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Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones
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Inter-American Development Bank
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Dear Mrs. Turner-Jones,

Re: The Government of Jamaica's Letter of Request for Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation Support from the Inter-American Development Bank to finance the Government's Priority Areas (Technical Cooperation Pipeline 2021/2022)

As you may recall, the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) representatives had two (2) days of Portfolio Review in relation to all past and upcoming Technical Cooperation (TC) support on September 16 and October 1, 2021 respectively. The Portfolio Review's primary objectives were to: i) discuss the overall performance of the TCs, ii) review select projects being implemented, iii) agree on the critical next steps for the management of the portfolio, and iv) reduce any existing implementation challenges.

One of the strategic agreements emanating from the TC Portfolio Review was to create a more structured process for the design and development of the TC Pipeline of projects on a yearly basis. It is anticipated that this process will allow for: i) reduced transactional costs which will in turn promote greater efficiency in developing TC projects, ii) strategic alignment of available funding from the IDB with respect to priority areas for the GOJ, iii) early initiation with the Bank with respect to securing scarce grant resources and iv) improved programming of TC funding around both the GOJ and IDB budget processes.

In light of the foregoing, and the endorsement of the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) hereby submits for consideration, an indicative first list of concepts for Non-Reimbursable TC support (see attachment) which will serve as the official pilot of a structured process for the design and development of future TC projects.

We wish to outline two (2) conditions to this new structured processing arrangement:

- i. the Bank should ensure that the MOFPS, PIOJ and the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) are involved/included in the design, preparation and coordination of the respective projects in order to facilitate full alignment with the GOJ's strategic priorities. Also as was mutually agreed regular monitoring meetings are to be convened to bridge any unforeseeable gaps; and
- ii. there may be instances in which the GOJ deems it fit to submit separate special requests to the Bank for Technical Assistance (TA) on an ad hoc basis, and as such we would appreciate the Bank's flexibility in this regard.

The MOFPS anticipates the IDB's favourable consideration of this indicative first list of concepts for Non-Reimbursable TC support which will deepen the collaboration between the GOJ and the Bank, and will also assist in enhancing the request and approval process for future TC support.

Yours sincerely,

Rose Lemonius-Stewart (Mrs.)
For Financial Secretary

cc: Ms. Barbara Scott – Deputy Director General | External Cooperation Management Division, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)

IDB List Of Pipeline Non-Reimbursable TC Projects (2021/2022)

Count	TC Number	Name - Description	Unit	IDB Team Leader	Amount	Comments
1		Next City-Jamaica to cover the topics of Economic Development Planning, Territorial Planning, and Environment (Climate Change Adaptation)	Housing	Gilberto Chona	\$ 500,000	Request submitted to the PIOJ. Letter already requested to apply to the Korean Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) technical cooperation program.
2		Model for Engagement and Support for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities	Health	Charmaine Edmonson	\$ 765,000	Proposal received to pilot a model for the establishment of social and recreational support services centres
3		Enabling Persons with Disabilities through Information and Communications Technologies	Health	Charmaine Edmonson	\$ 300,000	Proposal received from Senator Floyd Morris, UWI Centre for Disability Studies
4		Support to PICA: Automate citizenship application management system, due to growth in demand for citizenship growing and increasing demand for digital services (Covid), linking with NIDS; Build out risk management and risk assessment facility for border management. A lot of processes are being upgraded, but further support is required.				
5		Support to OPM for review of TVET programmes in Jamaica, including those provided by HEART/NSTA.				Request submitted to the PIOJ.
6		Delivery Unit at the Citizen Security Secretariat				
7		Digital justice, supporting the MoJ (i) in-depth diagnostic; (ii) detailed action plan; (iii) select pilots	Institutions	Benjamin Roseth		
8		Digital Transformation for Teaching and Learning	Education	Cynthia Hobbs	\$ 300,000	
9		Implementation and technical support for the Energy Sector in Jamaica	Energy	Roberto Aiello	\$ 300,000	More details required
10		Support to the Auditor General	Institutions	Benjamin Roseth		
11		Support for Preparation of Jamaica Water Supply Improvement Program	Water	Evan Cayetano	\$ 500,000	Requires discussion with MOFPS
12	JA-T1184	Development of a Broadband and Information Communication and Technology Plan for Jamaica	Connectivity	Jaiwattie Anganu, Antonio Garcia	\$ 250,000	Likely to apply to the Korean Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) technical cooperation program
13		Strengthening the Blue economy and climate change resilience in Jamaica.	Climate Change	Gerard Alleng	\$ 500,000	More details required

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14		Support to the Center of Government – Delivery Unit	Institutions	Benjamin Roseth		Discussed during TC Portfolio Review. Probably Regional
15	RG-T3974	Promoting Digital Technologies for the LAC Creative Industries	Innovation	Grazzi, Matteo	\$ 200,000	More details required
16	RG-T3992	Digital Transformation Hub	Innovation	Kayla Grant	\$ 680,000	Request submitted to the PIOJ. Call for proposal through the IDB's Regional Public Goods Initiative (RPG) to be executed by UWI Open Campus. The project intends to coordinate the regional ecosystem for transforming MSMEs through digital technology adoption across the region. It begins with offering data and data sharing protocols on digital capacity needs as a key public good that will be utilized to develop a machine learning algorithm that will support Business Support Organizations to better understanding and design policies and programs that meet the needs of Caribbean MSMEs operating in the digital economy.
17	RG-T4003	Technology Extension Services (TES) in the Caribbean Blue Economy and Essential Services Sectors	Innovation	Kayla Grant	\$ 600,000	More details required
18		Digital Communications Campaign to Attract FDI into the Caribbean		Kayla Grant	\$ 610,000	Request submitted to the PIOJ. Call for proposal through the IDB's Regional Public Goods Initiative (RPG) to be executed Caribbean Export Development Agency. This project aims to promote the Caribbean region as an investment destination, with diversified investment opportunities across its member states. The regional public good will include the development and implementation of an online marketing campaign with a focus on investor lead generation and conversion to projects.
19		University of Technology, Jamaica - Support for a new business and financial model				Proposal made for IDB Lab to support

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20		Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) - Wait Time Information Management System				More details required
21		Ministry of Education Youth and Information (MOEYI) - Examination of the impact of COVID-19 on the education system and outcomes including learning loss and rural-urban analysis				Relation to the CAPRI study
22		Ministry of Culture Gender Entertainment and Sports (MCGES) - Consultancy Service to review of National Sport Policy (2013) and implement National Results Framework. Study on the contribution of sport to Jamaica's GDP & Employment within the framework of the Sport Policy				This study was first conducted by Dr. Vanus James in 2007. The study needs to be updated given the changing landscape in sport, the evolving global policy priorities and focus on aligning sport policy to the SDGs. The impact of the pandemic on the sport sector in Jamaica would also be considered in the update of this study.
23		Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) MOFPS, Cabinet Office - 1)Consultancy Service to conduct an assessment of the Government of Jamaica's National Development Planning Framework. 2) Consultancy led research to assess monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and performance management capacity of MDAs (based on demand).				This will support the strengthening of results-based management in Government.
24		Ministry of Housing Urban Renewal Environment and Climate Change - (Climate Change Division) (MHURECC-CCD) - Support to the Climate Change Research and Technology Development Agenda				The sector has access to multiple sources of financing
25		Ministry of National Security (MNS) - Support to develop school programme for boys education through technology, sports and music (Kingston - Southern Crescent Schools)				To be financed through IDB Lab
26		Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT) - Support to Diaspora Engagement				It is anticipated that two consultancy services will be conducted to: 1) develop a diaspora consular data Management System 2) conduct a mapping of the Jamaican Diaspora
27		Support to JAMPRO for Nation Branding				Proporsal already drafted and was submitted to the OPM.