

Technical Cooperation Document

I. Basic Information for TC

▪ Country/Region:	BARBADOS
▪ TC Name:	An Ambitious Climate Change Agenda for Barbados
▪ TC Number:	BA-T1095
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▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support
▪ Operation Supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract authorization:	09 Mar 2023
▪ Beneficiary:	Barbados
▪ Executing Agency and contact name:	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ Donors providing funding:	OC SDP Window 2 - Sustainability(W2A); Sustainable energy and Climate Change Multi-donor Trust Fund(MSC)
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	Sustainable energy and Climate Change Multi-donor Trust Fund (MSC): US\$100,000.00 OC SDP Window 2 - Sustainability (W2A): US\$100,000.00 Total: US\$200,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	US\$0
▪ Disbursement period (which includes Execution period):	24 months
▪ Required start date:	June 2023
▪ Types of consultants:	Firms and individual consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	CCB/CBA-Country Office Barbados
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CBA-Country Office Barbados
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2020-2023:	Productivity and innovation; Institutional capacity and rule of law; Environmental sustainability

II. Objectives and Justification

- 2.1. The objective of this TC is support climate governance in the Government of Barbados (GoB) to: (i) strengthen capacities for a low carbon and resilient portfolio, including climate finance opportunities; (ii) develop mapping and monitoring capacities for the Nationally Determined Contribution¹ (NDC) follow up and

¹ <https://unfccc.int/sites/default>

dissemination of results; and (iii) support the GoB in their international advisory role as part of the climate change and biodiversity agenda.

- 2.2 Translating an NDC into action requires many ingredients, nonetheless over recent years the IDB has gained experience on the matter and would recommend two key approaches: (i) developing a strong portfolio of low carbon and resilient investments; and (ii) the consolidation of efforts as part of the “Enhances Transparency Framework” under the Paris Agreement at the national level so as to monitor the impact of climate change actions and furthermore assess a plan for a net zero strategy, as well as the financial resources needed, and coordinate all stakeholders for a holistic approach.
- 2.3 The 2023 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP28) will be held at Expo City Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), from November 30th to December 12th. This will mark the conclusion of the first Global Stock take, a comprehensive assessment of the progress made in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, as well as a follow up to the conversation on the Loss and Damage fund, which aims at providing compensation for emerging economies’ losses impacted by climate change, which has received global attention. In this context, Barbados will present its results but also enhance the commitments and negotiations on climate finance and continue to foster the proposals presented in the [Bridgetown Initiative](#). The Bridgetown Initiative aims to speak on behalf of climate-vulnerable countries, calling for a reform of the current global financial system to enable the mobilization of more private financing for the climate transition and improved resilience. For this purpose, Barbados’ advocacy will be key to advance the conversations on loss and damage prior to COP28 as a strong presence during this meeting to ensure that key actions are taken to resolve the climate crisis.
- 2.4 This operation is consistent with the Second Update of the Institutional Strategy (AB-3190-2) and is aligned with the development challenge of: (iii) productivity and innovation as Barbados will be for the first time using digital platforms to showcase its financial and institutional commitments under the Paris Agreement. The operation is also aligned with the cross-cutting themes of: (i) *climate change and environmental sustainability*, since its main focus is to strengthen the country’s climate change governance through the development of climate smart tools and advocacy efforts; and (ii) *institutional capacity and the rule of law* by improving transparency and accountability in the programming of new low carbon and resilient investments as well as the NDC monitoring. The operation’s sustainability focus is aligned with: (i) the “IDB’s Integrated Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Sustainable Renewable Energy” (GN-2609-1); (ii) the “Climate Change Sector Framework Document” (GN-2835-5); and (iii) the IDB Group Country Strategy with Barbados 2019-2023 (GN-2953-1), objective 3.4 “Promote private sector engagement that encourages greater productivity, as well as in resilient infrastructure investments”.
- 2.5 Furthermore, the TC is aligned with the Sustainable energy and Climate Change Multi-donor Trust Fund (MSC) eligibility criteria as the TC will develop (v) training, knowledge dissemination, and capacity building; information and monitoring systems; including methodology development (GN-2435-6) as well as the W2A Eligibility Criteria (GN-2878-14) as it fosters adaptation to climate impacts, supports healthy and functioning ecosystems, and promotes the sustainable use and development of land, coastal and ocean areas.

III. Description of Activities/Components and Budget

- 3.1 **Component 1. Development of low carbon and resilient portfolio (US\$50,000).** As part of the NDC update, the GoB identified several investments aligned to the NDC targets as well as Roofs to Reefs Programme (R2RP), as well as work done by the IDB on sustainable investment gaps and opportunities. This activity will update the actual low carbon and resilient portfolio that was developed under the NDC update in 2020 and prioritize three to five investments, based on their potential and short-term feasibility, to assess all the studies needed for their execution in the short term. This activity will require the support of a PEC consultant who will deliver on this product.
- 3.2 **Component 2. Monitoring tool for climate change and biodiversity vertical integration (US\$50,000).** The alignment of policies is adamant for a coherent and efficient policy action, coordination is therefore crucial amongst all stakeholders as well a proper platform to collectively gather a baseline and the indicators to monitor the impact of policies and investments. A firm will be hired to: (i) develop a monitoring system of indicators and associated baselines built on the Sustainable Development Goals, the country's NDC and the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans' (NBSAP) targets, it will also include other sectoral strategies (IRRP, PDP, etc.); (ii) foster the sustainability and operationalization. It will also include training activities to ensure all stakeholders involved fulfill their responsibilities in the collection, verification and assessment of the data. This component will allow effective alignment of efforts to address sustainability, climate change and biodiversity objectives across national and local stakeholders, the government being able to define strategically cross-cutting challenges and map them, identify the entity responsible for data and define the actions to be taken ahead for a result driven public action. This dynamic will also enable the engagement of private and civil society stakeholders and strengthen the next NDC document. The team will benefit of the support of the local ITE colleagues in CBA.
- 3.3 **Component 3. Advocacy and COP28 activities (US\$100,000):** Loss and Damage advocacy and COP28 Development. Barbados delegation during COP27 in Egypt urged the international community to collectively transform so all countries could face the climate crisis and overcome its impacts. One of the requests involves the funding of the Loss and Damage Fund agreed during COP27 and the country will seek to lead the negotiations so it can remain a priority of the COP28 agenda. Barbados will host a meeting prior to COP28 to establish a strategy amongst relevant countries and seek impactful financing strategies. Additionally, Barbados is also planning for COP28 as a defining summit as they will present the advances on their Bridgetown Initiative and the agreements needed to ensure a reform of the finance world. This activity will support the Loss and Damage meeting that will take place in Barbados during the first semester of 2023, and also the efforts of the Barbadian delegation during COP28, including a pavilion and consultants to support with technical reports.
- 3.4 **Budget.** The total amount of this operation is US\$200,000, which will be financed with resources from the Sustainable energy and Climate Change Multi-donor Trust

Fund (MSC) (\$100,000), and the OC-SDP Window 2 – Sustainability (W2A) (\$100,000).

Budget (US\$)			
Activity/Component	IDB/MSC Funding	IDB/W2A Funding	Total
Component 1. Investment portfolio and climate finance opportunities	50,000	0	50,000
Component 2. Digital Platform for NDC monitoring	50,000	0	50,000
Component 3. Advocacy and COP28 activities	0	100,000	100,000
TOTAL	100,000	100,000	200,000

IV. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 4.1 The IDB will act as the executing agency due to its knowledge and expertise regarding COP organization and coordination, as well as its ability to leverage additional experts and well-established entities with cutting edge capacity to add unique value to both the NDC and COP28 agendas of Barbados. The IDB Country Office in Barbados will be responsible for will be responsible for the operation's supervision, disbursements, and procurement. Such structure will allow the Government of Barbados to benefit from the IDB's technical support and supervision and will allow for a timely execution. In addition, the implementation will be done in close collaboration and coordination with CCS, who is responsible of centralizing the coordinating efforts of the IDBG for COP28. The Unit of Disbursement Responsibility in be in the IDB's Country Office in Barbados.
- 4.2 The executing agency decision was also made based on the request of the Government of Barbados, the IDB is very well suited to this role as the partner for NDC update, Debt for Nature transaction (5568/OC-BA, ATN/AC-19398-BA) and given the strong policy dialogue built over the years to support the endeavor of translating Barbados' NDC commitments into concrete actions and ensure their showcase for public ownership. In accordance with the Annex II of the Procedures for the Processing of Technical Cooperation Operations and Related Matters (OP-619-4), impartiality is also one of the reasons for which the Government of Barbados has requested that the Bank would enhance independence, as key environmental studies will be developed under this TC.
- 4.3 The Bank will follow its procurement policies and guidelines related to contracting processes: (i) individual consultants will be hired according to the guidelines established in policy AM-650; (ii) consulting firms of an intellectual nature will be hired according to the "Policy for the selection and contracting of consulting firms for operational work carried out by the Bank" (GN-2765-4) and its Operational Guidelines (OP-1155-4); and (iii) other non-consulting services will be hired in accordance with the "IDB Corporate Procurement Policy" (GN-2303-28).

V. Project Risks and Issues

- 5.1 The major risk to this TC will be the coordination amongst different stakeholders and the active participation of all ministries identified as critical in the context of this operation. They will be the main providers of data and additional support of the correct operationalization of the tool. This challenge will be mitigated by the main counterpart of this TC who will be in the Prime Minister's Office.

- 5.2 The TC will also face the intrinsic issues of any Conference of Parties (COP) of the UNFCCC as they all include logistical and timing pressures but those will be mitigated by the team supporting the execution of the TC who has long standing experience on this topic.

VI. Exceptions to Bank policy

- 6.1 There are no exceptions to Bank policy in this operation.

VII. Environmental and Social Strategy

- 7.1 This TC will not finance feasibility or pre-feasibility studies of investment projects with associated environmental and social studies; therefore, it falls outside the scope of the Bank's "Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).

Required Annexes

[Request from the Client - BA-T1095](#)

[Results Matrix - BA-T1095](#)

[Terms of Reference - BA-T1095](#)

[Procurement Plan - BA-T1095](#)