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February 19, 2021

Ms. Sophie Makonnen
Resident Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
47 High Street
Georgetown

Dear Ms. Makonnen,

**Re: Approval for Regional Technical Cooperation (TC) for Teacher Education:
(Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname)**

I wish to refer to your letter dated January 21, 2021 on the above subject.

I am pleased to advise that the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana has no objection to the proposed Technical Cooperation titled, "*Teacher Training on Digital Education and Distance Learning Pedagogies in the Caribbean*," to be executed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

We look forward to continued partnership with the IDB.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh
Senior Minister
Office of the President
with Responsibility for Finance



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April 19, 2021

Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones
General Manager
Country Department, Caribbean Group
Inter-American Development Bank
6 Montrose Road
Kingston 6

Dear Mrs. Turner-Jones,

Re: Request for Grant Financing to Support Teacher Training in Digital Education and Distance Learning Pedagogies

Reference is made to the captioned Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Non-reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation (RTC) earmarked to train teachers in digital education and distance learning pedagogies. It is noted that the RTC is being funded by the Government of Finland and is to be administered by the IDB.

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is of the view that the objectives of the RTC support the **National Outcome 2: World Class Education and Training** under the Vision 2030 Jamaica National Development Plan, as well as it is strategically aligned to the Ministry of Education Youth and Information (MOEYI) National Education Strategic Plan which places an emphasis on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and media in education.

It is further envisaged that teachers and lecturers from training institutions of the beneficiary countries namely Jamaica, Guyana and Suriname will be trained to improve their abilities to digitally deliver lessons and to effectively utilize the available resources, approaches and knowledge which are necessary to administer distance learning. Additionally, the training will bolster the MOEYI's recovery strategies in the aftermath of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), as well as strengthen the Government's hybrid education method.

In light of the foregoing, the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) on behalf of the GOJ hereby formally requests grant financing from the IDB to support the captioned Project. The MOFPS deems the Project as timely considering the difficulties being experienced within the education sector due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MOFPS thanks the IDB for its continued support, partnership and assistance and looks forward to collaborating with the Bank on this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Dian Black
For Financial Secretary



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Paramaribo, 31 March 2021

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Subject : Teacher training on digital education and distance learning pedagogies in the Caribbean.
Enclosure : One (1)

Dear mr. Goncalves,

With reference to your letter to the Ministry of Education Science and Culture (MOESC) regarding 'Teacher training on digital education and distance learning pedagogies in the Caribbean' we can inform you as follows.

In the meantime we have received a letter from the MOESC in which they are positive about the participation of Suriname in this regional project. The letter from the MOESC is attached for your reference. Based on the importance of this project and the response of MOESC the Government of Suriname hereby formally request the participation of Suriname in this regional Technical Cooperation project.

We hope to have informed you sufficiently and would appreciate that you keep us informed about the participation and approval process.

Yours sincerely,

Drs. I. Sandel MPA
Permanent Secretary
Directorate Planning and Development Finance

The Honorable Armand Achaibersing
Minister of Finance (MOF)
Paramaribo
SURINAME

Paramaribo, March 8, 2021

Ref. No: M- 399

Subject: Teacher training on digital education and distance learning pedagogies in the Caribbean.

Dear Honorable Minister,

The purpose of this letter is to request the participation of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (MOESC) in a regional Technical Cooperation (TC): *Teacher training on digital education and distance learning pedagogies in the Caribbean*. For this TC, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is partnering with the Government of Finland to offer teacher training to teachers and lecturers from teacher training institutions in three countries of the English-speaking Caribbean – Suriname, Guyana and Jamaica.

The objective of the TC is to improve the skills of teachers and teacher trainers in digital education and distance learning pedagogies to facilitate distance learning and hybrid education. This program will strengthen the MOESC's knowledge base on digital teacher training as a catalyst for recovering and accelerating learning achievement in students in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis.

The Government of Finland will provide the resources to implement the teacher training program. The project will be administered and executed by the IDB's Education Division (kindly see attached appendix with the details of the Technical Cooperation Agreement) in coordination and collaboration with the Ministries of Education of the three beneficiary countries, who will contribute to decisions regarding the program's design and course topics. MOESC staff have participated in the initial meetings.

In order for the MOESC to participate, a letter of request should be sent by the MOF to the IDB. The letter will constitute an agreement between the Government of Suriname and the IDB. Kindly note that the Government of Suriname will not receive any funds directly. MOESC technical staff and lecturers from local Teacher Training Institutions will benefit from the educational training services provided.

We look forward to your kind cooperation in expediting this request and have attached a draft letter to facilitate the process.

Yours sincerely,



Marie Levens

Minister of Education, Science and Culture (MOESC)

