

Barbara Scott  
Deputy Director General  
External Cooperation Management and Project Development  
Planning Institute of Jamaica  
16 Oxford Road  
Kingston 5

Dear Ms. Scott:

**Re.: Government of Jamaica Non-Objection Request - Technical Cooperation for  
"Strengthening the Implementation Capacity of Caribbean Blue Economy  
Clusters and Value Chains" - RG-T4008**

We are pleased to inform you that the Inter-American Development Bank Group through the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF) is proposing to finance a non-reimbursable technical cooperation project entitled, **"Strengthening the Implementation Capacity of Caribbean Blue Economy Clusters and Value Chains (RG-T34008)"**. The project will provide technical assistance to implement three (3) blue economy cluster projects selected competitively via the [Blue Economy Cluster Call](#) described below. The objective of this technical cooperation is to provide implementation support to Caribbean blue economy clusters and value chains to operationalize priority elements within their Compete Caribbean financed Cluster Development Plans (CDPs).

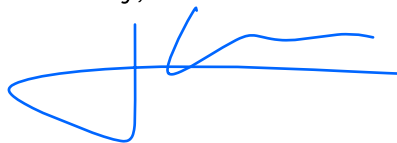
Under the Blue Economy Innovation Challenge 30 Caribbean clusters presented their concept note proposals to solve specific problems within the Blue Economy in the region. The call was launched in November 2021, and Six (6) short-listed proposals are currently receiving technical assistance from the CCPF (under RG-T3815) to prepare Cluster Development Plans (CDPs) for funding consideration under the current TC. In accordance with Compete Caribbean's Operating Regulations, the short-listed projects will be submitted to an Investment Panel of independent judges who will score and rank the projects based on the likelihood to achieve their objectives.

Under the proposed program, the CCPF will provide up to a maximum of US\$400,000.00 each in non-reimbursable technical assistance grants to implement their innovation project in one of the 13 targeted countries. The technical assistance provided by Compete Caribbean to clusters for the implementation of their cluster development plans in the Blue Economy, can be used to contract experts, specialists, consultants, or to purchase some equipment within the restrictions of the Bank.

Given that part of this project involves 6 shortlisted projects from The Bahamas, Belize, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago, we kindly request the Government of Jamaica's non-objection to the project. Please find attached the technical cooperation documents with additional information on the operation. Should we not receive a response within 10 business days from the date of this letter, we will assume that the GoJ has no objections to the operation.

Should you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact Kayla Grant at [kaylag@iadb.org](mailto:kaylag@iadb.org) or Keisha Atwell at [keishaa@iadb.org](mailto:keishaa@iadb.org)

Sincerely,



Lorenzo Escondeur  
Chief of Operations  
Inter-American Development Bank  
Country Office Jamaica



Canada

## Appendix 2: Letter of Commitment



B&D Trawling Limited  
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Kingston,  
Jamaica, W.I.

January 27, 2021

Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility  
The Inter-American Development Bank  
"Hythe" Welches, Maxwell Main Road  
Christ Church, BB17068,  
Barbados.

### To Whom It May Concern:

The B&D Trawling Limited on submission of the attached project concept note for your consideration, hereby commits to providing in-kind

a minimum of **20.3%** of the cost of implementation if successful, 100% of which will be provided in kind. We, therefore, commit an in-kind contribution of USD\$ 56,048.00.

Yours sincerely,

Roderick Francis

Name of legal representative: Roderick Francis

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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January 11, 2022

Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility  
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Christ Church, BB17068, Barbados

Dear Program Officers:

Subject: Letter of Commitment – Bahamas C-CORAL

Coral reefs around the world face a wide range of threats, driving many species to the brink of extinction, and severely altering coral reef ecosystem structure, function, and integrity, reducing diversity in the most biologically diverse ecosystem in our oceans. Coral reef decline has also affected the lives of over a billion people that rely on them for food, income, and coastal protection. Nowhere is this more evident than the low-lying archipelago of the Bahamas, where coral reefs the islands' coasts, but play a vital role in critical tourism and fisheries sectors of the economy and are home to the country's greatest biodiversity. The decline of coral reefs in The Bahamas has been alarming, but scientific advances in the field of coral restoration have provided some new hope for coral reefs. Operationalizing coral restoration on a meaningful scale, however, is difficult and requires new and innovative approaches. The Bahamas C-CORAL cluster proposal not only provides an innovative approach to address the coral restoration scaling issue, but also provides critical assistance to reviving a dive tourism economy that has been hit hard by the COVID 19 pandemic by building revenue streams around restoration activities that will diversify their product offerings and improve health of coral reefs to provide a better overall experience of their customers.

The partners in the Bahamas C-CORAL Cluster proposal have agreed to commit matching support for this program which totals \$192,500 USD. This support will be provided as in-kind support and is equal to 48% of the requested amount of the requested budget.

Sincerely,

Craig Dahlgren, PhD  
Executive Director

# **GNExTT** Organization

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11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

GNExTT hereby commits \$100,000 USD of in-kind contributions for the GNExTT Cluster Development Plan equivalent to 20% of the requested budget. We are truly excited for this opportunity and thank the Caribbean Compete program and its funders for such a wonderful opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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Name of legal representative: Keith Flett  
Title: Secretary & Investor, GNExTT  
Representative of the GNExTT Cluster