

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	BAHAMAS/CCB - Caribbean Group
▪ TC Name:	Support to the execution of the digital transformation project
▪ TC Number:	BH-T1105
▪ Team Leader/Members:	MUENTE KUNIGAMI, ARTURO (IFD/ICS) Team Leader; MARIANA CATANO JORGENSON (IFD/ICS); DANIELA ACEVEDO (LEG/SGO); PAULA GAMBOA LEON (LEG/SGO); FABRICIO RODRIGUEZ (IFD/ICS); BETHEL, NATALIE ARIEL (CCB/CBH)
▪ Taxonomy:	Operational Support
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	Government Digital Transformation to Strengthen Competitiveness - BH-L1045
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	24 May 2023
▪ Beneficiary:	Government of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$100,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	IFD/ICS - Innovation in Citizen Services Division
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	IFD/ICS - Innovation in Citizen Services Division
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Productivity and innovation ; Institutional capacity and rule of law

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The Objective of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is to enhance the institutional capacities in Bahamas through promoting adequate government frameworks for Identification Systems and Data Policies. This TC will support the implementation of the Loan Government Digital Transformation to Strengthen Competitiveness (BH-L1045).
- 2.2 This TC complements the objective of the Operation BH-L1045 because making government procedures available online to reduce the cost of government bureaucracy, as well as increasing the use of ICTs in the public sector and fostering transparency of government activities, requires a specific framework in terms of Identification Systems and Data Policies. This framework will support all initiatives aimed at providing technological solutions, including those contemplated in the operation.
- 2.3 In The Bahamas, public administration, both for internal processes and its relationship with citizens and businesses, operates based on complex procedures and relies heavily on paper. The siloed approach to information sharing results in incomplete, outdated, and un-integrated data, which makes it difficult to use for supporting management and policy decisions.
- 2.4 Robust identification systems are linked to facilitating access to social, economic, and financial services, improving public administration, and innovating service delivery, among other benefits. Therefore, improving identification systems has become a key factor, especially for governments looking to implement digital government initiatives

that introduce their population to the digital economy and improve service delivery. Additionally, a national policy on data is critical for countries as it allows for a coordinated approach to managing data, promoting collaboration, accountability, and innovation, as well as delivering other external benefits to citizens.

- 2.5 The TC is consistent with the Bank’s Update to the Institutional Strategy (AB-3190-2) and is aligned with the development challenges of ‘Productivity and Innovation’ and to cross-cutting issue of ‘Institutional Capacity and the Rule of Law’, and with the area of emphasis “Promoting Technology and Innovation”, through the actions i) Accelerating and expanding investments in the pre-conditions and analog complements of digital technology adoption; and, ii) Promoting state-of-the-art technology and innovation applications across all sectors of activity, where appropriate.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I. Identifying areas of opportunity to improve the identification system and data governance framework.** Through this component, an analysis will be implemented to determine the level of maturity of the identification systems in the country and assessing the data governance framework, including aspects of data openness and data protection. Based on the findings of this analysis, a roadmap will be developed to address the previously identified areas for improvement.
- 3.2 **Component II. Supporting the implementation of initiatives to foster digital government.** This component will support the implementation of initiatives to foster the digital government framework. Building upon the findings and roadmap previously developed, it focuses on i) improving, or creating, a regulatory or strategic framework to promote effective data governance and policies; and ii) promoting the adoption of solutions to address the identified gaps in the assessment of the identification system.
- 3.3 **Component III. Dissemination of the technical or regulatory solutions.** Through this component, activities such as workshops, seminars or training programs will be conducted to disseminate solutions that have been implemented. The objective is to foster digital government in the Bahamas by enhancing the understanding and involvement of stakeholders in the implemented solutions. The dissemination efforts also aim to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration, across the relevant agencies.

### IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I. Identifying areas of opportunity to improve the identification system and data governance framework.	US\$40,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$40,000.00
Component II. Supporting the implementation of initiatives to foster digital government.	US\$40,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$40,000.00
Component III. Dissemination of the technical or regulatory solutions.	US\$20,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$20,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$100,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$100,000.00</b>

### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 This TC will be executed directly by the Bank, through IFD/ICS.
- 5.2 The IDB has extensive experience in the provision and coordination of technical assistance, to conduct the selection and hiring of quality consulting services (in accordance with Bank policies). The IDB can also contribute to the generation of

innovative solutions by attracting experts in the field. The Bank will have the final word to select, hire, evaluate, and pay consultants/firms. While it can receive input or feedback from the beneficiaries, this will not constraint its ability to manage the relationship with the consultants. This decision is aligned with appendix 10 of GN-2629-1 which establishes that the Bank can be responsible for the execution of a TC at the request of the beneficiary countries.

## **VI. Project Risks and Issues**

- 6.1 The main risk is related to the difficulty of coordinating all the institutions and agencies involved in the identification systems and data policy. To mitigate this risk, the Bank will maintain ongoing coordination with all stakeholders, not only for the creation and implementation of the strategic and normative framework but also for the implementation of technological solutions or other methodologies that may be applied as part of this cooperation.

## **VII. Environmental and Social Classification**

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