



**Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development**  
Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
**OFFICE OF THE MINISTER**

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March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Mrs. Michelle Cross Fenty Esq.**  
**Representative**  
**Inter-American Development Bank**  
**17 Alexandra Street**  
**St. Clair**  
**Port of Spain**

Dear Mrs. Cross Fenty

**Re: Expression of Interest in the Women's City Programme (Ciudad Mujer)**

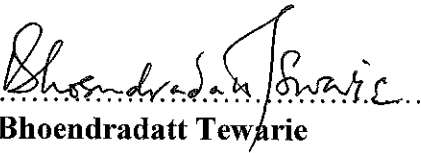
Following on the Special Mission of the Inter-American Development Bank in February 2013, which shared information on the experience of El Salvador in implementing the Women's City Programme (Ciudad Mujer) with officials of the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, the Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development and other key stakeholder agencies, I write to formally indicate the interest of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in embarking on a similar type initiative in Port of Spain.

As you are aware, the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development has been actively pursuing various activities under the Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative (ESCI) through multiple public and private sector agencies. The Women's City Programme (Ciudad Mujer) is now considered an integral part of the strategy to promote greater socio-economic development in the East Port of Spain area and provides an excellent opportunity for collaboration among key public sector agencies and non-governmental organizations involved in the delivery of key services to the target population.

As a consequence, we are requesting that priority attention be given to project preparation to ensure approval in 2013 and the commencement of construction in the first quarter of 2014, latest.

I thank you for presenting this project to us and I look forward to a positive response regarding your support in this area.

Sincerely,

  
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**Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie**  
**Minister**