

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	BAHAMAS/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Clean Energy Development and Implementation Support
▪ TC Number:	BH-T1103
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Aiello, Roberto Gabriel (INE/ENE) Team Leader; Esquivel Gallegos, Maricarmen (CSD/CCS) Alternate Team Leader; Alberto Elizalde Baltierra (INE/ENE); Hanna, Anthonique (CCB/CBH); Latoya Mckinney (CCB/CBH); PAZ DOBLADO, ANA GABRIELA (VPC/FMP); Morales Vasquez, Nalda Orfilia (VPC/FMP); Rochelle Johnson (INE/ENE); Acevedo Calle, Daniela (LEG/SGO); Irati Jimenez Dorronsoro (INE/ENE); Juan Tulande Lopez (INE/ENE)
▪ Taxonomy:	Client Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	06 Feb 2023
▪ Beneficiary:	Ministry of Finance
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$250,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/ENE - Energy
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CBH - Country Office Bahamas
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Environmental sustainability; Gender equality

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of the proposed Technical Cooperation is to support the Government of The Bahamas to advance clean energy development in the country. The specific objectives are: (i) to support the preparation of the second operation of the CCLIP BH-O0006, (ii) to provide implementation support to the first operation of the CCLIP, and (iii) to strengthen the energy sector institutional and regulatory framework for the energy transition. The proposed support includes technical assistance, analytical assessments and support for knowledge exchange and dissemination events.
- 2.2 The proposed support includes technical assistance, analytical assessments, and support for knowledge exchange and dissemination events needed for implementing the existing operation and for the preparation of a new proposed operation. This new technical assistance will be aligned with the countries efforts to overcome these challenges in the energy sector with: A Conditional Credit Line for Investment Projects (CCLIP) Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas (US\$170,000,000 BH-O006) and its first operation "Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas" (US\$80,000,000 BH-L1048); a project-specific grant with the European Union that supports BH-L1048 "Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas" (US\$ 9,010,980 BH-G0003); and several non-reimbursable technical cooperation's: Supporting a Comprehensive Renewable Energy Program and Institutional Reform in the Bahamas (US\$750,000 BH-T1075); Supporting Renewable Energy within the Implementation of

the Electricity Act in The Bahamas (US\$450,000 BH-T1064); and, Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening of The Energy Sector (US\$150,000 BH-T1091).

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Component I. Project Preparation.** This component will finance studies and analytical work necessary for the preparation of the second operation of the CCLIP BH-O0006. The expected output of this component is to develop technical and feasibility studies and assessments.
- 3.2 **Component II: Component II. Implementation Support.** This component will finance implementation support to the ongoing energy program (BH-L1048 and BH-G0003) as well as consultations and communication to address information gaps and ensure adequate stakeholders' engagement in sector reforms and energy transition. The expected output of this component is to prepare technical support reports and workshops.
- 3.3 **Component III: Component III. Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building.** This component will finance assessments for policy and regulatory recommendations to promote the energy transition as well as training, knowledge exchanges and capacity building activities. The expected outputs of these components are (i) policy/regulatory gap analysis and recommendations; and (ii) training and capacity building.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I. Project Preparation	US\$80,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$80,000.00
Component II. Implementation Support	US\$130,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$130,000.00
Component III. Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building	US\$40,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$40,000.00
Total	US\$250,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$250,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Executing Agency (EA) of the TC will be the IDB, through the Energy Division (INE/ENE), in coordination with the IDB Country Office in The Bahamas (CCB/CBH). The technical responsibility will be overseen by INE/ENE. The focal point designated and sector specialist responsible for executing this TC will be Roberto Aiello, based in Jamaica, and will be supported by INE/ENE team based in Washington D.C. and the Country Office in The Bahamas with responsibilities well defined among team members according to their positions.
- 5.2 This Bank's structure will provide the TC with experience gained in the execution of energy loans and technical cooperations in the energy sector in The Bahamas and beyond. The Bank is the proposed executing agency at the requests of the Government of the Bahamas (GoBH), GoBH has no previous experience in this kind of activity in the energy sector. Furthermore, ENE is executing satisfactorily two technical cooperations in the energy sector in The Bahamas, and the GoBH has agreed and supported this arrangement. For example, under the BH-T1091 the IDB is supervising a contract to develop a strategic framework for e-mobility. Additionally, through the BH-T1075, the Bank has supported the execution of the BH-L1048 loan.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 A potential risk associated with this TC is related to the lack of coordination among relevant stakeholders (BPL, Ministry of Finance, Prime Ministry Delivery Unit, Ministry of Works and Utilities, Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources) in a timely fashion. This risk will be mitigated by undertaking inclusive consultations coupled with communication and awareness-raising activities with key stakeholders, based on best international practices on institutional development in the energy sector.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

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