

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
▪ TC Name:	Support for Implementation of the Regional Strategic Action Plan for Governance and Building Climate Resilience in the Water Sector in the Caribbean
▪ TC Number:	RG-T3467
▪ Team Leader/Members:	CAYETANO, EVAN STEPHEN (INE/WSA) Team Leader; CATHALA, CORINNE (INE/WSA) Alternate Team Leader; WILK, DAVID (INE/WSA); LEWIS, GILROY FRANCIS (INE/WSA); REYES PANTOJA, MARLE DOLORES (INE/WSA); CARTIN, IRENE (INE/WSA); NEGRET GARRIDO, CESAR ANDRES (LEG/SGO)
▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	28 Mar 2019
▪ Beneficiary:	English speaking Caribbean countries and Suriname
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	\$325,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	\$\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	24 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals
▪ Prepared by Unit:	Water & Sanitation
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	Infrastructure & Energy
▪ 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; Productivity and innovation; Environmental sustainability; Gender equality

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is to support the implementation of the Regional Strategic Action Plan for Governance and Building Climate Resilience in the Water Sector in the Caribbean (RSAP). The RSAP was prepared through a collaborative process among Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and other development partners including PAHO and UN Environment and others, between 2017 and 2018, under the auspices of the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA).
- 2.2 The water sector in the Caribbean is already being affected by climate change. Changes in the hydrological cycle, saline intrusion into ground water due to sea level rise, and increased intensity of extreme weather events are having significant impacts on the supply of fresh water and on water infrastructure of the Caribbean. The RSAP is the Caribbean's response to these challenges. It is buttressed by five pillars of action, namely: (i) water sector governance, (ii) climate informed decision support, (iii) climate-resilient water resources management, (iv) climate-resilient water service provision, and (v) capacity building and public sensitization to build climate resilience. The RSAP requires that it is underpinned by a robust base of community and stakeholder engagement for support from everyone for national action. At the governance level, the RSAP calls for improved legislative and institutional structures,

mainstreamed climate change policies, and strong climate change adaptation plans for the water sector. The RSAP aims to address the deficiencies in the management of water resources by making recommendations for actions to develop national capacity to accurately assess water resources, including basin water budgets and supply-demand balances, and adoption of integrated water resources management, with an appreciation of the need to address social and gender equity, economic efficiency and ecological sustainability. Every Caribbean country has persistent challenges in the provision of water services, and these are being exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. The RSAP, therefore, proposes interventions to optimize the efficient use of water resources, reduce the demand on municipal supplies, and increase energy efficiency in water supply and use. Given the complexity of these challenges, implementation of the RSAP will require capacity building and public sensitization. Given IDB's involvement to this stage of the articulation of the RSAP, the next step is to support the implementation of the RSAP. This would include defining the concrete steps for implementation of the RSAP and support for training of water sector officials for this purpose.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 Activities: The TC will support the publication of the 'Governance Position Paper on the Caribbean Water and Sanitation Sector' to serve as reference document and a key guide for prioritizing improvements needed by water utilities of the Caribbean as well as preparation of public messaging; seminars and training with Caribbean utilities and professionals of the water sector to improve the performance of water sector institutions; and development of implementation plans at the national level. These will be done in coordination with the regional effort of development partners (Ref) aimed at the implementation of the RASP
- 3.2 **Component I: Component 1. Preparation for implementation of the RSAP.** Will finance consulting service to update of the 2017 Governance Position Paper to 2019 and prepare public messaging.
- 3.3 **Component II: Component 2. Training and Capacity Building for Implementation of the RSAP.** Will finance the participation of water operators, sector practitioners and key experts in seminars and workshops to implement the RSAP.
- 3.4 **Component III: Component 3. Support to CWWA High-Level Forum.** Will finance the participation of key regional experts (utility General Managers and Financial Managers, etc.) and decision makers at regional seminars and workshops, as well as the logistic costs of organizing those events.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component 1. Preparation for implementation of the RSAP.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 75,000.00
Component 2. Training and Capacity Building for Implementation of the RSAP	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200,000.00
Component 3. Support to CWWA High-Level Forum.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 Since this is a Research & Dissemination (RD) of sub-regional character, the TC will be executed by the Inter-American Development Bank through the Water and Sanitation Division (INE/WSA). T
- 5.2 The execution and disbursement period are 20 and 24 months respectively. The IDB will follow IDB Corporate Procurement Policies for contracting consulting firms and other services (GN 2350-9). The justifications for single-source selections (SSS) and Direct Contracting (DC) are in line with the criteria set forth in the respective policies (paragraph 3.10 of policy GN-2350-9 and paragraph 5.13.A of policy GN-2303-20). For Components 2 and 3, the IDB will hire CWWA to organize the HLF session under a Direct Contracting (DC) as CWWA is the event host and only entity providing these services for the HLF. CWWA, based in Trinidad and Tobago is eligible under the IDB procurement policies.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 There are no major risks associated to this TC, the major challenge being that of ensuring meaningful attendance and participation in the workshops. The partnerships and collaboration already developed should guarantee interest from the key stakeholders; CWWA has proven its capacity to convene relevant sectorial stakeholders to similar venues.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "C".