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Ms. Rocio Medina Bolivar,  
Country Representative- Belize  
Inter-American Development Bank  
1024 Newtown Barracks  
Belize City, Belize

**Ref: Government of Belize No-objection – 2024 Regional Public Goods Initiative:- Toolbox for Climate Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water & Sanitation Management in the Caribbean**

Dear Ms. Medina Bolivar,

This is in response to your correspondence dated October 24, 2024 on the 2024 Regional Public Goods Initiative *Toolbox for Climate Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water & Sanitation Management in the Caribbean* where the Belize Water Services (BWS) submitted the letter of commitment on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (Ref: EXEC/L/SEC/151-24) confirming that BWS has committed to contribute in-kind resources equivalent to US\$ 25,000.00 and the IDB will act as the Executing Agency of this project.

The Government of Belize hereby provides its no-objection to this project.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carlos Pol  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

- c: Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment  
Mr. Joseph Waight, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance  
Mr. Cornelio Acosta, Executive Chairman, Belize Water Services  
Mr. Duane Belisle, Director of Policy and Planning, Ministry of Economic Development  
Mr. Brodrick Watson, Fiduciary Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank  
Ms. Fayne Nicasio, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Development



# Guyana Water Inc.

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May 22, 2024

**Strategic Eligibility Committee**  
Regional Public Goods Initiative  
Vice-presidency for Sectors and Knowledge  
Inter-American Development Bank  
[BPR@iadb.org](mailto:BPR@iadb.org)

Dear Members of the Committee:

The Guyana Water Inc (GWI) is committed to fully support and participate in the execution of the regional project Toolbox for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean as proposed for financing under the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods. To that end, GWI will contribute resources in-kind for the equivalent of US\$25,000. These contributions will finance the participation of technical experts in meetings and activities for coordination and monitoring for the implementation of this RPG.

The RPG that the proposal attempts to promote is a priority for our countries for the following reasons. The Caribbean countries have common challenges in terms of increasing the resilience of water and sanitation services against climate change, and yet have not been able to act duly owing to lack of tools that enable the water and sanitation sector to make decisions and implement concrete actions. The impacts of climate change are expected to decrease freshwater supply, degrade water quality, and cause damage to water infrastructure, and Caribbean water and sanitation utilities face vulnerability due to its geography and reliance on groundwater sources that are susceptible to saltwater intrusion and depletion. It is worth noting that most of the countries also lack proper wastewater management. With respect to the energy sources for the operation, Caribbean utilities mostly depend on energy supply based on fossil fuel, and diversifying the sources will contribute to the self-dependency in this aspect. It is in this context that it becomes a high priority to act on (i) circular economy, transforming wastewater to water resources; (ii) reducing non-revenue water (NRW), making the water systems more efficient; and (iii) making better use of renewable energy and improving energy efficiency to bolster self-dependency in energy, while contributing to climate change mitigation.

Considering the above, this organization pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the RPG

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by (i) integrating as part of the institution's strategy the climate-resilient actions, making the best use of the tools developed by this RPG; (ii) maintaining the aforementioned areas as institutional priorities; (iii) sharing the knowledge acquired and supporting its implementation in the country, as well as in other countries through collaborative activities; and (iv) maintaining active participation in technical discussions to promote further the strategies for climate resilience in the water and sanitation sector.

As this RPG requires a regional coordination among multiple countries in the Caribbean region, and taking into consideration that the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has extensive experience in leading the regional dialogues in the water and sanitation sector, including the organization of High-Level Forum for Caribbean Ministers Responsible for Water and numerous studies and knowledge products, it is requested that the execution be carried out by the IDB.

Sincerely,

Shaik Baksh  
Chief Executive Officer  
Guyana Water Inc



**REF: EXEC/L/SEC/151-24**

May 22, 2024

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Regional Public Goods Initiative  
Vice-presidency for Sectors and Knowledge  
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**Ref: Commitment Letter for “Toolbox for Climate Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water & Sanitation Management in the Caribbean” project.**

Dear Members of the Committee:

Belize Water Services (BWS) is committed to fully support and participate in the execution of the regional project Toolbox for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean as proposed for financing under the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods (RPG). To this end, BWS will contribute resources in-kind for the equivalent of US\$25,000. These contributions will result in the participation of technical experts as they meet for coordinated activities and monitoring of the implementation of this RPG.

The RPG that the proposal promotes is a priority to our country for the following reasons. The Caribbean countries have increasingly common challenges with the resilience of water and sanitation services being sustained against climate change. They have not been able to respond effectively due to lack of tools that enables the water and sanitation sector to make decisions and implement concrete actions. The impacts of climate change are expected to result in continued decrease of freshwater supply, degrade water quality, and cause damage to water infrastructure, and Caribbean water and sanitation utilities face vulnerability due to its geography and reliance on groundwater sources that are susceptible to saltwater intrusion and depletion. It is worth noting that most of the countries also lack proper wastewater management. With respect to the energy sources for the operation, Caribbean utilities mostly depend on energy supply based on fossil fuel, and diversifying the sources will contribute to the self-dependency in this aspect. It is in this context that it becomes a high priority to act on (i) circular economy, transforming wastewater to water resources; (ii) reducing non-revenue water (NRW), making the water systems more efficient; and (iii) making better use of renewable energy and improving energy efficiency to bolster self-dependency in energy, while contributing to climate change mitigation.

Considering the above, this organization pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the RPG by (i) integrating as part of the institution’s strategy the climate-resilient actions, making the best use of the tools developed by this RPG; (ii) maintaining the aforementioned areas as institutional priorities; (iii) sharing the knowledge acquired and supporting its implementation in the country, as well as in other countries through financial supportive collaborative activities; and (iv) maintaining active

participation in technical discussions to promote further the strategies for climate resilience in the water and sanitation sector.

As this RPG requires a regional coordination among multiple countries in the Caribbean region and taking into consideration that the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has extensive experience in leading the regional dialogues in the water and sanitation sector, including the organization of High-Level Forum for Caribbean Ministers Responsible for Water and numerous studies and knowledge products, it is requested that the execution be carried out by the IDB.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Sanjay Keshwani  
Chief Operations Officer  
Belize Water Services

cc: Mr. Cornelio Acosta, Executive Chairman, BWS  
Mrs. Rashida Castillo, CFO, BWS  
Mr. Haydon Brown, CHRO, BWS  
Mr. Sean Duncan, CTO, BWS  
Mr. Ervin Flores, RCE, BWS  
Mrs. Urbelina Chun, Executive Administrator

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**  
HEAD OFFICE: VALSAYN, ST. JOSEPH, TRINIDAD W.I.



May 22, 2024

**Strategic Eligibility Committee**  
Regional Public Goods Initiative  
Vice-presidency for Sectors and Knowledge  
Inter-American Development Bank

Dear Members of the Committee:

Re: Submission of a Proposal to an Open Call under the initiative called the Regional Public Good

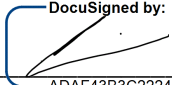
The Water and Sewerage Authority is committed to support and participate in the execution of the regional project Toolbox for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean as proposed for financing under the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods. To that end, the Water and Sewerage Authority will contribute resources in-kind for the equivalent of US\$5,000.

The Caribbean countries have common challenges in terms of increasing the resilience of water and sanitation services against climate change, and yet have not been able to act duly owing to lack of tools that enable the water and sanitation sector to make decisions and implement concrete actions. The impacts of climate change are expected to decrease freshwater supply, degrade water quality, and cause damage to water infrastructure, and Caribbean water and sanitation utilities face vulnerability due to its geography and reliance on groundwater sources that are susceptible to saltwater intrusion and depletion. It is worth noting that most of the countries also lack proper wastewater management. With respect to the energy sources for the operation, Caribbean utilities mostly depend on energy supply based on fossil fuel, and diversifying the sources will contribute to the self-dependency in this aspect. It is in this context that it becomes a high priority to act on (i) circular economy, transforming wastewater to water resources; (ii) reducing non-revenue water (NRW), making the water systems more efficient; and (iii) making better use of renewable energy and improving energy efficiency to bolster self-dependency in energy, while contributing to climate change mitigation.

Considering the above, this organization pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the RPG.

As this RPG requires a regional coordination among multiple countries in the Caribbean region, and taking into consideration that the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has extensive experience in leading the regional dialogues in the water and sanitation sector, it is requested that the execution be carried out by the IDB.

**For and on behalf of the  
Water and Sewerage Authority**

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Kelvin Roman  
**Chief Executive Officer (Ag.)**



## **N.V. Surinaamsche Waterleiding Maatschappij**

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Paramaribo, May 20, 2024

To: **Strategic Eligibility Committee**  
Regional Public Goods Initiative  
Vice-presidency for Sectors and Knowledge  
Inter-American Development Bank  
[BPR@iadb.org](mailto:BPR@iadb.org)

*Our Ref.:* SWM /CL-AH /2024-001

*Subject:* Participation in Regional project “Toolbox for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean”

Dear Members of the Committee:

The Surinaamsche Waterleiding Maatschappij (SWM) is committed to fully support and participate in the execution of the regional project Toolbox for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean as proposed for financing under the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods. To that end, the SWM will contribute resources in-kind for the equivalent of US\$ 4000. These contributions will finance the participation of technical experts in meetings and activities for coordination and monitoring for the implementation of this RPG.

The RPG that the proposal attempts to promote is a priority for our countries for the following reasons. The Caribbean countries have common challenges in terms of increasing the resilience of water and sanitation services against climate change, and yet have not been able to act duly owing to lack of tools that enable the water and sanitation sector to make decisions and implement concrete actions. The impacts of climate change are expected to decrease freshwater supply, degrade water quality, and cause damage to water infrastructure, and Caribbean water and sanitation utilities face vulnerability due to its geography and reliance on groundwater sources that are susceptible to saltwater intrusion and depletion. It is worth noting that most of the countries also lack proper wastewater management. With respect to the energy sources for the operation, Caribbean utilities mostly depend on energy supply based on fossil fuel, and diversifying the sources will contribute to the self-dependency in this aspect. It is in this context that it becomes a high priority to act on (i) circular economy, transforming wastewater to water resources; (ii) reducing non-revenue water (NRW), making the water systems more efficient; and (iii) making better use of renewable energy and improving energy efficiency to bolster self-dependency in energy, while contributing to climate change mitigation.

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Sincerely,  
N.V. Surinaamsche Waterleiding Maatschappij

  
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November 11, 2024.

Ms. Lorena Solorzano- Salazar  
Country Representative  
Inter-American Development Bank  
47 High Street,  
Georgetown.

Dear Ms. Solorzano-Salazar,

**2024 Call for Proposals of the Regional Public Goods Initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank: Request for Non-objection**

The Government of Guyana hereby offers its no-objection to participation in the following projects under the Regional Public Goods Initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank:

- Construction of a Statistical Framework to Measure Vulnerability in Caricom; and
- Toolkit for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean.

It is noted that the proposed projects are aligned with the Bank's Institutional Strategy, as well as Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030 aimed at: (i) reducing poverty and inequality; (ii) addressing climate change; and (iii) bolstering sustainable growth.

To this end, the Government of Guyana through the Ministry of Finance supports the initiatives and recommend the execution be done in close collaboration with the Bureau of Statistics and Guyana Water Inc. respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ashni K. Singh', is written over a dotted line.

Hon. Dr. Ashni K. Singh  
Senior Minister in the Office of the President  
with Responsibility for Finance and the Public Service



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Paramaribo, October 28, 2024

**Mrs. Adriana La Valley**  
**Representative**  
**Inter-American Development Bank**  
**Country Office in Suriname**  
**Peter Brunetlaan 2-4**  
**Paramaribo**

**Subject : No Objection participation Regional Public Goods Technical Cooperation (TC)**  
**Enclosure (s): --**

Dear Mrs. La Valley,

Herewith the Ministry of Finance and Planning, as the representative of the Government of Suriname, wishes to inform the Bank that we have no objection to participating in the following projects of the Regional Public Goods Initiative (RPG) of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB):

- Green Coalition of Public Development Banks
- A Safe and Sustainable Amazon: A Regional Model for the Prevention, Monitoring, and Investigation of Illegal Mining and Other Environmental at Crimes
- Toolkit for Climate-Resilient Strategies for Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management in the Caribbean
- Energy Resilience for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean

Kindly keep us informed of the next steps within the projects.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

**Drs. I. Sandel MPA**  
**Permanent Secretary**  
**Directorate of Planning and Development Finance**