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**SUPPORT TO AGRICULTURAL POLICY ANALYSIS TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY, COMPETITIVENESS AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE CARIBBEAN RG-T2622**

**Terms of Reference**

**Quality Control and Product Development**

1. **General Background**

For most of the past fifty years, real agricultural commodity prices followed a downward trend punctuated by short-lived peaks that were not matched by equally pronounced and short-lived price falls but rather were separated by extended price troughs. Since around 2002 it appears that food prices have departed from this secular decline: prices have now been above trend for longer than at any time in the previous forty years and food price inflation has been faster than overall inflation in most countries. Prices have also become increasingly volatile with successively higher peaks in 2007-2008, 2010-2011 and, most recently, 2012. Given their geographical location and reliance on food imports, Caribbean countries are among the most vulnerable in the world to food price increases and climate change with a high incidence on rural poverty. The Caribbean countries also show the highest import tariffs. This situation is particularly worrisome given that, in addition to higher import tariffs, the shipping structures of the Caribbean islands provide for very little direct service and low connectivity, which in turn leads to higher ocean freight rates.

The objective of the referenced Technical Cooperation (TC) is therefore to generate policy recommendations for a more efficient allocation of fiscal resources that could lead to reduced vulnerability to volatile food prices in Caribbean countries.

To achieve this objective, the TC will finance studies in the following areas: i) trends in agricultural prices, production, trade and consumption; ii) structure and levels of support to the agricultural sector in a context of greater openness to trade in Barbados, Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana and Suriname (this will include 6 separate knowledge products with country specific recommendations which are also coherent at the regional level); iii) value chains analyses for the most relevant crops in the Caribbean countries, and iv) cost/benefit analysis of different forms of budgetary support including support to private beneficiaries vs. support for general public services such as: animal and plant health, food safety, innovation and infrastructure in irrigation and drainage, among others.

The results will be disseminated through national workshops which will focus on addressing the specific structural/policy bottlenecks at the national level as well as one regional workshop which would ensure that the implemented national policy reforms are consistent for the region as a whole. The results will also propose policy reforms for public expenditure and policies aimed at achieving a more efficient allocation of fiscal resources and public goods investments in the Caribbean region.

1. **Objectives of the Consultancy**

The main objective of the proposed consultancy is to support the standardization of information and analysis of agricultural policies. The specific objectives of the consultancy are: a) to filter and review data sources, methodology, results and reports of PSE studies for individual countries ready in order to ensure accuracy and homogeneity of calculations , sources and data; b) to support the training on the PSE methodology in the region, c) to support the policy dialogue in the region and dissemination of results participating in regional workshops and dissemination activities, and e) to develop PSE studies for Jamaica, Barbados and Bahamas, including a value chain analysis (Nominal Rate of Protection and Effective Rate of Protection) for the most relevant agricultural products.

1. **Main Activities**

The consultant will:

1. Collect PSE Data collection and elaboration of PSE studies for Jamaica, Barbados and Bahamas, including a value chain analysis (Nominal Rate of Protection and Effective Rate of Protection) for the most relevant agricultural products.
2. Support the PSE data compilation from the countries to provide accurate information for migration. Carefully review data sources, methodology, results and reports of individual countries in order to ensure accuracy and homogeneity of procedures, sources and data.
3. Coordinate, provide technical support, review and revise PSE calculations. National or local consultants will be hired by IADB in order to generate the PSE’s main indicators. This consultancy will advise the national consultants in: a) information required; b) organization and PSE estimations; c) country “cookbooks” which explain data sources and procedures and d) power point presentations and reports.
4. Follow up on the migration of all the results (data) of the PSE indicators; revise and monitor the maintenance module.
5. Support the publication of policy brief and technical notes. In addition, in coordination with the PSE team provide technical comments and review the documentation to be published.
6. Support the development of an interactive application such as a newsletter or blog.
7. Support regional workshops and trainings (CIAT, RUTA, CEMA, CARDI) regarding the PSE methodology and results, and policy discussions providing technical comments.
8. Support the establishment of an enhanced public expenditure review system at the budget planning stage using PSE/GSSE classification of budget expenses.
9. **Reports/Outputs**

By conducting these activities, CIAT is committed to delivering the following products:

1. Intermediate products by August 15, 2015, including:
   1. Written comments on the support and advice on data collection, analysis and findings on the PSE calculations for Barbados, Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname.
   2. Reviews and provision of quality control for the 2015 information. This also includes written comments.
   3. Written comments on the “cook books’ for the countries to be updated.
   4. Written comments on the “Special Topics” sections on a) climate change, b) food security, c) competitiveness and d) trade integration.
2. Intermediate product, by October 31, 2015:
   1. Written comments on the support and advice on data collection, analysis and findings on the PSE calculations.
   2. Written comments on advice to develop a blog on Caribbean PSE studies.
   3. Materials to disseminate the results for external users to be included in on line training sessions.
   4. Training sessions on the PSE methodology applications and at least one executed to different demands and users (consultants, IDB staff and policy makers).
   5. Identification of areas of complementarity between CIAT’s data bases and expertise in value chain analysis and PSE studies.
   6. Intermediate reports for the PSE studies for Jamaica, Barbados and Bahamas, including a value chain analysis (Nominal Rate of Protection and Effective Rate of Protection) for the most relevant agricultural products.
3. Final product by December 15, 2015:
   1. Reviews and quality control for the information to be uploaded in 2015.
   2. Written comments on the data collection, analysis and findings on the PSE calculations, for the Caribbean.
   3. Reviews and quality control for the studies. This includes reviewing results and providing evaluation on training sessions.
   4. Final Report including description of all activities.
   5. Final reports for the PSE studies for Jamaica, Barbados and Bahamas, including a value chain analysis (Nominal Rate of Protection and Effective Rate of Protection) for the most relevant agricultural products.
4. **Schedule of payment**

The payment schedule will be as follows:

* 1. Twenty percent (20%) of the total payment after contract signing;
  2. Twenty percent (20%) after submission and approval of the deliverables described in section 4 (a) above;
  3. Twenty percent(20%) after submission and approval of the deliverables described in section 4 (b) above;
  4. Forty percent (40%) percent will be paid after the submission and approval of the deliverables described in section 4 (c) above.

1. **Qualifications**

The consultants will consist of a team of professionals that meet the following characteristics:

* A post graduate degree in Agricultural Economics or related areas
* A minimum 5 years of professional experience in OECD PSE indicators.
* Experience working with PSEs over the past decade and expanding the coverage to other areas of LAC.
* Proficiency in English

1. **Characteristics of the consultancy**

**Type:** Specialized Agency

This Technical Cooperation will draw on CIAT’s work to improve agricultural productivity in Latin America and the Caribbean over the past five decades. CIAT’s expertise and knowledge based on improving productivity complements the agricultural policy analysis content the studies. Other benefits of CIAT conducting the work program include its activities in countries where the IDB does not have a strong or active lending program in agriculture, and its contacts with the major commodity producer associations in the region.

**Starting date and duration:** from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

**Place:** Consultant place. The consultant will have constant interaction with IDB staff

in Washington, DC.

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