



# THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE REFORM FACILITY OFFERS EXPERTISE TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

The Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility offers targeted, on-demand expertise to public and private stakeholders in **African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries** to improve their business environment, so that everybody, especially women, can thrive as workers, entrepreneurs and investors. Its interventions aim to support organisations in ACP region to create better conditions for business to thrive.

## In which area can my organisation request expertise?

Intervention requests may focus on impacting more economic sectors at once, or on targeting a single sector or value chain in key industries, such as agribusiness, tourism, or manufacturing especially in support of **women's economic empowerment and inclusion**. Interventions may extend for up to 90 expert days, which can be used over the course of a year.



### Business Environment Reform (BER)

Identify, design, implement, and evaluate business environment reforms in areas such as business registration and licensing, investment policy, and customs administration.



### Business Environment for Sustainability

Promote sustainability in the business environment through innovative approaches such as social entrepreneurship, climate-smart investment, inclusive businesses or gender-specific reforms.



### Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)

Strengthen interaction between private sector, government, civil society and other key stakeholders to achieve more impactful and sustainable development policies.

#### Examples of some interventions by the ICR Facility:

- Analysis of insolvency frameworks in the Caribbean region.
- Support to improve commercial dispute mechanisms in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Support for the design of a single window for trade in Dominica.

- Support to improve regulations for clean energy in Tanzania.
- Support the Federation of West African Chambers of Commerce and Industry to promote women-led SME in the agri-food value chains.
- Support to develop a new regulatory framework for social enterprises in Jamaica.

- Development of a road map for regional PPD in the region of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA).
- Support to eight African investment promotion agencies to improve their engagement in the PPD process.
- Support to facilitate public-private dialogues on the COVID-19 recovery of the private sector in Botswana.



## APPLY TO RECEIVE EXPERTISE

### Is my organisation eligible to request expertise by the ICR Facility?

Requesters must be eligible member countries from the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Eligible institutions include government agencies, regional organisations, national or local business associations, chambers of commerce, cooperatives, professional associations, public-private dialogue platforms, local EU delegations, development finance institutions, financial services providers, and trade unions.

Organisations advocating for women's economic empowerment are encouraged to apply.

### How to submit a request online

Please check the eligibility criteria and application instructions available online. Applications can be completed either on our website <https://www.icr-facility.eu/request-form> or by requesting a pdf version from [info@icr-facility.eu](mailto:info@icr-facility.eu).

Feel free to get in touch, if you have questions not addressed on the website.