

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES

Selection # as assigned by e-Tool: RG-T3283-P001

Selection Method: Simplified Competitive Selection

Country: Barbados

Sector: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Funding – TC #: ATN/MC-17416-RG

Project #: RG-T3283

TC name: Financing the Design and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Description of Services: update Barbados' first NDC, in line with UNFCCC requirements, new national priorities and targets established in response to Barbados' commitment to become a resilient and carbon neutral economy by 2030.

Link to TC document: [TC Document](#)

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is executing the above-mentioned operation. For this operation, the IDB intends to contract consulting services described in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered using the IDB Portal for Bank Executed Operations (<http://beo-procurement.iadb.org/home>) by: September 30, 2019, 5:00 P.M. (Washington D.C. Time).

The consulting services ("the Services") include, over a period of 6 months, working closely with the Coordination Environment from the Ministry of Environment & National Beautification to update the Nationally Determined Contribution of Barbados, in line with UNFCCC requirements, new national priorities and targets established in response to Barbados' commitment to become a resilient and carbon neutral economy by 2030.

Eligible consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting firms for Bank-executed Operational Work](#) - GN-2765-1. All eligible consulting firms, as defined in the Policy may express an interest. If the Consulting Firm is presented in a Consortium, it will designate one of them as a representative, and the latter will be responsible for the communications, the registration in the portal and for submitting the corresponding documents.

The IDB now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described below in the draft summary of the intended Terms of Reference for the assignment. Interested consulting firms must provide information (maximum 10 pages EXCLUDING cover and table of contents) establishing that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions,

availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Eligible consulting firms may associate in a form of a Joint Venture or a sub-consultancy agreement to enhance their qualifications. Such association or Joint Venture shall appoint one of the firms as the representative.

Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information during office hours, 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM, (Washington D.C. Time) by sending an email to: Mariana Ceva Alvarez (marianace@iadb.org) and Gerard Alleng (gerarda@iadb.org).

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Draft Summary of Terms of Reference

*The full version of the TOR will be provided at the RFP stage.

Background

As a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in April 2016, the Government of Barbados ratified the Paris Agreement and accordingly committed to pursue the objectives and targets communicated in its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC).

Barbados intended to achieve an economy-wide reduction in GHG emissions of 44% compared to its business as usual (BAU) scenario by 2030, whereas adaptation was identified as an area of concern that needed to also be urgently addressed.

It has been four years since the preparation and submission of Barbados' first NDC. In 2018, a new Government was elected which came with an enhanced interest and focus on the transformation of Barbados into a carbon neutral and resilient economy by 2030.

Objectives

The overall objective of this consultancy is to update Barbados' first NDC, in line with UNFCCC requirements, new national priorities and targets established in response to Barbados' commitment to become a resilient and carbon neutral economy by 2030.

By the end of this consultancy, there should be:

- Assessment of current NDC and identified gaps and shortcomings between the Paris Agreement and relevant national policies and strategies

- New NDC report that includes, at minimum: timeframe, monitoring framework, an analysis of the institutional set up to enable the effective implementation of the updated NDC, and a set of project portfolio that contributes to the achievement of the goals of the new NDC and funding sources for implementation, including financing options under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- Trained technical staff that who will be able to replicate the activities as mentioned in this TOR in the future.

Activities

Analysis of previous work on NDC and outline of new NDC:

- Conduct analysis of current NDC in terms of the governance structure, stakeholders involved, data availability, capacity building, participatory process
- Then identify gaps and shortcomings against Paris Agreement and national policies and strategies, and technical and monitoring capacity of Barbados for implementation of the NDC. Take into consideration Article 4, paragraph 19, of the Paris Agreement and the decision 1/CP 21, paragraph 35, which invites parties to communicate mid-century, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LTS); the financial, technical and monitoring capacity of Barbados for implementation of the NDC; and include an analysis on the performance on access and utilization of climate finance, technology and capacity building support from external sources.
- Political economy analysis and country economic structure analysis, including trends in public and private investments.
- Outline of new NDC, including timeframe, monitoring framework, an analysis of the institutional set up to enable the effective implementation of the updated NDC to be presented and validated by relevant stakeholders

Development of a new NDC:

The new NDC should contain at least the following information (both for mitigation and adaptation measures):

- i. Goals typology, description and justification;
- ii. Indicators;
- iii. Indicative, justified, and conditioned timeframes;
- iv. A clear definition of how the goals and identified actions align to overall relevant policy, including regulations, strategies, plans, programmes, etc;
- v. An analytic overview including strengths and weaknesses of the proposed objectives and actions following a set of criteria agreed upon jointly with the IDB and the Government of Barbados, as well as a prioritization of the suggested actions;
- vi. A strategic review of the existing national climate-related governance framework, including suggestions (institutional as well as policy and normative-driven) to improve the operational

and institutional set up to enable the effective implementation of the updated NDC, including through the generation of likely shovel-ready and mature investment portfolios.

A proposal of initial measures or projects that could be developed to facilitate effective implementation of the new NDC:

- i. A mapping exercise of existing public project pipelines to identify projects/initiatives that could contribute towards the goals of the updated NDCs as defined in activity 4.3.
- ii. A set of main areas of investment and characterized projects, including precise listing of numerical information used for each measure (discount rates, tax levels, CAPEX and OPEX costs, estimated public and private investment levels needed, etc.) ideally in a spreadsheet or model that allows to understand how assumptions impact results.
- iii. The set of projects must also detail the level of progress of these, including the state of maturity of the proposal and possible sources of funding, as well as requirements for each funding source and the status of compliance of the proposal with the requirements to access to financing.
- iv. Possible sponsors/investors
- v. Options for public actions that can eliminate the barriers / bottlenecks identified and channel the investment of public and private resources.

The firm should analyze possible financing sources and available instruments for mitigation and adaptation to Climate Change:

- i. Identification of different public financing sources (central government and local government), private (family office, venture capital, etc.), and international funding available for the financing of climate change-related projects;
- ii. Identification of different financing instruments (grants, multilateral funds, loans, guarantees, risk capital funds, carbon markets, green bonds, sovereign green bonds, PPPs, etc.) available at the public, private and international level for the financing of climate change-related projects.

Within these, it is required for the firm to provide special detailed options for the development of a framework for carbon market implementation, according to Article 6.2 and 6.4 of the Paris Agreement, and the results of COP25 negotiations.

Stakeholder consultation and institutional capacity

Develop and deliver a stakeholder engagement plan:

- i. At least 3 rounds of stakeholder dialogues must be carried out throughout the consultancy, ensuring national ownership of the NDC proposed actions.
- ii. Stakeholder dialogues must be conducted in close collaboration with the Coordination Environment from the Cabinet of the President, where a local technical team should benefit from building capacity on the whole process of updating the NDC.