

Investment Climate Reform Facility

APPLY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

What kind of technical assistance does the ICR Facility offer?

The Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility offers targeted, on-demand support to public and private stakeholders in **African, Caribbean and Pacific** (ACP) countries to improve their **investment climate and business environment**. Our international and local experts deliver **technical assistance** to support ACP countries' efforts to achieve a more favourable, sustainable, and inclusive business environment. Interventions may extend for up to **90 expert days**, which can be used over the course of a year.

Business environment and investment climate improvement initiatives may be economy-wide, impacting all sectors, or may focus on a single sector or value chain to target a priority in key industries such as agribusiness, tourism, or manufacturing. The ICR Facility attends particularly to requests aimed at fostering **women's economic empowerment**.

In which area can my organisation request technical assistance?



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 PPD processes and key stakeholders to achieve more impactful, 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.



Is my organisation eligible for technical assistance 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 dialog platforms, local EU delegations, development finance institutions, financial services providers, and trade unions.

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

Submit a request

Are you a public agency or an organisation representing the private sector in an African, Caribbean or Pacific country? Do you want to improve the business environment and investment climate in your country or region?

Send us a request for technical assistance!

Eligibility criteria and application instructions are 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.

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