

ICR Response: How to cushion economic effects of the COVID-19 crisis in ACP Countries

ABOUT THE ICR FACILITY

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The ICR Facility supports specific and targeted interventions at the economy-wide, sectorial and value chain level with Technical Assistance for up to 90 days based on requests. Requests can be handed in by public and private stakeholders in ACP countries according to the eligibility requirements. The ICR Facility offers Technical Assistance in the fields of Business Environment Reform for inclusive and sustainable economic development on the basis Public-Private Dialogue.

ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

The corona pandemic is likely to lead to a global recession, having a deep impact on developing countries. Countries need to carefully balance the measures they are taking for cushioning the economic consequences of the COVID-19 crisis. A sound business environment and investment climate becomes even more relevant during economic crisis and in the recovery process.

COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE OF ICR FACILITY

The ICR Facility supports the countries and regional institutions of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) in their public-private dialogue process to create a more conducive and sustainable investment climate. As a special response on the economic effect of the COVID-19 crisis, the ICR Facility has set up ICR Response.

WHAT IS ICR RESPONSE?

ICR Response offers webinars combined with 1-on-1 clinics on cushioning the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the area of Business Environment Reform and Investment Climate.

WHO CAN REGISTER FOR ICR RESPONSE?

ICR Response is aimed at public and private stakeholders in ACP countries.

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TIMETABLE

Title	Date / Time / Language	Registration
How can Investment Promotion Agencies in African, Caribbean and Pacific States adjust their offer in light of COVID-19	17th June 2020, 12:00 pm CEST, (ENG)	Click here
L'utilisation d'instruments de garantie par les institutions de financement du développement en réponse au Covid-19	23th June 2020, 10:00 am CEST (FR)	Click here
The use of guarantee instruments by Development Finance Institutions in response to the Covid-19	23th June 2020, 3:00 pm CEST, (ENG)	Click here
Possible responses to the Covid-19 crisis by fiscal administrations	Week of 29th June 2020	
Enabling the BE to cushion the economic effects of the crisis: where and how to start?	End of June 2020/ Beginning of July 2020	
Government policies to cushion the social and economic effects of the crisis: the specific case of impact-driven businesses	Week of 6th of July (tbc)	
Assessing economic impacts of Covid-19 through input-output modeling tools	Week of 13th of July 2020	
Enabling investors to do more to support the Covid-19 crisis: Smart ideas in times of empty pockets	Week of 20th of July (tbc)	
Facilitating Business Continuity Management	tba (late summer 2020)	
Building back better: implication and opportunities for investment climate and PSD policies in ACP countries	tba	
Food supply disruptions in times of Covid: signals for ACP countries and how they can respond	tba	

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HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE WEBINARS?

Please click on the links in the timetable or contact us at icrfacility@giz.de.

WHAT ARE 1-ON-1 CLINICS?

1-on-1 clinics are virtual, individual support sessions, which will be offered to interested participants after the webinar. Here you can exchange directly with us and get support for your organisation on the respective topic of the webinar. To be eligible for this targeted support you need to be a public or private organization based in one or several ACP countries¹. Slots will be granted based on availability to organizations registering their interest within a week after the webinar and will respect a regional balance across the ACP.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR 1-ON-1 CLINICS?

Details will be communicated during the respective webinar.

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