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Mrs Therese Turner Jones  
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Dear Mrs Turner Jones

Re: IDB TC RG-T2626 – Building Institutional Capacity in the area of Entrepreneurship Support Services through Pilot Projects

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The referenced Technical Cooperation was submitted to the Planning Institute of Jamaica for our review and no-objection. The project seeks to develop for Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs), a series of Entrepreneurial Support Services (ESS) which draw from regional best practices, and which have the potential to be effective and adaptable. It will involve the participation of regional agencies which are credible and possess a track record in the delivery of ESS to MSMEs, including the Jamaica Business Development Corporation, which will be the national implementing entity.

The operation is well aligned with the Government's primary strategic priority, that is, the promotion of growth and employment opportunities. The PIOJ therefore offers its no-objection to Jamaica's participation in this regional project. However the Institute is of the view that a risk inherent in regional projects is inadequate adoption by individual countries of the outputs and outcomes of the operations. We note that provision is made under this project for one workshop to share experiences with other LAC countries. We suggest that resources be provided to facilitate dissemination among the Jamaican public and private sector and national ownership of the project outputs.

We anticipate a successful implementation of the project.

Kind regards

Barbara Scott  
For Director General

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**Subject:** FW: IDB Regional TC (RG-T2626) - Building institutional capacity in the area of entrepreneurship support services through pilot projects

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Noted, thank you

Barbara

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Dear Barbara

We would like to advise that the scope of the above captioned TC has now been reduced to focus only on Jamaica.

The objectives of the operation remain the same with the main aim of providing evidence on the effectiveness of Entrepreneurship Support Services (ESS) through the provision of training targeted towards the improvement of soft and business skills aimed at strengthening of MSMEs productivity.

Please note the new TC number - JA-T1132

Kind regards

Harold

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