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August 28, 2026

Ms. Natacha C. Marzolf
Country Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
6 Montrose Road
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Dear Ms. Marzolf,

Re: The Government of Jamaica's Letter of Request to the Inter-American Development Bank for Technical Cooperation Support for the "Development of Climate Resilient Strategies & Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP)"

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) has been advised by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) that the Forestry Department has secured approval from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Compete Caribbean+ Partnership Facility Programme to receive Technical Cooperation (TC) support for the proposed initiative entitled, "*Development of Climate Resilient Strategies & Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP)*".

The Ministry notes that the TC has an indicative budget of **Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$200,000)**, which aims to: (i) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Forestry Department to plan, implement and monitor climate-resilient strategies through the revision of the NFMCP (2027–2037), integrating robust adaptation and mitigation measures, climate-smart actions, sustainable financing and results-based monitoring and evaluation; and (ii) create an inclusive and enabling environment for sustainable forest sector growth and development, fostering investment and innovation that align with national and international development goals, while safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem services.

It is further understood that revising the NFMCP will support the integration of climate change considerations into development planning and decision-making processes across private and public sector entities whilst bolstering national resilience within Jamaica's forest sector. Additionally, this initiative endeavours to address emerging needs and priorities within the forest sector.

Considering the foregoing, the MOFPS on behalf of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) hereby requests the captioned TC from the IDB and asks that the Bank execute same.

The GOJ values the Bank's ongoing support and partnership and looks forward to the favourable response of the Bank to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Rose Lemonius-Stewart (Mrs.)
For Financial Secretary

CC: Mr. Wayne Robertson, JP, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change

Mr. Ainsley A. Henry, Chief Executive Officer, Forestry Department

Ms. Barbara Scott, Deputy Director General, External Cooperation Management and Project Development, PIOJ



Appendix II – Signed Letter of Request from the Government

CC+ Pillar 2: Call for Project Concepts Enhancing Climate-Smart, Gender-Responsive Public Governance in the Caribbean

March 5, 2026

Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility
The Inter-American Development Bank
"Hythe" Welches, Maxwell Main Road
Christ Church, BB17068,
Barbados

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for No Objection Support for Forestry Department proposal under the Compete Caribbean+ Programme

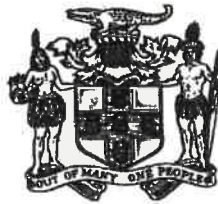
On behalf of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), we are pleased to submit our no objection for the shortlisted proposal entitled **"Development of Climate Resilient Strategies & Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP)"**. This project aims to support the revision of the National Forest Management and Conservation Plan (NFMCP) for the period 2027-2037. The project will facilitate the engagement of specialized technical expertise needed to update the NFMCP in alignment with national development priorities. Most importantly, this partnership will enable the Forestry Department to advance this vital institutional strengthening initiative for the forest sector.

The Forestry Department has committed to provide in-kind counterpart support valued at US\$249,000.00 over a two-year period and the IDB has recommended that the project be Bank-executed.

The GOJ fully endorses this project and gives its no objection to it being executed by the IDB.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Scott
For Director General



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August 21, 2025

Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility
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Christ Church, BB17068, Barbados

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Letter of Request for Support under the Compete Caribbean+ Programme

On behalf of the Government of Jamaica, we are pleased to submit this Letter of Request for consideration under the Compete Caribbean+ Programme's Pillar 2 Call for Proposals. The proposed initiative, *Development of Climate Resilient Strategies & Action Plan for the Forest Sector under the National Forest Management & Conservation Plan (NFMCP)*, aims to enhance public governance and institutional capacity to foster climate-smart, gender-responsive practices in alignment with national development priorities and international commitments designed to support investment and growth in the forest sector.

This project represents a critical opportunity to address challenges experienced by the forest sector in relation to insufficient integration of financing strategies and the pace and scale of climate change impacts, which demand an evidence-based, climate-resilient, and more gender and socially inclusive approach to address. We are confident that with the Programme's support, this initiative will significantly contribute to achieving a climate-resilient NFMCP aligned with Vision 2030 Jamaica, Climate Change Policy Framework, and NDCs that will stimulate climate action, investment, engagement and partnerships in the forest sector that will address climate risks and bolster national resilience. Such contributions to national, regional, and international commitments, will undoubtedly position Jamaica as a leader in climate-resilient forest management, with outputs adaptable for regional and international platforms.

The Government of Jamaica fully supports this project and is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure its success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Arlene Williams (Mrs.)
Permanent Secretary

Copy: Honourable Matthew Samuda – Minister without Portfolio, MEGJC
Mr. Ainsley Henry, JP – CEO & Conservator of Forests, Forestry Department
Ms. Gillian Guthrie, Chief Technical Director, MEGJC