



TRENDS IN GENDER FINANCE IN DFIs IN ACP COUNTRIES

WEBINAR INVITATION

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The ICR Facility provides technical assistance to national and sub-regional Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries to become stronger institutions and to identify, prepare and implement projects and investments with high development impact, especially related to women's economic empowerment and gender-lens investing. DFIs can benefit from tailored technical assistance, participate in peer events and obtain support for policy advocacy upon request.

The ICR Facility also offers public and private stakeholders in ACP countries specific and targeted technical assistance of up to 90 expert days for business environment and investment climate improvement initiatives.

Showcases from the African Region

Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) have a key role to play in promoting gender-lens investing (GLI) and women's economic empowerment (WEE). While the initiatives of multilateral banks are well-documented and communicated via events and publications, visibility on the efforts of national and sub-regional DFIs on this topic is not as wide-spread.

Building on an interview-based study conducted by the ICR Facility, this webinar aims to provide a platform for DFIs in the ACP region to inspire their peers to action and to foster supportive networks that can help identify solutions to difficulties faced. The study and the webinar aim to showcase good practices and highlight challenges to spark dialogue within and across the ACP region about approaches to gender finance and WEE. This includes DFIs' internal policies and processes, for instance activities related to gender policy and human resources management, as well as client-oriented activities, such as financial products or technical assistance.

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12th May 2022 at 1pm (GMT)

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| 1. Introduction | <i>Cathleen Tobin, Gender Expert IPC</i> |
| 2. Welcome Remarks | <i>OACPS Secretariat (name tbc)
Joanna Kahiluoto, Policy Officer, Women's Economic Empowerment, DG INTPA, European Commission</i> |
| 3. Trends in gender finance in ACP DFIs | <i>Cathleen Tobin, Gender Expert IPC</i> |
| 4. Panel discussion with presentation of showcases, Q&A | <i>Otlarongwa Chilume, Executive Coordinator to the CEO, CEDA
Theresa Lawal, Head of Product Development and Strategic Alliances, Development Bank of Nigeria
Thembi Khoza, Gender Programming Manager, and Thakane Tsiane, Gender Specialist, Development Bank of Southern Africa</i> |
| 5. Presentation of the ICR Facility's upcoming Call for Proposals | <i>Yasmine Galloul & Sarah Weiß, ICR Facility</i> |
| 6. Wrap-up and closing | <i>Cathleen Tobin, Gender Expert IPC</i> |

Another webinar with showcases from Caribbean and Pacific institutions will be organised on 10th May.

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