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April 27, 2021

Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones
General Manager
Country Department, Caribbean Group
Inter-American Development Bank
6 Montrose Road
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Dear Mrs. Turner-Jones,

Re: Request for Non-Reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation from the Inter-American Development Bank to support Trade and Investment in the Digital Economy

Reference is made to the captioned Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Non-reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation (RTC) in the amount of **Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand United States Dollars (US\$225,000)** to support trade and investment in the Caribbean region's digital economy, with a focus on Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) notes that while the Project is at the design stage, same is intended to strengthen the eco-system for digital trade by harmonizing relevant legislation across beneficiary countries and aligning it to international standards and best practice. The GOJ notes further that the Project will build the institutional capacity of regional investment promotion agencies including the Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) to effectively attract Foreign Direct Investment in digital trade.

The GOJ is of the view that this initiative is timely since Jamaica is seeking to forge a sustainable path of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is to be noted that the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Report has identified the enabling of the digital economy as important to improve "*the competitiveness, boost the productivity and enhance the resilience of the Jamaican economy*". The GOJ welcomes the provision of this RTC as the Project complements work already undertaken by the IDB in designing a Broadband/Digital transformation Roadmap for Jamaica as well as the Global Skills Services Project among others, which are being funded by the Bank.

In light of the foregoing, the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) on behalf of the GOJ hereby formally requests this Non-Reimbursable RTC to support the captioned Project. Due to the regional scope of the Project, the GOJ asks that the Project be executed by the Bank and that the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology (MSET) be involved in the design and implementation of the Project.

Yours sincerely,

Dian Black
For Financial Secretary



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November 16th, 2021

Carina Cockburn
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Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago
Inter-American Development Bank
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Dear Ms Cockburn,

RE: Non-objection to Trinidad and Tobago's participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation – Connecting the Caribbean to Digital Regional and Global Value Chains


Reference is made to the subject as captioned above.

The Ministry of Planning and Development has received a request from the Ministry of Trade and Industry to participate in a regional TC entitled "Connecting the Caribbean to Digital Regional and Global Value Chains." The objective of this TC is to connect firms in the beneficiary countries to digital Regional and Global Value Chains (GVCs) through the enhancement of the legal framework that support digital trade facilitation and by attracting FDI to digital sectors.

The total amount of the TC is US\$225,000.00 with no counterpart contributions. It will be executed by the IDB over a period of 36 months. Having reviewed the TC abstract, we believe that participation in this TC will support the Ministry's efforts towards digital trade integration and growth and promotion of SMEs.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has no objection to this Regional TC initiative, to be executed by the Bank in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Sincerely,


Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Planning and Development
PERMANENT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
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