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Ms. Carina Cockburn  
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Inter-American Development Bank  
17 Alexandra Street, St. Clair  
Port of Spain

Dear Ms. Cockburn,

**Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Country Programming Document 2024 – Pipeline Loans and Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) Projects**

I refer to the on-going correspondence between the IDB and the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) on the subject as captioned above.

By letter dated December 21, 2023, the Hon. Minister of Planning and Development granted approval for the IDB to formally engage with the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies for input in the design of the 2024 pipeline loans and non-reimbursable TC projects, and during their execution. Further, the letter stated that ‘...given the nature of the proposed TCs, the MPD is requesting that each Ministry be given the opportunity to decide whether they would execute or defer to the IDB.’

The TT-T1162: Supporting Trade Facilitation Reforms in Trinidad and Tobago proposed Project is at a stage that requires the appointment of an Executing Agency. In this regard, the MPD is requesting that the IDB 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,

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Permanent Secretary (Ag.)  
Ministry of Planning and Development  
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Dear Ms. Cockburn,

### **Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Country Programming Document 2024 – Pipeline Loans and Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) Projects**

I am pleased to have received your correspondence dated November 29, 2023 on the above subject.

I am grateful to the IDB for the longstanding partnership and support that it has been providing towards the development of Trinidad and Tobago. The Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) is of the view that the 2024 Country Programming Document for the country is aligned to the two-phased Roadmap to Recovery Reports, and the National Development Strategy for Trinidad and Tobago, 2016-2030. Therefore, the preparation and execution of the 2024 pipeline projects are expected to advance the country's development trajectory.

In this regard, the MPD having reviewed the preliminary briefs for the loans, and the list of non-reimbursable TCs, grants authorization for the IDB to formally engage with the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies for input in the design of the projects, and during their execution. Furthermore, given the nature of the proposed TCs, the MPD is requesting that each Ministry be given the opportunity to decide whether they would execute or defer to the IDB.

As customary, please note that the necessary Cabinet approvals will have to be sought and obtained prior to signature of the loan contracts and implementation of those projects.

I look forward to the continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Penelope Beckles, MP  
Minister