

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	Regional
▪ TC Name:	Promoting Knowledge and Capacity Building through the Regional Policy Dialogue
▪ TC Number:	RG-T3164
▪ Team Leader/Members:	ALFONSO, MARIANA, Team Leader; Sanchez Benitez, Karina; Molina, Silvana (VPS/VPS); Jimenez de Arechaga, Maria del Pilar (LEG/SGO)
▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	20 Dec 2017
▪ Beneficiary:	IDB's Borrowing member countries
▪ Executing Agency:	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$3,800,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Consulting firms and individual consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	VPS/VPS - Vice Presidency for Sectors & Knowledge
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	VPS/VPS - Vice Presidency for Sectors & Knowledge
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	N/A
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	N/A
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Institutional capacity and rule of law

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this operation is to finance the activities of the Regional Policy Dialogue (RPD) in 2018 and 2019. In 2000, the Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the creation of the RPD (GN-2096-2). The general objective of the RPD is to promote a high-level policy dialogue between Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries and Bank officials, in order to identify innovative practices, strengthen institutional capacity, share experiences both from the region and from the rest of the world, and improve the quality of reform strategies. At the same time, the RPD provides the opportunity for the Bank to receive direct feedback about countries' public policy priorities, which subsequently informs Bank's future operational program.
- 2.2 Since its inception, eighteen policy dialogue networks aligned with the Bank's institutional priorities have been created in the areas of: (1) citizen security; (2) climate change; (3) disaster risk management; (4) education; (5) energy; (6) environmental and social safeguards; (7) financial institutions; (8) fiscal and municipal management; (9) gender equality and diversity; (10) innovation; (11) labor markets and social security; (12) macroeconomic policy and finance; (13) open government; (14) social protection and health; (15) trade and integration; (16) transportation; (17) urban development and housing; and (18) water and sanitation.
- 2.3 The value added of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is related to: (i) promoting high level policy dialogue and knowledge sharing among senior policymakers from the borrowing member countries; (ii) fostering discussions between policymakers and experts on key development issues through the presentation of policy-oriented knowledge, analytical work and tools for the design, reformulation, and adoption of sound policies; and (iii) providing a space for the dissemination and dialogue with the countries about the Bank's operational and knowledge program. As a result of the knowledge exchange during RPD activities, LAC policymakers have access to

innovative mechanisms and programs that can contribute to institutional capacity strengthening. Over the past 18 years, RPD networks have been consolidating their commitment to strengthen institutional capacity in LAC, to generate south-south cooperation, and to build strategic alliances between key stakeholders in important sectors in the region. The interest and continuing demand for new RPD networks indicates that the mechanism is perceived as valuable both by LAC high-level policymakers and by the Vice Presidency for Sectors and Knowledge (VPS) Divisions.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 This TC will finance the activities related to: (i) the planning, organizing and holding of regional and sub-regional meetings with high-level government officials from LAC countries, including the preparation of knowledge products to be discussed during the meetings; and (ii) the coordination of activities and dissemination of results.
- 3.2 **Component I: Network Meetings.** This component will finance planning, organizing and holding regional and sub-regional meetings with high level government officials of LAC countries to discuss issues identified as priorities to the borrowing member countries. The meetings will be held either in Washington, D.C. or in the region, and convened by the Dialogue's network coordinators in coordination with VPS/VPS. The networks might prepare complementary background studies, elaborated by external consultant experts in their fields, to be used as input to the agenda or presented and discussed during the dialogue meetings. The meeting agenda will be posted in the RDP web page and invitations will be extended to experts from international organizations, think tanks, professional organizations, universities and non-borrowing member countries to enrich the dialogue by contributing knowledge, innovative practices, and relevant experiences. The expected products are 52 meetings.
- 3.3 **Component II: Coordination and dissemination.** This component will finance the coordination and dissemination of activities and results of this TC. The expected product is 1 Final Report.

### IV. Budget

- 4.1 The indicative budget for this TC is US\$3,800,000 of which US\$1,800,000 are expected to be financed by the OC-SDP for Institutions, US\$600,000 by the OC-SDC for Infrastructure, US\$600,000 by the OC-SDP for Social Development, US\$600,000 by the OC-SDP for Sustainability, and US\$200,000 by the OC-SDP for Integration.

**Indicative Budget (US\$)**

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Network Meetings	3,600,000.00	0.00	3,600,000.00
Coordination and dissemination	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,800,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,800,000.00</b>

### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Bank through VPS/VPS will be the executing agency.
- 5.2 The document GN-2096-2 approved by the Board of Executive Directors for the implementation of the Regional Policy Dialogue authorized the Bank as the executing agency to ensure the active participation of the borrowing member countries to dialogue with the Bank through the set-up of networks (see paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 of same document).

## **VI. Project Risks and Issues**

- 6.1 One of the main risks of the project is the possible low participation rate of high-level officials in the RDP meetings. Following OVE's recommendations (RE-316-1), this risk has been mitigated since 2010 by paying travel and per diem expenses, as well as through effective communication encouragement from the network coordinators

## **VII. Environmental and Social Classification**

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