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Ms. Viviana del Carmen Alva Hart
Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
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Dear Madam,

Non-Objection to non-reimbursable RG-T4429: Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration

Reference is made to your correspondence, CCB/CBA-285/2024 dated June 5, 2024 and subsequent email dated July 4, 2024 on the captioned subject.

The Government of Barbados (GOB) is pleased to advise that there is no objection to its participation in the Regional Technical Cooperation RG-T4429: Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration. The government notes that the total technical assistance is for US\$400,000 and further notes that the total allocation is not on a per-country basis but that each participating country will benefit from the consultancies under the regional technical cooperation. The government acknowledges that the regional technical cooperation seeks to support the reduction in food insecurity and promote regional integration in the Caribbean through the provision of technical inputs that contribute to the optimization of trade policy, reduction of non-tariff barriers and improvements to trade facilitation.

This request has been approved by both the Minister Economic Affairs and Investment and the Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

The GOB acknowledges that the Bank shall be the Executing Agency (EA), through the Trade and Investment Division of the Integration and Trade Sector.

Your kind consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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June 28, 2024.

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

Dear Ms. Solorzano-Salazar,

**RG-T4429 - Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration:
Request for Participation in Regional Technical Cooperation**

The Government of Guyana is hereby indicating interest in participating in the Regional Technical Cooperation (TC), “*Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration.*”

It is noted that this technical cooperation will support the Government of Guyana’s efforts to reduce food insecurity and to promote regional integration in the Caribbean through the provision of technical inputs that contribute to the optimization of trade policy, reduction of non-tariff barriers and improvements to trade facilitation.

Further, Government notes the main activities are related to: (i) conducting diagnostic studies at a national level to determine trade and integration related challenges to food security; and (ii) organizing a regional workshop to support dissemination and consensus-building.

To this end, the Government of Guyana through the Ministry of Finance requests the IDB’s support to include Guyana in this regional operation and recommends the execution be done by the Bank in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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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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June ²⁰²⁴ 2024

Ms. Carina Cockburn
Representative
Country Office of Trinidad and Tobago
Inter-American Development Bank
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair
Port of Spain

Dear Ms. Cockburn,

**Expression of Interest for the Participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the
Non-Reimbursable Regional Technical Cooperation Project- RG-T4429: Supporting
Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration**

I refer to the above subject.

The Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) notes that the objective of the Regional Technical Cooperation (RTC) project is to support the reduction in food insecurity and promote regional integration in the Caribbean through the provision of technical inputs that contribute to the optimization of trade policy, reduction of non-tariff barriers and improvements to trade facilitation.

The RTC document is aligned to the National Development Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago, 2016-2030, Theme IV, 'Building Globally Competitive Businesses'. In this regard, the MPD requests the participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the IDB-funded Regional Technical Cooperation project, 'Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration'. Furthermore, given the regional scope of the project, the MPD provides no objection for the IDB to serve as the Executing Agency on its behalf, given the Bank's expertise and to reduce the risk of delays in implementation.

I look forward to a positive response to this request.

Sincerely,

Permanent Secretary (Ag.)
Ministry of Planning and Development

PERMANENT SECRETARY
Ministry of Planning and Development



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Trade and Industry

TI: 4/4/205

June 24th, 2024

Ms. Marie Hinds
Permanent Secretary, Ag.
Ministry of Planning and Development
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PORT OF SPAIN

Dear Ms. Hinds,

Re: RG-T4429 Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration- Request for Letter of Interest

Reference is made to the letter dated June 7th 2024 sent to the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) on the matter at caption. The letter was subsequently forwarded from MPD to the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) with the attached Technical Cooperation document (TC).

The MTI acknowledges the importance of this initiative and is in full support. In this regard the MTI wishes to request that Trinidad and Tobago be included in the TC to support food security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration.

This TC will support the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's efforts to reduce food insecurity and to promote regional integration in the Caribbean through the provision of technical inputs that contribute to the optimization of trade policy, reduction of non-tariff barriers and improvements to trade facilitation.

Trinidad and Tobago should be included in the main activities related to (i) conducting diagnostic studies at a national level to determine trade and integration related challenges to food security; (ii) organizing a regional workshop to support dissemination and consensus-building and (iii) managing and coordinating activities with the various counterparts.

We request that the Bank execute this Technical Cooperation, given the regional coordination required to adeptly execute the activities.

Should you require any further clarification, you may contact Mr. Randall Karim, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry via email at Randall.Karim@gov.tt or mobile 623-2931 ext. 2726.

Sincerely,


Permanent Secretary





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Paramaribo, June 7, 2024

Mrs. Adriana La Valley
Country Representative
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Re: Request for Technical Cooperation: “Supporting Food Security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration”

Dear Mrs. La Valley,

Herewith the Ministry of Finance and Planning, as the representative of the Government of Suriname, wishes to request a technical cooperation to support food security in CARICOM through Trade and Integration.

This technical cooperation will support the Government of Suriname, and especially the trade sector to reduce food insecurity and to promote regional integration in the Caribbean through the provision of technical inputs that contribute to the optimization of trade policy, reduction of non-tariff barriers and improvements to trade facilitation.

Main activities are related to: (i) conducting diagnostic studies at a national level to determine trade and integration related challenges to food security; and (ii) organizing a regional workshop to support dissemination and consensus-building.

We request that the Bank execute this technical cooperation.

Mrs. Serafija Niekoop will be the contact person about this matter representing the government’s counterpart at the Ministry of Finance and Planning and will involve representatives from Suriname Investment and Trade Agency (SITA) and Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries. Mrs. Niekoop can be reached at phone nr. : (+597) 471324 and email : serafija.niekoop@yahoo.com

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'I. Sandel'.

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

cc. Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries