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June 6, 2019

Mr. Juan Carlos De La Hoz Viñas
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Dear Sir,

Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados (BA-T1063)
Letter of Request

Reference is made to your letter CCB/CBA/425/2019 regarding the captioned subject.

The support being offered by the Inter-American Development Bank through the proposed Technical Cooperation (TC) *BA-T1063 - Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados* is critical given that the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy (MMABE) and the areas of work for which it is responsible are new to the country. Additionally, these areas are only now emerging globally as fundamental growth, sustainable development and investment concerns.

There has also been new interest in Barbados since June 2018 as a climate-smart, investment jurisdiction which requires the MMABE to respond to numerous proposals for support and investment while itself defining its own priorities in this sector on behalf of the Government. The MMABE must therefore build long-term capacity to execute its mandate and contribute meaningfully to other policy and technical initiatives of the Government. The TC will assist the MMABE in fulfilling its mandate.

In this regard, the Government of Barbados has no objection to the Technical Cooperation Abstract and is hereby requesting the Technical Cooperation Grant of US\$300,000.00 to: -

- (i) design of an Integrated Blue Economy Policy Framework and Strategic Action Plan;
- (ii) support the institutional capacity building of the MMBAE; and

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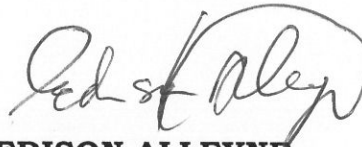
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- (iii) support stakeholder sensitization amongst public and private sector partners.

This request has been supported by the Cabinet of Barbados at its meeting held on May 30, 2019.

We look forward to your continued cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edison Alleyne', written over a circular stamp or seal.

EDISON ALLEYNE
Permanent Secretary
Economic Affairs

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c.c. Sylvia Dohnert, Executive Director, Compete Caribbean



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In replying to this letter please quote

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September 10, 2018

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BARBADOS

Dear Dr. Dohnert,

The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy appreciates the recent meetings between your organisation, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and the Ministry. We were pleased for the opportunity to discuss the objectives and scope of the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF) of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), CDB's support to its Borrowing Member Countries with respect to the blue economy, and the mandate of our recently established Ministry.

We note that the CCPF's objectives included promoting an environment that enables innovation and growth, and more specifically, strengthening institutions that support competitiveness, private sector development and/or innovation. As discussed, the blue economy presents tremendous opportunities for local and foreign investment, employment creation and diversification of the Barbados economy; and exploiting these opportunities requires the coordinated efforts of civil society, the private sector, and various ministries and public-sector agencies. We also discussed the important role of the Ministry in leading and coordinating the diversification process; creating an environment that supports the sustainable use of the country's marine resources; and the need to build the Ministry's capacity to fulfill its role.

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It is in this context that the Ministry is requesting technical assistance from the CCPF in the following areas as we seek to develop the blue economy:

- (i) mapping the country's ocean assets especially in the area of fish stocks;
- (ii) developing coastal and marine spatial plans;
- (iii) developing a Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy Strategic plan and Action Plan;
- (iv) carry out an audit to assess the capacity of the Ministry to effectively implement the Strategy and to ensure adequate protection of the country's ocean assets;
- (v) developing an Institutional Strengthening Action Plan for the Ministry;
- (vi) kick-starting the implementation of the Maritime and Blue Economy Strategy, the Action Plan and the Institutional Strengthening Action Plan; and
- (vii) accessing training in areas related to the management of a blue economy and maritime affairs.

The Ministry welcomes any support that the CCPF and CDB may offer and is willing to engage in ongoing discussions and collaboration regarding this matter. The Ministry recognizes the maritime and blue economy as critical to any recovery and transformation strategy that Barbados may adopt going forward to stimulate the economy and is committed to any relationship that can be had between your agency and ourselves to carry forward this drive. The Ministry therefore designates Esworth Reid, Permanent Secretary, to work with CCPF in designing the technical assistance project.

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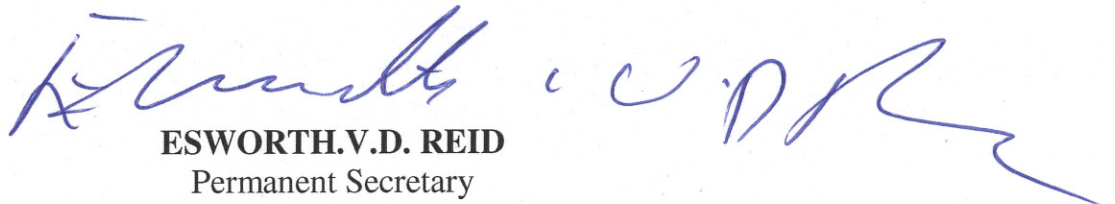
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I thank you for your kind consideration of this Ministry's request and look forward to collaborating with CCPF in strengthening the Ministry's capacity to contribute to the social and economic development goals of the Government of Barbados.

Yours sincerely



ESWORTH.V.D. REID
Permanent Secretary

Copied to: Dr. Justin Ram, Director of Economics,
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Mr. Wayne Elliot, Economist,
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Subject: FW: Re:BA-T1063 Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados

From: Cox, Shameka Tameisha
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 5:51 PM
To: Esworth Reid <reidv1@live.com>
Subject: RE: Re:BA-T1063 Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados

Dear PS Reid,

Thank you for your response.

Best Regards,
Shameka Cox

From: Esworth Reid <reidv1@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Cox, Shameka Tameisha <SHAMEKAC@IADB.ORG>
Subject: Re: Re:BA-T1063 Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados

Dear Madam

Please note that approval is given for the Inter-American Development Bank to act as the executing agency for project BA-T1063 Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated

Regards
Esworth V. D. Reid
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Blue Economy

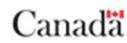
From: Cox, Shameka Tameisha <SHAMEKAC@IADB.ORG>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 9:50 PM
To: esworth.reid@barbados.gov.bb; reidv1@live.com
Subject: Re:BA-T1063 Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados

Dear PS. Reid,

Kindly provide your approval to have the Inter-American Development Bank act as the executing agency for project BA-T1063 Strategic Roadmap for the Blue Economy in Barbados.

Kind Regards,
Shameka Cox

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