

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
▪ TC Name:	Promoting Knowledge and Capacity Building through the Regional Policy Dialogue
▪ TC Number:	RG-T4235
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Ibañez Londoño, Ana María (VPS/VPS) Team Leader; Molina, Silvana (VPS/VPS) Alternate Team Leader; Sara Vila Saintetienne (LEG/SGO)
▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	25 Jan 2023
▪ Beneficiary:	IDB's Borrowing member countries
▪ Executing Agency:	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$2,000,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individual consultants and consulting firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	VPS - VP - Sectors & Knowledge
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	VPS - VP - Sectors & Knowledge
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	N/A
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	N/A
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Institutional capacity and rule of law

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this operation is to finance the activities of the Regional Policy Dialogue (RPD) in 2023. In 2000, the Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the creation of the RPD (GN-2096-2). The general objective of the RPD is to promote a high-level policy dialogue between Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries and Bank officials to identify innovative practices, strengthen institutional capacity, share experiences, both from the LAC region and other regions in the world, improve the quality of reform strategies, and promote evidence-based discussions in the region. At the same time, the RPD provides the opportunity for the Bank to receive direct feedback about countries' public policy priorities, which subsequently informs Bank's future operational program.
- 2.2 In 2000, the Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the creation of the Regional Policy Dialogue (RPD) (GN-2096-2). Since its inception, twenty-one policy dialogue networks aligned with the Bank's institutional priorities have been created in the areas of: (1) citizen security; (2) climate change; (3) disaster risk management; (4) education; (5) energy; (6) environmental and social safeguards; (7) financial institutions; (8) fiscal and municipal management; (9) gender equality and diversity; (10) innovation; (11) labor markets and social security; (12) macroeconomic policy and finance; (13) open government; (14) social protection and health; (15) trade and integration; (16) transportation; (17) urban development and housing; (18) water and sanitation; and (19) migration; (20) digital government; and (21) creative industries. The value added of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is related to: (i) promoting high-level policy dialogue and knowledge sharing among senior policymakers from the borrowing member countries; (ii) fostering discussions between policymakers and experts on key

development issues through the presentation of policy-oriented knowledge, analytical work and tools for the design, reformulation, and adoption of sound policies; and (iii) providing a space for the dissemination and dialogue with the countries about the Bank's operational and knowledge program. As a result of the knowledge exchange during RPD activities, LAC policymakers have access to innovative mechanisms and programs that can contribute to institutional capacity strengthening. Over the past 20 years, RPD networks have been consolidating their commitment to strengthen institutional capacity in LAC to generate south-south cooperation and to build strategic alliances between key stakeholders in important sectors in the region. The interest and continuing demand for new RPD networks indicate that the mechanism is perceived as valuable both by LAC high-level policymakers and by the Vice Presidency for Sectors and Knowledge (VPS) Divisions.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Network Meetings.** The objective of this component is to promote and support, among LAC senior policymakers, the exchange of knowledge and experiences, learning and disseminating of successful public policy practices, as well as opportunities for regional cooperation. This component will finance planning, organizing, and holding regional and sub-regional meetings with high-level government officials of LAC countries.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Network Meetings	US\$2,000,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$2,000,000.00
Total	US\$2,000,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$2,000,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Bank through VPS/VPS will be the executing agency.
- 5.2 The document GN-2096-2 approved by the Board of Executive Directors for the implementation of the Regional Policy Dialogue authorized the Bank as the executing agency. Furthermore, the RPD is a Bank initiative with more than 20 years of experience, therefore, the Bank as the executing agency will ensure the active participation of the borrowing member countries to dialogue with the Bank through the set-up of networks.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 One of the main risks the execution project can experience is the occurrence of unpredictable external events, such as public health crisis, that would prevent the meetings from taking place as planned. As a mitigation measure, the team leader will ensure that the different networks are logistically prepared to carry on these events in a virtual and hybrid manner. A second identify risk is the possible low participation rate of high-level officials in the meetings due to their complex agendas. As a mitigation measure, it is planned to send the invitations with considerable time in advance.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 This TC does not have applicable requirements of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).