

Draft TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	Barbados/CCB
▪ TC Name:	Support to Barbados Water Authority (BWA) Development Plan
▪ TC Number:	BA-T1037
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Team Leader: Yvon Mellinger (WSA/CBA); Evan Cayetano, Alternate Team Leader (WSA/CTT); Ikuko Kunitsuka (WSA/CBA); Rodrigo Riquelme and Irene Cartin (INE/WSA); Denise Salabie and Roy Parahoo (FMP/CBA); Javier Jimenez (LEG/SGO); Shelly Pile and Leanne Rapson (CCB/CBA)
▪ Indicate if: Operational Support, Client Support, or Research & Dissemination.	Operational Support
▪ If Operational Support TC, give number and name of Operation Supported by the TC:	Water and Sanitation Systems Upgrade (BA-L1015)
▪ Reference to Request ¹ : (IDB docs #)	IDBDOCS # 39551674
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	April, 2015
▪ Beneficiary (countries or entities which are the recipient of the technical assistance):	Barbados Water Authority
▪ Executing Agency and contact name (Organization or entity responsible for executing the TC Program):	Barbados Water Authority through its Program execution Unit (PEU) of the BWA. Contact: Mr. Lawrence Cumberbatch Head of the PEU
▪ IDB Funding Requested:	US\$500.000
▪ Local counterpart funding, if any:	N/A
▪ Disbursement period (which includes execution period):	18 months
▪ Required start date:	August 2015
▪ Types of consultants (firm or individual consultants):	Firm for the two main products and individual consultant for audit and support
▪ Prepared by Unit:	INE/WSA
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	CCB/CBA
▪ Included in Country Strategy (y/n);	Yes
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	Yes
▪ GCI-9 Sector Priority:	Poverty reduction and equity enhancement (Access to Water and Sanitation), Small and vulnerable countries

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.

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is to provide the Barbados Water Authority (BWA) with a Long Term Business Plan (LTBP), and a Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) that will chart the way towards the sustainability of the company.
- 2.2 The TC would contribute to the reorganization and Modernization of the BWA (Component 1 of BA-L1015), in one of its most relevant activity; the consolidation of its modernization action plan in the LTBP, and would support Water Resources Management in Barbados.
- 2.3 As such, it would support the 2014-2018 Barbados Country Strategy dialogue area of Public Sector Modernization, contribute to the poverty reduction and equity enhancement in its support to the sustainability of the water and sanitation services in the Island State, and has the potential to contribute to the CGI-9 target of lending to small and vulnerable countries.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 Component 1 would finance the preparation of a 20 years LTBP for the BWA that would be the basis of a financial model supporting the regulation by the Fair Trading Commission (FTC), of BWA as an efficient and sustainable water and sanitation utility. It would, as such, give continuity to the support granted to the Government of Barbados through loan 2255/OC-BA (BA-L015 – Water and Sanitation Upgrade) to modernize the BWA. The LTBP would be based on, and built upon, previous work financed under BA-L1015 such as the management and operations audit of the BWA, as well as other reports and diagnosis prepared by the BWA. It will also consolidate the activities guided by the BWA strategic objectives and BWA investment Plan.
- 3.2 Component 2 would finance a Strategic Water Resources Management Plan that would guide the BWA in its role as the authority responsible for the monitoring, assessment, control and protection of the water resources in Barbados; it would build upon the initial findings of the Barbados Water and Sanitation Sector Plan 2010.

IV. Budget

- 4.1 The total cost and the amount that would be made available by the IDB for the proposed TC is US\$500.000, the indicative budget table is presented below.

Indicative Budget (US\$)

Activity/Component	Description	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component 1	Long Term Business Plan and Financial Model	300.000		300.000
Component 2	Strategic Water Resources Management Plan	120.000		120.000
Project Execution	Administrative support	60.000		60.000
Administration, monitoring and evaluation	Technical and Financial Audit	10.000		10.000
Contingency		10.000		10.000
Total		500.000	-	500.000

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

5.1 The executing agency for the TC will be the BWA of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resources Management, through the Project Executing Unit (PEU) of Loan 2255/OC-BA, which is under execution, and is performing satisfactorily. The PEU led by a project manager reports to the BWA General Manager, and is supported by an engineer, a financial and accounting officer, and a procurement specialist. As part of the review of its organizational structure, the BWA may create a department to oversee design, delivery and evaluation of all projects, financed by bilateral or multilateral financial institutions or by the BWA directly, to which the execution of the TC would be transferred.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

6.1 The TC only contemplates one main contracting process, and the PEU has a large and successful experience with IDB reporting and procurement policies and processes; fiduciary risks are, therefore, considered low. The risk of unsatisfactory performance from the consulting firm is mitigated by the experience of the BWA and the PEU in contracting and managing such consultancies. The main risk would reside in potential difficulties of the BWA to internalize the LTBP, and subsequently implement it timely. However, the fact that the Utilities Regulation Order 2014, published in the official Gazette No. 75 dated September 8, 2014, establishes that the BWA is amongst the public services utilities that would be regulated by the Fair Trading Commission (FTC) making the LTBP a necessity for the BWA and its governing ministry.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

7.1 This TC will finance two consultancy products, the LTBP for BWA and the Strategic Water Resources Management Plan. As such, the TC does not require the implementation of specific environmental or social safeguard policies. It is therefore classified as C.