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Paramaribo, 5 June 2024

Mrs. Adriana La Valley
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Subject : Request for Technical Assistance
Enclosure(s) : three (3)

Dear Mrs. La Valley,

With reference to your letter dated 21 May 2024, O-CCB/CSU-381/2024, we hereby wish to request your assistance for the Ministry of Justice and Police towards facilitating the approval process of the Technical Cooperation (TC) SU-T1156 Support to State Asset Surveillance Management System, SU-T1158 Digital Catalysts for National Development, SU-T1186 (Support to the Policing of Environmental Crimes in Suriname) and participation in the regional public goods project.

Please find attached the letter from the Ministry of Justice and Police including the endorsement letters.

Kindly note that the Ministry of Finance and Planning provides its non-objection to these TC's. The Ministry of Justice and Police informed us that as requested they will appoint in due time a focal point to serve as the primary contact for these TC's.

We are looking forward to the proposed meeting to discuss the following on June 17, 2024.

Hope to have informed you sufficiently and looking forward to the follow-up of this initiative.

Yours, sincerely,

Drs. I. Sandel, MPA
Permanent Secretary
Directorate of Planning and Development Finance

cc: PS Justice and Police



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O-CCB/CSU-381/2024

Paramaribo, May 21, 2024

His Excellency Kenneth Amoksi
Minister of Justice and Police
Ministry of Justice and Police
Henck Arron Straat
Paramaribo

Subject: Technical Support on Environmental Policing

Dear Minister Amoksi,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to seek confirmation of the interest of the Government of the Republic of Suriname in technical support to enhance environmental policing efforts in Suriname.

Two upcoming initiatives are possible, contingent upon the receipt of letters of request by the Government of the Republic of Suriname.

1. Ongoing Technical Cooperation

We first want to note the ongoing collaborations related to environmental policing that we have facilitated through two existing Technical Cooperation (TC) projects:

a) *Support to State Asset Surveillance Management System (SU-T1156)*

This TC project was approved in December 2022 for US\$100K, with the first activity completed under this cooperation being a collaboration with the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) for US\$35K that involved training 32 civil servants from 9 government agencies on the potential use of Earth Observation (satellite) data for monitoring Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM).

The second activity under SU-T1156, scheduled for June 2024 with a budget of US\$65K, entails a feasibility analysis towards developing an Electronic Environmental Surveillance System. This System will leverage existing law enforcement capacities and digital platforms to enhance surveillance and intervention against environmental crimes, such as ASM or trafficking.

The feasibility analysis will include (i) a crime script analysis of environmental crime(s) considered a priority by the Ministry that will be undertaken by an international criminal justice expert procured by the Bank; (ii) consultations with key law enforcement personnel and hinterland community stakeholders to collaboratively identify possible interventions by the state to address these issues; and (iii) a prospective costing and outlining of key next steps to develop a viable digital solution/platform for monitoring natural resources.



b) *Digital Catalysts for National Development (SU-T1158)*

Under this TC project that was approved in October 2022 for US\$430K, the IDB has committed to support the design and implementation of a geospatial tracking system for mining personnel with an allocation of US\$110K. However, to avoid duplication of efforts among government agencies and their respective development partners, we propose a collaborative approach that will be spearheaded by the soon-to-be-established Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment (ROM).

2. Proposed Initiatives: Technical Cooperation (SU-T1186) and Regional Public Good

a) *Support to the Policing of Environmental Crimes in Suriname*

We can also propose the preparation of an TC project for approval in June 2024, with resources amounting to US\$65K available to support improved environmental policing outcomes. This initiative can seek to broker a partnership between JUSPOL and the Brazilian Federal Police (DPF) in the use of a shared satellite resource for Amazonian countries to combat various crimes, including environmental offenses like illegal gold extraction. Please see the link for a depiction of this resource: <https://plataforma-pf.scon.com.br/#/>. This technical support would involve (i) the hiring of at least one policy advisor to facilitate the production of technical inputs required by JUSPOL under this initiative; and (ii) the delivery of capacity building for Ministry personnel to use this shared resource.

b) *Secure and Sustainable Amazon: A regional model for the prevention, monitoring and investigation of illegal mining and other environmental crimes*

The IDB's Citizen Security and Justice team is facilitating collaboration on the prevention, monitoring, and investigation of illegal mining and other environmental crimes among police forces in several countries that share the Amazon such as Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and Colombia. This proposed US\$600K regional public good (RPG) project would seek to diagnose, monitor and provide tools for actions against environmental crimes such as illegal mining and logging); help local communities create a sustainable development strategy for vulnerable populations in the Amazon region; and pilot specific alternative livelihood projects. It is designed with a multinational perspective to address transnational crime affecting the region, making use of scientific technologies for effective law enforcement and alternative development.

3. Next Steps

To proceed with the proposed initiatives, we would require the following:

1. A letter of request for technical assistance that will come from the Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) to the Bank, towards facilitating the approval process of Technical Cooperation SU-T1186 and participation in the regional public good project.
2. The naming of a focal point within the Ministry who will serve as our primary contact for coordination on the environmental policing portfolio.
3. Your availability during the week of June 17th, 2024, for a meeting with our team to discuss the execution of these projects and other areas of collaboration.



Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your positive response and our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Adriana La Valley

Adriana La Valley
Country Representative of the IDB

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Aan: de Minister van Financiën en Planning.
Dhr. Kermechend S. Raghoebarsing
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Plaats/Datum:
Paramaribo, 29 mei 2024

Onderwerp: technische ondersteuning van de IDB aan het ministerie van Justitie en Politie

Geachte collega,

Refererend aan het schrijven d.d. 28 mei 2024 inzake het onderwerpelijke, worden hierbij twee brieven ter ondersteuning van het verzoek aan u aangeboden. Het betreft de:

1. Letter of Request on Environmental policing Suriname TC JUSPOL.
2. Letter of Commitment for RPG on Environmental policing Suriname

Volgaarne uw medewerking voor de spoedige afhandeling van het gevraagde.

Met collegiale groet,

De Minister van Justitie en Politie,

Handwritten signature of Kenneth Amoksi in blue ink, dated 29/05/24.

Dhr. mr. Kenneth Amoksi MSc.



Bijlagen:

- Schrijven d.d. 28 mei 2024 met ref. no. Sm24/ 04332
- Letter of Request on Environmental policing Suriname TC JUSPOL.
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Geachte collega,

Op verschillende momenten zijn er gesprekken gevoerd met de vertegenwoordigers van de Inter American Development Bank (IADB) in Suriname, inzake technische ondersteuning aan het ministerie van Justitie en Politie.

Onlangs is ervan uit de IADB het schrijven gedateerd 21 mei 2024 met kenmerk O-CCB/CSU-381/2024 ontvangen met lopende projecten en nieuwe project voorstellen die uitgevoerd zullen worden ter verbetering van de milieuhandhaving en veiligheid in Suriname.

Gaarne, zoals de procedure vereist, per schrijven het formele verzoek aan de IADB voor de technische ondersteuning aan het ministerie van Justitie en Politie te doen, zodat er spoedig een aanvang kan worden gemaakt met de zaken zoals genoemd in het eerdergenoemde schrijven.

Hierbij wordt het voorstel gedaan voor een onderhoud op maandag 17 juni 2024 met de volgende personen en/of organisaties:

1. De IADB;
2. De leiding van het ministerie van Justitie en Politie;
3. De leiding van het ministerie van Financiën en Planning;
4. De ministeriele Plan Unit bij het ministerie van Justitie en Politie en
5. De leiding van de verschillende korpsen bij het ministerie van Justitie en Politie.

Volgaarne uw medewerking voor de spoedige afhandeling van het gevraagde.

Met collegiale groet,

De Minister van Justitie en Politie

Kenneth Amoksi
28/05/24
Dhr. mr. Kenneth Amoksi MSc



Bijlagen:

- Schrijven inzake het onderwerpelijke d.d. 21 mei 2024 met kenmerk O-CCB/CSU-381/2024
- Schrijven inzake lopende projecten d.d. 4 april 2024 met kenmerk O-CCB/CSU 245-2024

Paramaribo, 29 May 2023

Strategic Eligibility Committee
Regional Public Goods Initiative
Vice-presidency for Sectors and Knowledge
Inter-American Development Bank
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Dear Members of the Committee,

The Ministry of Justice and Police of Suriname (JUSPOL) is dedicated to enhancing environmental policing to address pressing environmental challenges. To support this commitment, we are preparing a Technical Cooperation (TC) project with a budget of \$65,000, which we seek your approval for. The primary objective of this project is to improve environmental policing outcomes in Suriname.

Illegal gold extraction and other environmental crimes often involve transnational criminal networks operating across borders. By leveraging a shared satellite resource with Brazil, Suriname can significantly enhance its capacity to monitor and combat these transnational crimes effectively. This project aims to establish a partnership between the Surinamese Ministry of Justice and Police (JUSPOL) and the Brazilian Federal Police (DPF) to utilize shared satellite resources for Amazonian countries, focusing particularly on environmental offenses such as illegal gold extraction.

The project encompasses the following key components:

- **Technical Support and Policy Development:** We will provide the necessary technical inputs and develop policies to enable JUSPOL to effectively utilize the shared satellite resources.
- **Training Programs:** These programs will enhance the skills of the Ministry's personnel in using satellite resources for environmental law enforcement.

Strengthening Suriname's ability to combat environmental crimes aligns with our strategic objectives of sustainable development and conservation of natural resources. By addressing environmental offenses like illegal gold mining, the project will directly contribute to the conservation of environmental resources and biodiversity.

Furthermore, the project will involve hiring a policy advisor and implementing capacity-building initiatives. These efforts will bolster the institutional capacity of JUSPOL and other relevant stakeholders, enabling them to leverage advanced technology and international collaborations for effective environmental enforcement. The project will enhance enforcement capabilities, promote international cooperation with organizations such as the Brazilian Federal Police, and uphold the rule of law by deterring environmental

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crimes, holding offenders accountable, and developing legal frameworks for environmental protection.

The project will be executed in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) through the Innovation in Citizen Services Division (IFD/ICS). The Technical Cooperation (TC) will be conducted over a 12-month period, with actual implementation expected to take ten months. ||

We kindly request your support and approval for this initiative.

Sincerely,

H.E. Kenneth Amoksi
Minister
Ministry of Justice and Police


29/05/24

Paramaribo, 29 May 2023

Strategic Eligibility Committee
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Dear Members of the Committee:

The Ministry of Justice and Police of Suriname is fully committed to supporting and participating in the execution of the regional project **"A Safe and Sustainable Amazon: A regional model for the prevention, monitoring, and investigation of illegal mining and other environmental crimes"**. This project, proposed for financing under the Initiative for the Promotion of Regional Public Goods with a budget of US\$600,000, aims to enhance regional cooperation in addressing environmental crimes. To support this initiative, the Ministry will contribute in-kind resources equivalent to US\$ [amount] in human resources dedicated to the project. This contribution will cover the time allocated by a focal point from the Ministry over a three-year period, facilitating the project's implementation. Activities to be developed include: supporting the development of case management functions and competencies; participating in training sessions; engaging in the dialogue mechanism; coordinating project activities with other law enforcement and mining sector entities within the country. These efforts will ensure effective collaboration and enhanced capabilities in preventing and addressing environmental crimes in the Amazon region.

The project will be executed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for its strategic role at the regional level to coordinate and supervise the implementation of activities, coordinate actions together with the beneficiary countries and the group of partners and experts and offer a platform that contributes to the sustainability of the project, in connection with the Network of the Regional Dialogue on Citizen Security Policy. It will have a Steering Committee composed by the participating Amazonian countries, which will designate a dedicated focal point to act as a representative and liaison to the project. The program will be managed collaboratively by the IDB, the Brazilian Federal Police and the Governments of the beneficiary countries.

The RPG that the proposal promotes aims to diagnose, monitor and provide tools for actions against environmental crimes (mining and illegal logging) to help local communities create a sustainable development strategy for vulnerable populations in the Amazon region and pilot specific alternative development projects. It is designed with a multinational perspective to address transnational crime affecting the region, making use of scientific technologies for effective law enforcement and alternative development. It is also noteworthy to share that Suriname has experienced economic difficulties, which have affected public sector financing, including that of the police force which makes it more challenging to maintain order in all regions of Suriname.

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Participating in the RPG will allow Suriname to share its experience and best practices and contribute to the development of standardized instruments that will be useful at the regional level, as well as be part of a regional network for the exchange of knowledge, access to tools and the promotion of collaboration and cooperation among countries and strengthen some of the current challenges against environmental crimes.

Considering the above, the Government of Suriname pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue expanding the technological use of satellites for the prevention and prosecution of crimes, developing a monitoring and evaluation framework for effective cooperation among law enforcement agencies, promoting the effective exchange of information and intelligence among judicial and law enforcement agencies and to strengthening the investigative capacity of law enforcement agencies.

Sincerely,

H.E. Kenneth Amoksi
Minister
Ministry of Justice and Police

