

## Draft TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic project data

- Country/Region: REGIONAL
- TC Name: Open Dialogue and knowledge exchange on Citizen Security
- TC Number: RG-T2221
- Team Leader/Members: Jorge Srur (IFD/ICS, Team Leader); Gustavo Beliz; Joan Serra Hoffman; Lina Marmolejo (IFD/ICS); and Melissa Gonzalez (IFD/ICS).
- Indicate if: Knowledge generation & dissemination.
- If Operational Support, TC give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC: N/A
- Reference to Request: N/A
- Date of TC Abstract: July 17, 2012
- Beneficiary (countries or entities which are the recipient of the technical assistance): 26 countries. IDB borrowing member countries.
- Executing Agency and contact name: Inter-American Development Bank.
- IDB Funding Requested: US\$ 200,000
- Local counterpart funding, if any: US\$ 24,000
- Disbursement period (which includes execution period): 12 months
- Required start date: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012
- Types of consultants (firm or individual consultants): Firm
- Prepared by Unit: IFD/ICS
- Unit of Disbursement Responsibility: IFD/ICS
- Included in Country Strategy (y/n); TC included in CPD (y/n): No
- GCI-9 Sector Priority: Institutions for Growth and Social Welfare: Citizen Security

### II. Objective and Justification:

There is a wide consensus among academics, policy-makers, experts, and government officials that the field of crime and violence prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) falls behind other regions with regards to quality, availability, and timeliness of information and knowledge; harming the effectiveness of citizen security policies. Countries in the region are continuously demanding not only more channels for cooperation and dialogue, but also more systematic and effective ones.

As a way to facilitate a more dynamic and targeted exchange of knowledge and experiences, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) joint forces with the Inter-American Dialogue (IAD), to address current citizen security developments throughout the LAC region program of public forums and roundtables. Highly recognized academicians and practitioners, including Rafael Fernández de Castro, leader of the forthcoming UNDP report on regional security; Primera Comisionada Aminta Granera, General Director of the National Police of Nicaragua; Angela Me, head of the UNODC statistics division, and drug analyst Peter Reuter, have participated as speakers.

The roundtables and public forums had offered a unique venue to promote the exchange of experiences, knowledge and lessons learned. The IDB and the IAD have agreed to boost the dialogue and integrate it into a more structured and dynamic knowledge exchange agenda.

As a first step towards a more defined and strategic dialogue, this technical cooperation will focus on the following elements: (i) bridging the knowledge gaps to support effective innovation and reforms in citizen security management; (ii) strengthening consensus-building among relevant actors and institutions; and (iii) building a more technical and practical dialogue around issues of main concern for LAC countries.

The objective of this Technical Cooperation is to improve access to knowledge and lessons learned, and promote a better understanding of citizen security issues to enhance government capabilities and transform the relationship between citizens and the State.

### **III. Description of activities:**

Component 1. Strengthening citizen security policy analysis: the objective of this component is to contribute to the generation of new policy analysis and test out new proposals and ideas on citizen security related issues by organizing five Washington-based roundtables. The debates will enrich IDB and IAD analytical and operational agenda in LAC. Participants will be citizen security experts, policy makers, public officials, academics, civil society and multilateral institutions representatives from LAC and the U.S. located in or visiting Washington DC.

Component 2. Fostering leadership and dialogue: the purpose of this component is to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among Chiefs of Police, Public Prosecutors and other public officials in charge of citizen security initiatives, through the organization of two regional conferences. Drawing on their contacts and networks in LAC, the IDB and the IAD, will organize two regional meetings to address a specific cross-country citizen security issue, such as, but not limited to: (i) managing institutional change in citizen security bodies; (ii) innovative use of new technology tools to support high-level decision-making and strategic planning; (iii) improvement of inter-agency coordination to better manage and evaluate citizen security policies; and (iv) strengthening of criminal investigation and judicial assistance capabilities.

Component 3. Supporting knowledge generation and dissemination: the objective of this component is to gather, consolidate, deepen and systematize knowledge and information generated through the second phase of the program. Activities under this component are: (i) production of lessons learned documents; (ii) preparation of discussion papers, technical notes and policy briefs; and (iii) external dissemination of results, products and advances of the program. Policy briefs and discussion papers will be distributed in printed and electronic format to all relevant authorities in Bank borrowing member countries. All knowledge and information will be disseminated through the IDB and IAD website and will be shared during the regional conferences. The project team will also work with the Bank's KNL office to systematize and disseminate knowledge products, as well as, the EXR team to promote events through press releases, Infolinks and other media instruments.

Expected results: (i) documentation of promising practices and lessons learned from citizen security initiatives at the regional level; (ii) a regional conference with country participation at the highest level to provide an opportunity for the countries to exchange knowledge, experiences and future trends; and (iii) a series of policy briefs and discussion papers on citizen security topics that will contribute to a better understanding of these issues.

Main outputs: (i) five roundtable meetings with experts; (ii) two regional conferences, and (iii) two discussion papers and two policy briefs prepared for the above mentioned events.

**IV. Budget:**

<b>Activity/Component</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>IDB/Fund Funding</b>	<b>Counterpart Funding</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
<b>Component 1: Strengthening citizen security policy analysis</b>				
Roundtable with experts	5 Washington-based meetings (logistics, travel)	20,000	12,000	32,000
<b>Component 2: Fostering leadership and dialogue</b>				
Regional Conference	2 LAC-based regional workshops (logistics, travel, translation)	150,000		150,000
<b>Component 3: Supporting knowledge generation and dissemination</b>				
Publications	Production of 4 online/printed publications	30,000	12,000	42,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>200,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>224,000</b>

**V. Executing agency and execution structure:**

This Technical Cooperation will be executed by the IDB in strict coordination and collaboration with the IAD.

**VI. Project Risks and issues**

There is a low risk of political controversies between LAC beneficiary countries and some institutions and guests. It will be mitigated by designing the events in consultation with the directly involved countries. Another could be the lack of participation from borrowing countries in the activities designed. However, this risk is minimal as the relationship between the Bank and its borrowing countries practically guarantees participation in the planned events, and there is an increasing demand for knowledge and information about these topics and lack of resources to support and promote the technical and political dialogue needed to share experiences.

**VII. Environmental and Social Classification**

The anticipated environmental and social safeguard classification is "C." (see annex attached)