

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
▪ TC Name:	Knowledge Dissemination, programming and monitoring and evaluation support for the Compete Caribbean + Trust Fund: Partnering for a Competitive, Equitable and Climate-Smart Region (CC+)
▪ TC Number:	RG-T4581
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▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	31 Jul 2024
▪ Beneficiary:	Beneficiary countries of Compete Caribbean
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$730,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	IFD/CTI - Competitiveness, Technology and Innovation Division
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	IFD/CTI - Competitiveness, Technology and Innovation Division
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Social inclusion and equality ; Productivity and innovation ; Gender equality

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The objective of this TC is to support the execution of the Compete Caribbean + Trust Fund (CC+): Partnering for a Competitive, Equitable and Climate-Smart region (GN-2851-3) during 2024-2026, and specifically to support the capacity of the Fund Coordination Unit (FCU) to: (i) build networks to capture and disseminate best practices, knowledge and lessons learned; (ii) carry out dialogue with key stakeholders across the region for identification of catalytic projects; and (iii) strengthen monitoring and evaluability and complete the mid-term evaluation of CC+. The CC+ itself has been designed to improve gender-responsive sustainable growth and climate resilience of Caribbean countries' private sector by accomplishing three specific objectives: (i) improving competitiveness, climate action, and inclusiveness of Caribbean private sector; (ii) enhancing government capabilities to support climate-smart and gender-responsive businesses; and (iii) reinforcing research institutions and

surrounding ecosystems to produce knowledge that supports climate-smart and gender-responsive public and private sectors.

- 2.2 CC+ is a program that supports private sector development with inclusion, while mainstreaming climate action amongst Caribbean businesses, thus helping to mitigate the climate vulnerability of Caribbean countries. CC+ will deepen elements of the previous two phases of Compete Caribbean: the Compete Caribbean Program (CCP, 2010-2017) and the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility (CCPF, 2017-2024) while strengthening climate action and gender equality and inclusion in the Caribbean private sector. As in CCPF, it will transfer the underlying know-how of its interventions to strategic public and private sector actors that can replicate and scale them. CC+ has three pillars: (i) Promoting competitiveness, climate action and inclusiveness of the Caribbean private sector; (ii) Enhancing government capabilities to support climate-smart and gender-responsive businesses; and (iii) Promoting scientific research and development (R&D) for climate innovation in the public and private sectors. CC+ will be executed through a FCU based in the IDB's Country Office Barbados. This proposed TC falls under CC+, representing an initial tranche of the IDB Board approved GN-2851-3 dedicated to knowledge, networking and programming to support the FCU in achieving CC+'s expected results, including identification and analysis missions. It is a foundational TC that will enable the FCU to commence programming work on specific issues that affect firms' productivity, inclusion, and climate action decisions, while identifying indigenous institutions that CC+ can work with in transferring the methodologies developed and perfected under CCP and CCPF. Generating demand from indigenous institutions for the transfer of CC+ methodologies will require significant dialogue supported by the dissemination of knowledge concerning inclusive private sector development and climate governance and policy to identify catalytic, private sector development projects in CC+'s three pillars at the regional and at the country level, as well as synergies between each of its pillars and the IDB Group. This TC is consistent with the IDB Group Institutional Strategy: Transforming for Scale and Impact (GN-3159-12), specifically its objectives of: (i) Reducing Poverty and Inequality, by identifying projects to be financed by CC+ that support the dynamism of Caribbean businesses in ways that expand employment and inclusion opportunities for vulnerable groups; (ii) Addressing Climate Change, by identifying projects that support climate action (adaptation, mitigation and/or disaster resilience) by Caribbean businesses and strengthen climate governance; and (iii) Bolstering Sustainable Regional Growth, by identifying projects that support Caribbean businesses' competitiveness and climate resilience. The TC is also aligned with the operational focus areas of: (i) Biodiversity, Natural Capital and Climate Action; (ii) Gender Equality and Inclusion of Diverse Population Groups; (iii) Institutional Capacity, Rule of Law, and Citizen Security; and (iv) Productive Development and Innovation through the Private Sector. The TC will also contribute to the identification of projects financed by CC+ that will contribute to results under the ONE Caribbean Framework (GN-3201-2), specifically its priorities of (i) Climate Adaptation, Disaster-Risk Management and Resilience; (ii) Sustainable Development with Private Sector Engagement; and (iii) Food Security.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: Building networks and instruments to disseminate knowledge, best practices and lessons learned.** This component will support the FCU to: (i) build knowledge dissemination networks; and (ii) strengthen outreach and communication about CC+ activities and results. It will fund: (a) networks, workshops and seminars; (b) communication strategies; and (c) communication and media

products. Expected outputs: 8 dissemination workshops/seminars, 2 communication strategies.

- 3.2 **Component II: Dialogue for identification of catalytic projects.** This component will support effective dialogue throughout the 13 beneficiary countries and identification of catalytic projects. It will fund the travel for identification and design of CC+ projects, an annual team building retreat, and office material. Expected outputs: 15 catalytic projects identified and whose process of design has started to be submitted for approval.
- 3.3 **Component III: Enhanced monitoring and evaluability of CC+ projects.** This component will support strengthened results monitoring at the project level and the evaluability of the entire portfolio, in line with the recommendations of the final evaluation of the CCPF. Expected outputs: (a) improved results and logical framework; (b) improved monitoring tools and processes; and (c) completed midterm evaluation.

#### IV. Budget

##### Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Building networks and instruments to disseminate knowledge, best practices and lessons learned	US\$132,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$132,000.00
Dialogue for identification of catalytic projects	US\$432,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$432,000.00
Enhanced monitoring and evaluability of CC+ projects	US\$166,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$166,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$730,000.00</b>	<b>US\$0.00</b>	<b>US\$730,000.00</b>

#### V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

- 5.1 As per Donors' request, the Bank is responsible for the overall execution the CC+ and its individual projects. The executing agency for this TC will be the Bank (IFD/CTI) through the Fund Coordination Unit in Barbados Country Office. In the implementation of this TC, the FCU will look for opportunities for integration with IDBLab and IDBInvest.
- 5.2 All procurement to be executed under this Technical Cooperation have been included in the Procurement Plan (Annex IV) and will be hired in compliance with the applicable Bank policies and regulations as follows: (a) Hiring of individual consultants, as established in the regulation on Complementary Workforce (AM-650) and (b) Contracting of services provided by consulting firms in accordance with the Corporate procurement Policy (GN-2303-33) and its Guidelines. An exception to these policies (GN-2303-33) has been granted by the Board of Executive Directors so that procurements from non-IDB member countries, may be eligible in the procurement processes for activities to be financed from the Facility, provided that the country of origin or nationality of such providers is recognized by the donors of the Facility as eligible.

#### VI. Project Risks and Issues

- 6.1 The capacity of public and private sector counterparts to engage in dialogue with the CC+ in a way that yields impactful projects is variable across the region. Therefore, although there will be effort placed on identifying catalytic projects, particularly in the

more vulnerable countries, the quantum and impact of projects that the Facility will be able to identify, design and execute in the more vulnerable countries is unknown. There will be a greater effort placed on dialogue in these countries to mitigate this risk. GN-2851-3 has identified capacity building activities in those countries as necessary for them to benefit from some of the instruments of the CC+.

## **VII. Environmental and Social Aspects**

- 7.1 This TC does not have applicable requirements of the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).