



# Covid-19 Response of the ICR Facility

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# Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility

<b>Funding</b>	EU, OACPS under the 11th EDF, together with BMZ and the British Council
<b>Objective</b>	Support the countries and regional institutions in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries in their public-private dialogue process to create a more conducive and sustainable investment climate.

## Technical assistance with up to 90 days for interventions:

- **Business Environment Reform** 
- **Business Environment for Sustainability** 
- **Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)** 

## Requests must:

- aim at improving the business and investment climate in an ACP country
- be part of a wider strategy, reform process, or PPD mechanism
- involve a PPD component 
- handed in by governmental organisations, business associations, development financial institutions (DFIs), and EU delegations in ACP countries

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# Cushioning the Economic Effect of Covid-19: Webinar Series

- How can **Investment Promotion Agencies** in ACP States adjust their offer?
- The use of **guarantee instruments** by Development Finance Institutions in response to the Covid-19
- Responses to the COVID-19 crisis: government policy, **impact businesses** and the social economy
- Reforming the **investment climate** to respond to the COVID-19 crisis in ACP States
- Assessing economic impacts of COVID-19 through **input-output modelling tools**
- Inclusive **impact investing** and social finance during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond
- **Food supply disruptions** in times of COVID-19: how can ACP States react?
- Improving the investment climate through **gender sensitive reforms** in times of COVID-19
- How can SME resilience and adaptivity be strengthened through **Business Continuity Management** in light of COVID-19?

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# Overview of Covid-19 related requests

No.	Requester	Topic
1	Madagascar	White Paper presenting a common vision of the Malagasy Private sector
2	CAIPA	Development of reform proposals to better resolve insolvencies in the Caribbean
3	CROSQ	ISO Standards for Business Continuity
4	ROCB - WCA	Online regional workshops on 4 topics of relevance to national customs administrations in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis
5	Malawi – Ministry of Industry	Business environment analysis on the impact of Covid19 and proposed remedial measures

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# 1. Economic Development Board – Madagascar

- Topic** White Paper presenting a common vision of the Malagasy Private sector for the development of the country's economy to inform Public-Private Dialogue
- Approach** Joint request from the EDBM (Investment Promotion Agency), the GEM (Groupement des Entreprises de Madagascar) and the EU Delegation
- Organisation of consultations with the private sector representatives to develop the content of the White Paper.
  - Drafting of the paper (incl. prioritised workplan, assessment of needs of the private sector for post-Covid recovery).
  - Validation at Madagascar's Private Sector Forum in February 2021.
- Covid-19** Assessment of private sector needs for post-Covid recovery  
Re-start of PPD after interruption during the crisis
- Status** Implementation stage: consultations ongoing.

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## 2. CAIPA: Resolving Insolvency

<b>Topic</b>	Development of reform proposals to better resolve insolvencies in the Caribbean
<b>Approach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical study setting out:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status Quo</li><li>• Gap Analysis,</li><li>• Best Practice Case Studies,</li><li>• A costed action/implementation plan</li></ul></li><li>• Virtual Public-Private Dialogue Regional Workshop to validate results and agree on actions</li></ul>
<b>Covid-19</b>	Request originally based on ranking in Doing Business Report. But: Insolvency will gain important during the crisis, reform contribute to ease of recovery
<b>Status</b> Implemented by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intervention agreed by EUD and OACPS</li><li>• Design stage</li></ul>

## 3. CROSQ: ISO Standards for Business Continuity

<b>Topic</b>	Training of Trainers in relevant ISO quality management system standards for MSMEs
<b>Approach</b>	Training for National Standards Bodies / Business Support Organisations on six ISO standards relevant for Business Continuity Management / Quality Management Systems; Pilot trainings provided by the NSB to MSME
<b>Covid-19</b>	BCM important tool for businesses to prepare for shocks like a pandemic but also beyond (multi-hazard preparedness)
<b>Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intervention agreed by EUD and OACPS</li><li>• Drafting ToRs and identifying possible Consultants</li></ul>

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## 4. ROCB-WCA\* – 23 countries

### Topic

- Online regional workshops on 4 topics of relevance to national customs administrations in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis

### Approach

4 topics have been pre-identified:

- ✓ Supporting the private sector, especially the informal sector, in times of crisis
- ✓ Legal and procedural standards in the field of "e-commerce management".
- ✓ HR management in times of crisis
- ✓ Upgrading work infrastructure to respond to pandemics.

### Covid-19

The request originates from a survey carried out in collaboration with the ICR Facility in the framework of a one-on-one clinic, which identified the capacity building needs and priorities in the management of the COVID-19 crisis of customs administrations in the region.

### Status

Awaiting approval from OAPCS

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## 5. Ministry of Trade and Industry – Malawi

<b>Topic</b>	Business environment analysis on the impact of Covid19 and proposed remedial measures
<b>Approach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysis of effects of the crisis, economic transmission channels etc</li><li>• Development of recommendations for policy response</li><li>• Validation through dialogue session between public and private sector</li></ul>
<b>Covid-19</b>	Analysis of economic effects & recommendations
<b>Status</b>	Canceled (by requester after change in Government)

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# Thank you

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