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Carina Cockburn
Country Representative
Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago
Inter-American Development Bank
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair
Port of Spain.

Dear Ms.Cockburn,

Re: Request for Technical Assistance from the IDB

I refer to your correspondence (IDB reference CCB/CTT-232/2022) dated April 1st 2022 for an official Letter of Request for the current Technical Corporation (TC) projects in the 2022 pipeline.

We note the adjustments that have been made to the pipeline of National Technical Corporation Projects for Trinidad and Tobago, as approved by Cabinet. However, these changes seem to be inconsequential, as the areas of focus are the same as approved by Cabinet. While there has been a decrease in the total amount of TC funding in the current pipeline, we are mindful that there will be the opportunity for further TC support if the need arises.

In light of the above, and given that the Letters of Request have been sent to the Bank for two TCs ((1) Connected Arima and (2) Decarbonization Initiatives in the Energy, Power and Transport Sectors in T&T), the Ministry of Planning and Development has no-objection to the Bank proceeding with the necessary processes required for the design, approval and execution of the following TCs:

1. Training Women for Non-Traditional Occupations in Key Economic Sectors (US\$400,000)
2. Support to Strengthen the Execution of Country Strategy (US\$650,000)
3. Fast Pass: Scaling-Up Smart Technologies to Reduce Congestion (US\$650,000)
4. Promoting Business Productivity and Economic Diversification for Recovery (US\$650,000)


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5. Strengthening Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) public policy and governance in Trinidad and Tobago (US\$200,000)
6. Strengthening the Integrated National Early Warning System in Trinidad and Tobago (US\$200,000)
7. Support for Restructuring of the Export and Investment Architecture in Trinidad and Tobago (US\$300,000)
8. Support to Civil Service Reforms for the Digital Transformation Agenda (US\$200,000)
9. Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Curb-side Recycling Programme (MCRP) Pilot US\$250,000

It is further requested that the IDB engage with the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) during design and execution of these initiatives. In addition, unless otherwise requested by a partner/beneficiary MDA, it is requested that the IDB be the Executing Agency for these Technical Cooperation projects, given the Bank's experience and expertise in these areas, as well as to minimize administrative delays.

I wish to sincerely thank the Bank for its continued support and look forward to close collaborations and the successful execution of these initiatives.

Sincerely


Permanent Secretary *Ag.*
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