

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
▪ TC Name:	Promoting Knowledge and Capacity Building through the Regional Policy Dialogue
▪ TC Number:	RG-T3556
▪ Team Leader/Members:	Ibañez Londoño, Ana María (VPS/VPS) Team Leader; Sanchez Benitez, Karina (VPS/VPS); Molina, Silvana (VPS/VPS); Negret Garrido, Cesar Andres (LEG/SGO); Pombo Rivera, Cristina (SCL/SCL); Blackman, Allen (CSD/CSD); Mendieta Navarro, Claudia (IFD/IFD); Serebrisky, Tomas Sebastian (INE/INE); Granados, Jaime (INT/TIN); Carrillo Estevez, Marcelo Ismael (VPS/VPS)
▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	22 Jan 2020
▪ Beneficiary:	IDB's borrowing member countries
▪ Executing Agency:	Inter-American Development Bank
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$3,400,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Consulting firms and Individual consultants
▪ Prepared by Unit:	VPS - Sectors & Knowledge
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	VPS - Sectors & Knowledge
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	N/A
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	N/A
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Institutional capacity and rule of law

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this operation is to finance the activities of the Regional Policy Dialogue (RPD) in 2020 and 2021. In 2000, the Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the creation of the RPD (GN-2096-2). The general objective of the RPD is to promote a high-level policy dialogue between Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries and Bank officials, in order to identify innovative practices, strengthen institutional capacity, share experiences both from the region and from the rest of the world, and improve the quality of reform strategies. At the same time, the RPD provides the opportunity for the Bank to receive direct feedback about countries' public policy priorities, which subsequently informs Bank's future operational program.
- 2.2 Since its inception, nineteen policy dialogue networks aligned with the Bank's institutional priorities have been created in the areas of: (1) citizen security; (2) climate change; (3) disaster risk management; (4) education; (5) energy; (6) environmental and social safeguards; (7) financial institutions; (8) fiscal and municipal management; (9) gender equality and diversity; (10) innovation; (11) labor markets and social security; (12) macroeconomic policy and finance; (13) open government; (14) social protection and health; (15) trade and integration; (16) transportation; (17) urban development and housing; (18) water and sanitation; and (19) Migration.
- 2.3 The value added of this Technical Cooperation (TC) is related to: (i) promoting high level policy dialogue and knowledge sharing among senior policymakers from the borrowing

member countries; (ii) fostering discussions between policymakers and experts on key development issues through the presentation of policy-oriented knowledge, analytical work and tools for the design, reformulation, and adoption of sound policies; and (iii) providing a space for the dissemination and dialogue with the countries about the Bank's operational and knowledge program. As a result of the knowledge exchange during RPD activities, LAC policymakers have access to innovative mechanisms and programs that can contribute to institutional capacity strengthening. Over the past 20 years, RPD networks have been consolidating their commitment to strengthen institutional capacity in LAC, to generate south-south cooperation, and to build strategic alliances between key stakeholders in important sectors in the region. The interest and continuing demand for new RPD networks indicates that the mechanism is perceived as valuable both by LAC high-level policymakers and by the Vice Presidency for Sectors and Knowledge (VPS) Divisions.

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Network Meetings.** This component will finance planning, organizing and holding regional and sub-regional meetings with high level government officials of LAC countries. The meeting agenda will be posted in the RPD web page and invitations will be extended to experts from international organizations, think tanks, professional organizations, universities and non-borrowing member countries.

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Network Meetings	US\$3,400,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$3,400,000.00
Total	US\$3,400,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$3,400,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 The Bank through VPS/VPS will be the executing agency. The document GN-2096-2 approved by the Board of Executive Directors for the implementation of the Regional Policy Dialogue authorized the Bank as the executing agency to ensure the active participation of the borrowing member countries to dialogue with the Bank through the set-up of networks (see paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 of same document).

VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 One of the main risks of the project is the possible low participation rate of high-level officials in the RPD meetings. Following OVE's recommendations (RE-316-1), this risk has been mitigated since 2010 by paying travel and per diem expenses, as well as through effective communication encouragement from the network coordinators.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "C".