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Carina Cockburn  
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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 by the Inter-American Development Bank to the Ministry of Works and Transport for the Port of Port of Spain Privatization Project**

Reference is made to the subject as captioned above.

By letter dated September 30, 2021, the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD), Trinidad and Tobago sought the assistance of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to undertake a Project Readiness Assessment for the Port of Port of Spain Privatization Project.


The MPD is in receipt of correspondence from the Bank stating that letters are required for support from the Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) and the IDB for resources for the development of the Project Definition Activity Project for the Port of Port of Spain Privatization Project, using the public-private partnership (PPP) model. Please note that the letter to the GIF will be submitted simultaneously. Through the GIF's support, the PDA Project will be executed by the IDB in collaboration with the Ministry of Works and Transport, which has been identified as the Government Counterpart entity for the Project. This executing arrangement will minimize the risk of delays in implementation.

The PDA Project will include (i) preliminary legal, institutional, and regulatory due diligence, (ii) review of technical, financial and bankability aspects, (iii) potential environmental and social considerations, and (iv) preliminary financial modelling and PPP structuring assessment. The Project is expected to provide a clear path to mobilize private sector investment and establish a PPP model for the Port of Port of Spain.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to express its interest in accessing Technical Cooperation (TC) resources from the IDB for the development of the Project Definition Activity, for the Port of Port of Spain Privatization Project using the public-private partnership model.

I look forward to a positive response to this request.

Sincerely,

  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Planning and Development  
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