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Carina Cockburn
Representative
Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago
Inter-American Development Bank
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair
Port of Spain

Dear Ms Cockburn,

**Re: Request to the Inter-American Development Bank for Technical Cooperation Funding –
“Smart Town Arima” Project (TT-T1115)**

I refer to the subject as captioned and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) correspondence dated February 18, 2022 regarding the Technical Cooperation Funding – “Smart Town Arima” Project. It is noted that this project aims to support the design of an urban regeneration initiative in the town of Arima, centered on smart urban infrastructures to improve local economic activity, mobility and accessibility, and social interactions. Furthermore, this Technical Cooperation will support the execution of the Urban Regeneration component of the IDB loan: “*Urban Upgrading and Revitalisation Programme*” (TT-L1056), which is intended to contribute towards improving the quality of the urban and built environment in Trinidad and Tobago.

To this end, the Ministry of Planning and Development request technical assistance from the IDB to support the “*Smart Town Arima Project*”, which has an indicative value of US\$450,000, in order to finance the diagnostic assessments, infrastructural designs for key pieces of resilient infrastructure recommended from the diagnostic assessment and app development and piloting as well as capacity building for key stakeholders and knowledge dissemination. It is further requested that the IDB be the Executing Agency for this Technical Cooperation given the Bank’s experience and access to international expertise in this area as well as to minimize delays in project administration.

I take this opportunity to thank the Bank for its continued support in this initiative.

Sincerely,

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Planning and Development

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