



# INVITATION

Webinar, 09.07.2020

## Responses to the COVID-19 crisis: government policy, impact businesses and the social economy

### ABOUT THE ICR FACILITY

The ICR Facility is co-funded by the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) under the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the British Council. It is implemented by BC, EF, GIZ, and SNV.

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 OACPS public and private stakeholders according to the eligibility requirements. The ICR Facility offers Technical Assistance in the field of Business Environment Reform for inclusive and sustainable economic development on the basis Public-Private Dialogue.

Join us for a webinar targeted at governments and think tanks in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, as well as social enterprises and the intermediaries supporting them. The webinar will assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it is causing enormous economic challenges for SMEs in ACP countries. Where those businesses are driven to make a positive social and/or environmental impact, often delivering crucial services within our communities (e.g. health, education), the potential impact is both economic (e.g. putting jobs at risk) as well as social. The webinar will give participants the opportunity to take inspiration and learn lessons from around the world, providing a framework to think about responses to COVID-19 with practical examples of responses led by governments, social enterprises, impact businesses and the social economy.

### WHEN:

9th of July 2020  
14:00-16:00 (GMT)

## REGISTER NOW

The webinar is offered by the Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility in partnership with Social Enterprise UK and Social Enterprise World Forum. After the webinar, there will be opportunities for participants from ACP countries with a suitable mandate to seek further one-on-one assistance through remote support.

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### AGENDA

**1. Welcome and introduction: support of the ICR Facility for policy makers and advocates**

*Owen Dowsett, Senior Consultant, British Council*

**2. Responses to to the Covid crisis: government policy, social enterprise, impact businesses and the social economy**

*Dan Gregory is Director at Social Enterprise UK, a former UK government official and has advised governments around the world on social enterprise policy*

*Maeve Curtin is Strategic Policy Advisor at the Social Enterprise World Forum, leading SEWF's global mapping and other policy initiatives*

**3. Q&A - Session**

**4. Remote Assistance Application Process (1-on-1-clinics)**

*Owen Dowsett, Senior Consultant, British Council*

This online event is part of the ICR Response webinar series.

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