

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)
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