**Inter-American Development Bank**

**Research Department (RES) and Institutional Capacity of the State Division (IFD/ICS)**

**Regional**

**“Political Economy of the Citizen Security and Justice Sector” (RG-T2516)**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Expert for the design of a methodology and coordination of research teams**

**I. Background**

1. As the rates of violence, crime and insecurity increased notably in Latin America and the Caribbean in the last decade, the governments in the region have tried to respond to the demands of their citizens by increasing public expenditure on security and creating a new range of policies to address the current insecurity challenges.
2. The evidence thus far shows that the increases in security expenditure have not been uniformed nor correlated to the magnitude of the problem; that the response in terms of policy design has been despair; that certain policies that have been agreed in the academic community in relation to efficiency and efficacy are not implemented. The fact that these increases and new policies have not always been followed by improvements in the indicators of security raises several questions: Are the levels of security spending adequate for the realities of insecurity and violence that the Latin America and Caribbean region experience? Has the investment been enough in this sector? Which are the priorities of security expenditure (broadly defined)? Is the allocation of expenditure adequate (efficient)? What are the mechanisms for allocating expenditure? Are the policies efficiently implemented? How is the sector organized? Who participates of the security policy design? Are there any incentives to improve citizen security? Are there incentives for planning long term policies instead of short term patches? What is the degree of coordination of the different agencies and government entities with responsibility in activities and programs aimed at improving citizen security?
3. The existing knowledge in these areas is still relatively scarce. There are a handful of studies that have analyzed processes of budgetary allocation in Latin America, but only a few have done it for the security sector. Similarly, there is some evidence of how the framework of public policies are decided in the countries of the region but there is little knowledge about the ways in which different models of security and justice are decided, whether these are models of policing, criminal justice, management of penitentiary systems, or programs and policies to prevent violence against women.
4. The objective of this Technical Cooperation is to generate knowledge about the design and implementation of citizen security policies, including decisions regarding the allocation of budgetary and extra-budgetary resources to the sector. The specific objectives of this project are: (i) to examine the decision making process and the budgetary decision process for the citizen security sector; (ii) to analyze the impact of budgetary allocations to the security policies the Latin American and Caribbean region; (iii) to identify good practices in budgeting for the citizen security sector; and (iv) to provide recommendations to improve the efficiency of security expenditure in the context of the Latin American region.

**II. Objective of the consultancy**

1. The objectives of this consultancy are: (i) to design a methodological framework for the study of the political economy of the citizen security and justice sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, (ii) to provide strategic guidance and support to the research teams that will conduct the case studies anticipated by this technical cooperation; and (iii) to coordinate the work and final report of the research teams.

**III. Main activities**

* 1. In close collaboration with the IDB team leading this project, the expert(s) will carry out the following tasks: i) Review the existing literature on political economy for the security sector and budgeting for the security sector, ii) Design a methodological framework that will guide the work of the research teams, iii) In consultation with the IDB team, map out the most likely countries where the studies can be conducted based on availability of information, openness of political actors to provide information, existence of citizen security policies or strategies, iv) Prepare the terms of reference for the call for papers (and research teams) that will conduct the studies, v) Coordinate the research papers to ensure quality and provide recommendations to the research teams on how to improve them, vi) Coordinate and edit the final report based on the results of the research teams, vii) Advise on overall implementation of the project and related products, viii) Participate of relevant meetings at IDB Headquarters.

**IV. Schedule of payments**

* 1. Total fees will amout to US$30,000. Thirty percent will be paid at the time the contract is signed; 40%, upon delivery of methodological framework; and 30%, upon delivery of final report of research teams.

**V. Coordination:**

1. The work of the consultant will be directly supervised by the team leader of the project (RES Research Economist).

**VI. Characteristics of the consultancy**

1. Consultancy category and modality: Individual, international (PEC)
2. Duration of the consultancy: Part-Time (March 2015-March 2017)
3. Place of work: Home based with occasional traveling to IDB HQ

**VI. Qualifications**

1. Academic Degree/level and years of professional experience: Professional with 5 or more years of experience in the design of research methodologies. MA (PhD preferable) in Economics, Public Policy, Public Administration. Knowledge of the Latin America and Caribbean region desirable.
2. Language: Fluency in English, Spanish desirable
3. Areas of expertise: Political Economy, Public Policy, Economics, Public Administration, Security sector governance, Financial management of the security sector.