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Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 12:10 PM
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Subject: Participation in Regional Technical Cooperation "Support to Economic Recovery in the Caribbean through Trade and Investment in Blue Economy RG-T4017"
Attachments: Participation in Regional Technical Cooperation Support to Economic Recovery in the Caribbean through Trade and Investment in Blue Economy1.pdf

Dear Dr. Lopez-Ghio,

I hope this message finds you well.

On behalf of Dr. Osmond Martinez, and further to the attached letter, and follow-up to IDB's correspondence reference IA/IDB/1/21(36) Vol. VII dated November 24, 2021.

The Government of Belize also provides its non-objection for the Bank to be the executing agency for the operation of the above captioned Technical Cooperation. Thank you.

Respectfully,

ANA T. MAHMUD-ZETINA (MRS.)

Senior Secretary

Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment

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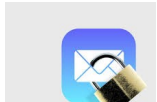
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Our Ref: IA/IDB/1/21(36) Vol. VII

December 1, 2021

Dr. Ramiro López Ghio
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Inter-American Development Bank
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Dear Dr. Lopez-Ghio,

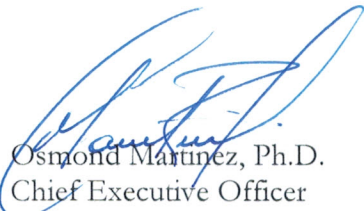
Ref: Participation in Regional Technical Cooperation 'Support to Economic Recovery in the Caribbean through Trade and Investment in Blue Economy RG-T4017'

We are writing to you in relation to the participation of Belize in the Regional Technical Cooperation (RTC) "Support to Economic Recovery in the Caribbean through Trade and Investment in Blue Economy" (RG-T4017).

The main objective is to increase capacity to attract private sector investment into the Blue Economy in the Caribbean as a mean to generate employment, growth, diversification of the economy and the reach of SDGs targets. This RTC will support Belize in the design an upskilling pilot program to fill industry skills gaps identified in the private sector within a strategic blue economy subsector in order to foster FDI and job creation.

The objectives of the RTC are aligned with the Government of Belize strategic vision for the blue economy sector and we are pleased to participate in the execution of the RTC as a beneficiary.

Sincerely,



Osmond Martinez, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer

Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment

- cc. Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment
Mr. Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary, Ministry of **Finance**, Economic Development and Investment
Ms. Kennedy Carrillo, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation
Mrs. Yvette Alvarez, Senior Advisor, Ministry of **Finance**, Economic Development & Investment
Mr. Duane Belisle, Director for the Policy & Planning Unit, Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment
Ms. Fayne Nicasio, Economist I, Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment



17th January, 2022

Ms Jacqueline Emmanuel-Flood
Director
Economic Affairs and Regional Integration Division
The OECS Commission
Morne Fortune
P.O Box 179
Castries, St Lucia.

Dear Ms Emmanuel-Flood

Re: IDB/CCPF Support to OECS for Blue Economy Development and Investment Promotion

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13th January, 2022 and, on behalf of the staff and management of Invest SVG, present compliments and best wishes to you for 2022.

Your letter is indeed timely, as the Minister of Finance Hon. Camillo Gonsalves spoke extensively about the continued development of the Blue Economy in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in his Budget Presentation for 2022. The Minister, in his speech, explained among other things that development and investments in the Blue Economy will certainly boost St. Vincent and the Grenadines' economic growth and can contribute to reducing our trade deficit. This was reiterated by the Minister of Agriculture Hon. Saboto Caesar in his presentation to the House.

Furthermore, Invest SVG with the assistance of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) recently finalized its five-year Strategic and Implementation Plan. One of the priority industries earmarked for development (within the aforementioned plan) is the Blue Economy.

We have since approached the CDB for further grant funding to implement certain aspects of the plan, which we anticipate could commence as early as the end of the first quarter of this year. Participating in the initiative would certainly complement the work of Invest SVG and aid with accelerating the implementation of this aspect of the plan.

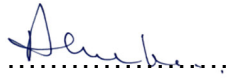
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We look forward to discussing with you further and participating in this very critical initiative.

Please let me know your earliest convenience to convene a meeting.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Annette Mark', written over a dotted line.

Ms Annette Mark
Executive Director

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IDB/CCPF Support to OECS for Blue Economy Development and Investment Promotion

3 messages

Donna Athanaze <donna.athanaze@oecs.int>

Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 4:30 PM

To: invest@grenadaidc.com, rtheodore@gidc.gd

Cc: Jacqueline Emmanuel-Flood <jacqueline.flood@oecs.int>, Kareem Guiste <kareem.guiste@oecs.int>, Chamberlain Emmanuel <chamberlain.emmanuel@oecs.int>, Maria Fowell <maria.fowell@oecs.int>, Natasha Augustin <natasha.augustin@oecs.int>

Dear Mr. Theodore,

Please find the attached letter subject titled above for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 9:29 AM

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Dear Mr. Theodore,

Please find attached additional information to accompany the letter sent on Thursday for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Ronald Theodore <RTheodore@gidc.gd>

Fri, Jan 28, 2022 at 5:11 PM

To: Donna Athanaze <donna.athanaze@oecs.int>

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Dear Ms. Athanaze,

I would first like to apologize for this very delayed response to your emails which were received.

The contents were perused and the Grenada Investment Development Corporation is interested in being part of this initiative.

Do look forward to further discussions on same.

Sincerely

Ronald E. Theodore

Chief Executive Officer



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THE ARTS, FISHERIES & COOPERATIVES
MINISTERIAL COMPLEX, FLOOR NO. 3
SIR ERIC GAIRY BOTANICAL GARDENS,
TANTEEN, ST. GEORGE'S,
GRENADA

25th January 2022

Ms. Patricia Lewis
Programme Assistant
Office of the Director of Environmental Sustainability
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission
Morne Fortune, P.O. Box 179, Castries
SAINT LUCIA

Dear Ms. Lewis,

**Re: IDB/CCPF Support to OECS for Blue Economy Development and
Investment Promotion**

I write further to your letter dated January 12, 2022, which was addressed to Mr. Michael Stephen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Culture and the Arts, Fisheries and Co-operatives, and subsequent e-mails (Lewis / Frederick), concerning the above subject matter.

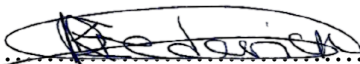
In that regard, this serves to confirm Grenada's acceptance to participate in the initiative.

This Ministry, therefore, looks forward to the engagement with national stakeholders to facilitate implementation of same.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused as a result of our delayed response.

Yours sincerely,

Ministry of Sports,
Culture and the Arts,
Fisheries and Co-operatives

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Kim Frederick (Ms.)
PERMANENT SECRETARY



Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Rural Development

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Castries, Saint Lucia



Communications on this subject
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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
at the following Number :

January 28th, 2022

Mr Chamberlain Emmanuel
Head, Environmental Sustainability Division
OECS Commission
Morne Fortune
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Castries

Dear Mr. Emmanuel

Subject: IDB/CCPF support to OECS for Blue Economy Development and Investment Promotion

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Rural Development acknowledges receipt of your letter to us dated January 12th, 2022 on the above captioned subject.

We are honored for the invitation to participate in this initiative and graciously accept the opportunity to work with the OECS Commission in support of development of the Blue Economy. These activities complement the Saint Lucia National Ocean Policy and Strategic Action Plan and the work to be achieved under the Unleashing the Blue Economy in the Eastern Caribbean (UBEEC) project.

Thank you for the invitation and we look forward to the continued partnership and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Barrymore Felicien, (Mr.)
Permanent Secretary

Copied to: Mrs Jacqueline Emmanuel-Flood
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14th October, 2021

Ms. Viviana Alva
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BARBADOS

Dear Ms. Alva,

Re: Support for Blue Economy Development within the Caribbean Region

We are writing to you in relation to the Government of Canada's expansion to the funds provided to the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF) to boost private sector development and stimulate economic growth of the Caribbean's Blue Economy.

In our continuous efforts to coordinate development initiatives contributing to the regional integration in the Eastern Caribbean, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) hereby requests the assistance from CCPF and IDB through a technical cooperation to support the development of the Blue Economy in the region. It is also proposed that the IDB acts as the executing agency, to guarantee project implementation by the end of the CCPF financing period, and in close collaboration with OECS.

This initiative would target two core areas: i) initializing implementation of the OECS Blue Economy Strategic Action Plan prepared under the OECS GEF-World Bank financed Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project (CROP); ii) operationalization of the regional Blue Economy roadmap developed under the OECS-World Bank Pro Blue Project and elaboration of national roadmaps for the member countries; and iii) development of an OECS Blue Economy Investment Promotion Strategy and action plan, key enablers to increase the capacity to attract private sector investment.


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We firmly believe that this initiative will support the international positioning of the Caribbean as a model '*Blue Economy region*', driving sustainable development through regional integration and collective action. The OECS is highly committed and will provide the required leadership to ensure the success of any technical assistance financed by the Facility.

Ms. Alva, we thank you in advance for your kind assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information or clarifications.

Sincerely,


Didacus Jules, PhD
Director General

cc: Ms. Sylvia Dohnert, Executive Director, Compete Caribbean (CCPF)
Mr. Mario A. Umaña, Lead Trade and Competition Specialist, Integration and Trade Sector, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Mr. Gerard Alleng, Gerard Alleng, Climate Change Senior Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Mr. Chamberlain Emmanuel, Head Environmental Sustainability Division, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
Mr. David Robin, Ocean Governance and Fisheries Programme Coordinator, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
Ms. Susanna DeBeauville-Scott, Ocean Governance and Fisheries Programme Project Manager, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)





Ministry of Blue Economy
& Civil Aviation

MEMORANDUM

MY REF: ORG/18/2022 (2)

FROM: Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation

TO: Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Finance, *Economic Development and Investment*

SUBJECT: NO OBJECTION LETTER – PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION (RTC) “SUPPORT TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE CARIBBEAN THROUGH TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN BLUE ECONOMY” (RG-T4017)

Date: May 10, 2022

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation acknowledges receiving letter referenced IA/IDB/1/21 (36) Vol. VII dated December 1, 2021, regarding Belize’s participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation (RTC) “Support to Economic Recovery in the Caribbean through Trade and Investment in Blue Economy” (RG-T4017).

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation offers a no objection for IDB to be the executing agency for the RTC and looks forward to participating in the program.

MAXINE MONSANTO (MS.)
For Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation