

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	Regional
▪ TC Name:	Regional Hub for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) in LAC
▪ TC Number:	RG-T2608
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Team Leader: Arnaldo Vieira de Carvalho (INE/ENE); Team Members: José Ramón Gómez (INE/CCO); Emilio Sawada (INE/CUR); Héctor Baldivieso (INE/CNI); Jesus Tejeda (CEC/ENE); Christiaan Gischler (INE/ENE); Chris Sewell (INE/ENE); Michael Hofmann (MIF); and Heleno Gouvea (ORP/PTR)
▪ Indicate if: Operational Support, Client Support, or Research & Dissemination:	Research and Dissemination
▪ If Operational Support TC, give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Reference to Request ¹ : (IDB docs #)	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	April 6, 2015
▪ Beneficiary:	Regional - all countries
▪ Executing Agency and contact name:	INE/ENE
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$ 1,500,000
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Required start date:	May 1, 2015
▪ Types of consultants:	Firms and/or individual consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/ENE
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	INE/ENE
▪ Included in Country Strategy (y/n);	Y
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	N
▪ GCI-9 Sector Priority:	(i) Social policy for equity and productivity; (ii) Infrastructure for competitiveness and social welfare; and (iii) Protect the environment, respond to climate change, promote renewable energy, and ensure food security

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 Implement the work plan of a regional hub for the United Nations global initiative Sustainable Energy for All initiative (SE4ALL) in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region that addresses gaps in the goals for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and access to modern energy.

¹ A copy of the Letter of Request, Programming/Portfolio Review Mission Aide Memoire or Report requesting the TC should be submitted with the Abstract.

2.2 Since fall 2011, the IDB has evolved into a role as a central focal point for the efforts of the global initiative in LAC, which is a direct result of an IDB commitment at Rio+20 by President Moreno to provide US\$ 5 Billion over five years toward the three pillars of the initiative. The IDB is a committed partner to the initiative through activities supported in part by technical cooperations (TCs), such as RG-T2203, RG-T1881, RG-X1209, and demonstrated by the position President Moreno accepted on the SE4ALL global Advisory Board. With the UN declaration for the Decade of SE4ALL, it is recognized that the initiative must transition from awareness raising to actions and activities. For this very reason the UN asked the Regional Development Banks (African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, and IDB) to serve in a new role as SE4ALL regional hubs. As a regional hub of SE4ALL, IDB assistance to the initiative will help regional institutions to coordinate their interventions in energy, including those of the IDB, in order to increase their impact in member countries with a development agenda that is in line with IDB goals. This TC is aligned with the Bank's GCI-9 sector priorities: (i) Social policy for equity and productivity; (ii) Infrastructure for competitiveness and social welfare; and (iii) Protect the environment, respond to climate change, promote renewable energy, and ensure food security. Of the 85 countries that are part of the UN SE4ALL initiative, 20 are IDB member countries. The energy sector goals that most of these countries have will be supported by activities of the regional hub for SE4ALL in LAC.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

3.1 Component I - SE4ALL Coordination in LAC: The expected results of this component are to improve the impact of energy focused interventions by multilateral and regional institutions by reducing duplication of efforts and in some cases combining of projects and programs where possible. The activities and outputs will include publishing and maintaining a list of regional energy programs and focal points, supporting government efforts to reach the SE4ALL goals such as planning or technical assistance priority setting activities, providing focal points with a knowledge sharing platform, and providing regular communications about the initiative. Component II - Energy Knowledge Products: From months of public consultation in LAC on behalf of SE4ALL, the IDB has learned that certain knowledge gaps exist, and this component will attempt to address three of these: (i) improving the quantification of socio-economic benefits of access to electricity; (ii) improving access to reliable and actionable energy sector data on the three goals of SE4ALL; and (iii) providing booklets for best practices in energy efficiency (in Spanish). The studies that will be published in line with the knowledge gaps and the expected results are that regional stakeholders will be able to improve project preparation with the information provided by the studies. One regional event will be proposed in part to disseminate results of both studies. Component III - IDB Project Preparation Facility: From months of public consultation in LAC on behalf of SE4ALL, the IDB has learned that there is a demand for support to help more projects past the phase of preparation. This TC will implement activities such as: (i) the development a toolkit for Universal Access Plans; (ii) dissemination of this tool; (iii) assistance renewable energy project preparation guide; and finally (iv) supporting governments in promoting renewable energy project for financing. The expected result of these activities is that they will take projects from a concept phase to a bankable stage.

IV. Budget

4.1 A total of US\$ 1,500,000 is being requested for three components as follows:

Table 1 Indicative Budget (US\$)

Activity/Component	Description	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I - SE4ALL Coordination in LAC	Improved impact of energy interventions	555,000	50,000	605,000
Component II - Energy Knowledge Products	Two studies to address knowledge gaps	335,000	60,000	395,000
Component III - IDB Project Preparation Facility	Tools and technical assistance to improve project preparation	610,000	50,000	660,000
Total		1,500,000	160,000	1,660,000

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

5.1 Of the 85 countries that are part of the UN SE4ALL initiative, over 20 are IDB member countries. Given the regional characteristic of this TC, it is appropriate that the IDB directly executes this TC in order to provide a centralized coordination of the studies and activities. Several divisions have already come together to support SE4ALL, including the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) and the Office of Outreach and Partnership (ORP).

VI. Project Risks and Issues

6.1 The major risk for this project is that the initiative loses momentum if countries do not see and gain value from the activities related to the initiative. The adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency are among the top priorities of the central governments. Mitigation for this is to coordinate with other regional institutions to develop a unified message on the goals and activities of this initiative. Other risks could be: (i) Private sector and financial institutions will prefer opportunities in large-scale energy investments, for this VPP is directly involved at all levels; and (ii) the regional partnership cannot address the barriers to scaling up access to energy, for which this TC helps increase coordination across the region.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

7.1 The project is expected to receive a category C classification. No environmental assessment studies or consultations are required for category "C" operations.

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Date