

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	SURINAME/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support for the execution, supervision and closing of energy projects in Suriname
▪ TC Number:	SU-T1167
▪ Team Leader/Members:	BALLON LOPEZ, SERGIO ENRIQUE (INE/ENE) Team Leader; GANGADIN, RAIJANT AMARNATH (CCB/CSU); JORGE LUIS MALPARTIDA (INE/ENE); LOANA VEGA (INE/ENE); BERLANDA CUSTODIO DA SILVA, CLEIDE (VPC/FMP); GRECO, MARIA SOFIA (LEG/SGO); LUZ CABALLERO (INE/ENE)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Support for the Implementation of the EBS Investment Plan - SU-L1039  Development of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Electrification - SU-G1001  Consolidating a Sustainable Energy Sector - SU-L1055
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	21 Sep 2022
▪ Beneficiary:	Government of Suriname
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$200,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	24 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/ENE - Energy
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CSU - Country Office Suriname
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social inclusion and equality ; Environmental sustainability; Gender equality

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is to support the GoS, the energy sector and the project execution units, in the timely execution of procurements, supervision and closing project contracts, directly contributing to the economic reactivation of the Surinamese energy sector.
- 2.2 Suriname is advancing towards a more sustainable energy sector, aiming to provide affordable, secure, and clean electricity to its citizens. In Suriname, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNH) has responsibility for energy policy and supervision of the energy sector. The Energie Bedrijven Suriname (EBS) is the state-owned utility with responsibility in the operation of the local electric power system. Both manage and executes IDB loans and grants. On one hand MNH manages a grant operation SU-G1001 Development of renewable energy, energy efficiency and electrification of Suriname, on the other hand, EBS manages two loan operations: i) SU-L1039 Support for the Implementation of the EBS Investment Plan;

and ii) SU-L1055 Consolidating a Sustainable Energy Sector. These two entities are now running IDB's technical, supervision, administrative, financial, procurement and environmental policies and procedures (among others) and will manage more loans and grants in the upcoming years. However, the staff and project's consultants require capacity building and operational support in these policies and procedures in order to move forward towards a expedite execution of the operations they manage.

- 2.3 Many of these executing agencies have men as a majority in the workforce, and it is necessary to focus on the gender equality to develop a more balanced workforce and capacity building. Also, to achieve all the loan programs' outputs and outcomes and reach effectiveness at the closing stage, these entities and all women and men staff require specialized technical support (creating capacities) to develop all documentation, analysis, evaluation, execution and supervision of works, until the closing of these programs.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Support to the execution of energy project with MNH and EBS with focus on gender equality.** This component will finance high level consultants (firms and individuals) to support MNH and EBS staff in the preparation and reviewing of technical documents, procurement policies and current and new environmental procedures, enhancing staff's capacities with focus in women.
- 3.2 **Component II: Dissemination of IDB's operations execution best practices .** This component will finance the dissemination through at least three workshops of the best practices for projects/programs under a procurement, financial and environmental safeguards perspective, derivate from component I.

### IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Support to the execution of energy project with MNH and EBS with focus on gender equality	US\$150,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$150,000.00
Dissemination of IDB's operations execution best practices	US\$50,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$200,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$200,000.00</b>

### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 At the request of the Government of Suriname (GoS), the Bank, through the Energy Division (INE/ENE) will be the Executing Agency (EA) of the project, due to its experience in the preparation and development of both technical and operational instruments proposed for this type of operations. The beneficiary of this TC will be the GoS, represented by the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Energy Authority of Suriname and the electric utility (EBS). The Bank will coordinate and engage with the main stakeholders from the beginning of the implementation of the TC, seeking feedback and regularly presenting and discussing progress reports.
- 5.2 In accordance with the Operational Guideline for Technical Cooperation Products (GN-2629-2), being the Bank the EA of this TC is justified under Annex 10 of the beforementioned guidelines as the TC responds to a request from the beneficiary and exceptionally – and at the request of the beneficiary – tasks the Bank with the responsibility for the contracting of consultancies. Furthermore, the Bank and the

beneficiary agree that contracting by the Bank would enhance independence under the impartiality criteria, as several stakeholders might have different interests in the regulatory and institutional aspects, as well as the proposed financial structure for the implementation of this TC.

- 5.3 The IDB will be responsible for the selection and contracting of consulting firms and individual consultants. Activities to be executed are included in the Procurement Plan and will be contracted in accordance with Bank policies as follows: (i) Hiring of individual consultants, as established in the regulations AM-650; (ii) Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Firms for Bank-executed Operational Work according to GN-2765-4 and its associated operational guides (OP-1155-4); and (iii) contracting of logistics services and other services other than consulting, according to the policy GN-2303-28. The beneficiary may provide technical inputs to the terms of reference and reports of the consultants, such inputs should be provided directly to the Bank. The Bank will have the autonomy to approve such documents. This dynamic will facilitate proper articulation between the various actors within the framework of the technical dialogue of this TC. The TC does not present fiduciary management risks as it will be implemented by the Bank. Therefore, no financial audit is required.

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

- 6.1 The main risk in the TC is the potential delay arising from the coordination with multiple stakeholders and potential misalignment of the outcomes with political decisions. This risk will be mitigated by involving the counterpart from the beginning of the implementation of the TC, seeking feedback and regularly presenting and discussing progress reports. The achievement of development objectives will rely on securing financing to implement the systems.

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

- 7.1 This TC will not finance feasibility or pre-feasibility studies of investment projects with associated environmental and social studies; therefore, it is excluded from the scope of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).