



In this context, we remain deeply concerned that many governments appear to lack the fiscal space to provide essential stimulus to

This, to my mind, calls for a new spirit of international cooperation... built on partnerships that fully leverage the networks, resources and skills of the private sector – at both the global and local level.

We believe we have found a successful model in this regard in the

The Alliance, now in its fourth year of operation, works in tandem with governments to harness local private sector knowledge to identify insidious bottlenecks to trade and co-create solutions that work for the real-economy – not just on paper.

The Alliance is already working in two LLDCs – Malawi and Zambia – to develop a modern licensing framework for customs clearance agents that will reduce the time and cost of trade with these countries.

Given the potential for trade facilitation reforms to power the recovery from COVID-19 – and the laudable focus on this foundational agenda in the new Roadmap...

we encourage any government that is looking for support to implement targeted trade facilitation reforms to contact the Alliance, housed within ICC, to discuss how we may partner with you.

Partnerships like the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation show us that real impact can be achieved when we work together to co-create outcomes greater than we can achieve acting alone.

Your Excellencies,

Please count on ICC as a trusted partner in delivering on the promise of the Roadmap and in ensuring that, in the wake of COVID-19, we can recover better together.

Thank you.