

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Project Development Support – Assistance to More Vulnerable Countries and Optimizing Pace of Program Implementation
▪ TC Number:	RG-T3126
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▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	22 Sep 2017
▪ Beneficiary:	Cariforum Territories
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	\$ 270,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	\$ 0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals
▪ Prepared by Unit:	Competitiveness & Innovation
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	INSTITUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Productivity and innovation

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objectives of this TC are to improve CCPF's capacity to (i) support eligible countries with the timely preparation project proposals that satisfy CCPF's eligibility criteria; and (ii) generate knowledge products (KPs).
- 2.2 To convert pipeline projects into fundable proposals, CCPF, under Pillar I, will be required to support the eligible countries with preparation of cluster-related Project Concept Notes (PCNs); and TES pilot project proposals. Under Pillar II, CCPF expects to receive pipeline projects for approximately 39 priority business climate reform projects, which must be elaborated into detailed project proposals for funding consideration. In order to be funded, CCPF project proposals must be results-focused; developed based on consultation with, and inputs from, key stakeholders; reflect a sound understanding of local and regional business environment; and integrate gender and diversity, climate change, and regional integration considerations. Institutional strengthening projects must be based on sound capacity development principles; and all projects must include an explicit sustainability strategy. Given that CCPF is very demand driven, the requests for technical assistance will vary widely according to the priority needs of the beneficiaries.
- 2.3 For the most part, the benefitting countries lack the capacity to develop projects in accordance with CCPF's eligibility criteria. In addition, some of the proposed projects

may require very specific and specialized inputs that are not available in the region, or may demand additional trips to the field and/or consultations. This technical cooperation aims to bridge this capacity gap, by enabling the contracting of specialized consultants to design fundable projects in very specific subject areas that cannot be covered by internal resources. In addition, CCPF aims to develop and disseminate specific KPs (i.e. in the area of gender and PSD), which will contribute to bridging knowledge gaps; and increasing beneficiaries' understanding and ownership of, and levels of participation in, CCPF-financed initiatives. Inputs from subject matter specialists will be required for the development of these KPs.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 This TC will finance services of an intellectual nature, including professional fees, travel and other relevant costs associated with engaging the services of specialists to assist CCPF with the timely preparation of project proposals and the development of KPs. The estimated cost of implementation is USD 270,000 which will be financed by the CCPF
- 3.2 **Component I: Pillar I- Productivity and Innovation in Firms.** 30 person-days, travel and other associated expenses associated with the development of at least 1 CCIP related to CCPF's cluster development initiative. 40 person-days, travel and other associated expenses associated with the development of at least 1 TES Pilot. 25 person-days, travel and other associated expenses associated with the development of approximately 1 proposal related to items (iv) and (vi).
- 3.3 **Component II: Pillar II – Enhancing the Business and Innovation Climate.** 35 person-days, travel and other associated expenses associated with the development of at least 1 KP. Approximately 160 person-days, travel and other associated expenses associated with the development of approximately 8 detailed proposals

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Pillar I- Productivity and Innovation in Firms	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 115,000.00
Pillar II – Enhancing the Business and Innovation Climate	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 155,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The execution of this TC will be carried out by the CCPF's Facility Coordination Unit (FCU) working in close collaboration with the relevant IDB specialists. For projects that satisfy the screening criteria, CCPF will determine the expertise and effort required to prepare complete project proposals; the contribution which can be made by the FCU team and IDB specialists; and the gap to be filled by external expertise. With respect to the development of KPs, CCPF will prioritize the KPs to be generated; determine the objective and scope of research required; and the external expertise required to conduct the research, generate and disseminate each KP.
- 5.2 The ultimate goal of the Compete Caribbean (2010-17) was to foster sustainable economic growth and enhance competitiveness in the Caribbean, by addressing three specific objectives: to reach (i) an increased consensus and focus on strategic interventions to promote private sector development (PSD) ; (ii) an improved enabling environment for business development, trade and integration; (iii) and an enhanced capacity of clusters and firms to increase productivity and to sustainably compete in national, regional and global markets. Compete Caribbean supported the creation of

12,000 jobs (80% for women and youth); increased revenue generated by participating firms and clusters (USD\$153m or a 41% increase); increased exports by participating firms and clusters (USD\$37m or a 23% increase); fostered the introduction of environmental technologies or adoption of climate change innovations in its private sector projects; and supported improvements in the business environment in several Caribbean countries (e.g.: Jamaica's World Bank Doing Business rank for Access to Credit improved to 12 from 189 in the year 2015, from a year earlier).

- 5.3 CCPF, which will be implemented over the period (2017-2020), is the second phase of, and builds on the success of, Compete Caribbean (2010-2017), and is a Bank-executed, Multi-Donor Facility. The objective of CCPF is to support the region in increasing productivity and Caribbean firms' contribution to economic growth. CCPF comprises two program pillars: Productivity and Innovation in Firms (Pillar 1); and Enhancing the Business and Innovation Climate (Pillar 2). The countries that are eligible for support under CCPF are: Antigua and Barbuda; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize, Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Jamaica; Saint Lucia; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; and Trinidad and Tobago.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 The most significant risk to achieving the planned objective is failure to attract consultants with the required blend of knowledge and experience. To mitigate this risk, TORs will be carefully crafted and will clearly outline the required breadth and depth of analysis, and qualifications and experience of the consultant(s). Where appropriate, CCPF will target firms rather than individuals to gain access to a larger basket of skills; and a team comprising FCU staff and IDB specialists will review and exercise quality control over the deliverables.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".