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**Mr. Cesar Falconi**  
**Representative**  
**Inter-American Development Bank**  
Country Office in Suriname  
Peter Bruneslaan

Re: Participation of Suriname in a Bank executed non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation to support the implementation of adaptation measures to improve resilience of the transportation systems in the Caribbean and Central America

Dear Mr. Falconi,

Herewith the Ministry of Finance, as the representative of the Government of Suriname, wishes to request to participate in a Regional technical cooperation to support the implementation of adaptation measures to improve resilience of the transportation systems in the Caribbean and Central America.

The technical cooperation should be executed by the Bank and will support the Government of Suriname to improve the capacity of public agencies involved in planning, designing, building and maintaining the transport infrastructure and its related services; (ii) implement proven methodologies to identify critical vulnerability and prioritize investments identifying economic return on investments; (iii) support adoption of New Technology of Information and Communication (NTIC) in response to disaster emergency; (iv) incorporate resilience in pre-investment studies for transportation projects financed by the Bank.

Mr. S. Soman will be the contact person about this matter representing the government's counterpart at the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communication, and Mr. W. Lackin will be the contact person representing Coordination Environment at the Cabinet of the President.

Yours sincerely,

  
G. Hoefdraad  
Minister



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Ms. Rocío Medina Bolívar  
Representative  
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Inter-American Development Bank  
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Dear Ms. Bolívar

**Expression of Interest: Regional Technical Cooperation – RG-T3413- Support for Building  
Transportation System Resilience to Climate Change**

I refer to the above captioned Regional Technical Cooperation (TC) project which is in the preparation phase. The National Development Strategy (NDS) for Trinidad and Tobago 2016-2030, Vision 2030, has articulated that the impacts of climate change is considered to be a national challenge that the country is experiencing. The Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) having reviewed the Abstract for the project is of the view that such an initiative would promote climate change resilience of Trinidad and Tobago's transportation system. The project is aligned to the NDS, in particular themes III: Improving Productivity through Quality Infrastructure and Transportation; and V: Placing the Environment at the Centre of Social and Economic Development. Moreover, the overarching National Climate Change Policy of Trinidad and Tobago specifically provides in Section 2.5.3 under "Human Settlements and Infrastructure", that projected increases in intensity or heavy precipitation events in concert with deforestation can result in increased incidences of flooding in flood plains which may result in disruption of settlements, commerce, and transport in towns and villages.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) requests the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for Trinidad and Tobago to participate in the Regional Technical Cooperation *Support for Building Transportation System Resilience to Climate Change*. Furthermore, given the nature of the TC, the GORTT is also requesting that the Bank execute the TC on its behalf to minimize the risk of delays in implementation.

We look forward to a positive response regarding your support in this critical area.

Sincerely

  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Planning and Development