development Finance Institutions, PPD mechanisms can benefit from ICR Facility through **specific and targeted technical assistance** for business environment and investment climate improvement. Technical assistance is provided at the economy-wide, sectorial and value chain level based on requests for eligible ACP countries stakeholders.

To submit a request, please check the eligibility criteria and fill in the online request form. Requests for technical assistance should aim at improving the business and investment climate in a member or sub-region of the OACPS.

- To discover the eligibility criteria click [here](#).
- To send a request for Technical Assistance fill in the application form by clicking [here](#).
- Contact the ICR Facility at [icrfacility@giz.de](mailto:icrfacility@giz.de).

All ACP countries and their Private Sector (PS) stakeholders can benefit from the **knowledge developed** by the ICR Facility: reports, webinars, mappings, online events, good practices and lessons learned.

- To access ICR Facility Knowledge products click [here](#).
- To read the ICReport – Series on Climate Smart Investment June 2021 click [here](#).



**Examples of Best Practices and Activities Developed by ICR Facility**

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1. Supporting business environment and investment climate improvement initiatives resulting from the formal and informal Public-Private Dialogue process with a special focus on strategic ACP value chains.

- Technical reports: country and regional mappings and analyses to improve capacity:
  - Diagnose, influence, design, implement and evaluate business environment reform
  - Create a more inclusive and sustainable business environment
  - Conduct inclusive dialogue
- Examples of tailor-made Technical Assistance Interventions:

Western Africa

**National MSME Policy implementation in Nigeria**

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Caribbean

**Trade facilitation for the Commonwealth of Dominica**

Read more [here](#)

Southern Africa

**SADC Business Council: Development of a Strategy**

Read more [here](#)

Pacific

**KCCI: Climate mitigation and adaptation measures**

Read more [here](#)

2. Strengthen ACP regional and national development financial institutions in their capacities to participate in the identification, preparation and implementation of investment pipelines through traditional as well as blended finance instruments.

- Workshops implemented for ACP development financial institutions.
- Procedures, best practices, manuals and training materials.
- Examples of tailor-made Technical Assistance Interventions:

Western Africa

**Supporting the ECOWAS Bank for Investment**

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Pacific

**Supporting the Development Bank of Samoa**

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Southern Africa

**Supporting the Development Bank of Zambia**

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Eastern Africa

**Supporting the Development Bank of Rwanda**

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