



**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**  
***Ministry of Finance,***  
***Economic Development & Investment***  
***Belmopan, Belize***

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Dr. Ramiro López Ghio  
Country Representative  
Inter-American Development Bank  
1024 Newtown Barracks  
Belize City, Belize

Dear Dr. López Ghio,

In regards to my communication C/GEN/1/01/22(121) VOL II dated on May 12, 2022, we have identified the need to develop the project proposals prioritized by the future Sustainable Master Plan for North Ambergris Caye to a higher level of development.

Consequently, The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment, kindly ask for an increase of the total amount of the Non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) grant from the Inter-American Development Bank to US \$500,000 and that the Bank remains as the Executing Agency.

We anticipate the continued partnership with the IDB in this important area.

Sincerely,

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**Hon. Christopher Coye**  
**Minister of State**  
**Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment**

cc. Dr. Osmond Martinez, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Economic  
Development  
Mr. Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance



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May 12, 2022

Dr. Ramiro López Ghio Country Representative  
Inter-American Development Bank  
1024 Newtown Barracks  
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Dear Dr. López Ghio,

Ambergris Caye is Belize's largest island, it is about 40 kilometers (25 mi) long from north to south and about 1.6 kilometers (1 mi) wide. San Pedro Town encompasses the entire island, but the main population center and largest settlement is located in the southern part of the island. By mid-2021, San Pedro had 22,755 inhabitants, doubling its population since the last census (2010). As Belize's most popular destination, Ambergris Caye plays an important role in Belize's tourism product and as such has a significant impact on Belize's economic recovery.

This island presents a variety of development challenges, namely (i) services needs (transportation, water supply, drainage, sewage, wastewater treatment, electricity, solid waste management); (ii) adequate climate adapted key infrastructure (passenger and cargo port, airport, roads, coastal protection); (iii) vulnerability to climate change and preservation of natural heritage; and (iv) economic, financial and social needs.

At the end of 2021, the Prime Minister appointed a Task Force to foster Ambergris Caye's development. Members include Ministers, San Pedro's Mayor, and representatives from the private sector. The Task Force needs support to recommend a sustainable development strategy for North Ambergris Caye, taking into account the challenges across the Island.

The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment, is desirous of obtaining a Non- reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) grant from the Inter-American Development Bank for the execution of a project entitled Support for Ambergris Caye Sustainable Development for an amount of US \$300,000. We kindly ask the IDB to act as the Executing Agency.

The objective of this TC will be to support the sustainable development of Ambergris Caye through building a Sustainable Master Plan focused on the Northern area of the island, elaborating prioritized project proposals, and implementing capacity-building activities. Activities should aim to build a shared vision for the development of North Ambergris Caye, specifying sustainable development strategies, key prioritized projects and activities to implement across the Island in the short, medium, and long term. Activities will include the identification of challenges and action proposals for: (i) environmental aspects (such as natural areas preservation, natural disasters risks prevention, blue economy and reef preservation); (ii) territorial-urban aspects, including historical and prospected urban footprint growth and land use, basic services infrastructure and key infrastructure needs; and (iii) economical and financial aspects, including business climate analysis and specific funding strategies.

We anticipate the continued partnership with the IDB in this important area and are anxious to initiate discussions with the Bank on this TC and the components to be supported.

Sincerely,

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