



Pillar 2 - Call for Projects

Enhancing Climate-Smart, Gender-Responsive Public Governance

Compete Caribbean+: Partnering for a Competitive, Equitable and Climate-Smart Caribbean Region



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Governance



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- ✦ Introduction to CC+



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CC+: Pillar 2

Pillar 2:

Strengthening Regulatory Capacities to Support a Dynamic, Climate Smart and Inclusive Private Sector

The Aim: *Solve regulatory and institutional capacity bottlenecks that affect businesses' ability to become more competitive, climate smart and inclusive*

Areas of Intervention:



Public Governance

Help countries develop and implement their NDCs and NAPs intersecting with private sector development



Capacity & Institutional Strengthening
to promote gender-responsive competitiveness, decarbonization and climate resilience



Climate-Smart Action & PPS
Support Climate Smart Actions & Action Plans incl. Blue/Green innovation of nature-based economic sectors and PPS

Objective: Strengthen public governance to drive climate resilience and inclusive growth.

What do we aim to Achieve?

- Technical assistance for policy reform and capacity building.
- Support for innovative, climate-smart, and gender-responsive governance initiatives.
- Integration of private sector-driven solutions/PPPs



Dominica, Guyana, Suriname

St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Who Can Apply:

- (i) Government line Ministries;
- (ii) Government & Quasi-Government Agencies;
- (iii) National and Local Government Orgs (Trusts, Bureaus, Authorities, and Business Support Organizations (BSOs)); and
- (iv) Regional Development & Inter-Governmental organizations in partnership with National Bodies.

Lead Entity for the Project

National Projects: A Government or Quasi-Government Agency must be designated as lead entity for national projects.

Regional Projects: Lead entity may be a Regional Agency in collaboration with at least 2 beneficiary countries.

Partnerships: Partnering with the Private sector, NGOs, Academia, Civil Society encouraged in **collaboration with government partners**.

Cross-cutting priority to foster inclusion & benefits for women, youth, indigenous communities, persons with disabilities etc., and those most impacted by climate change.

Application Criteria

a) National Projects: The project is submitted and led by a Public Sector Entity/ Quasi Government Agency:

- ✓ *Letter of Commitment/Counterpart Contribution*
- ✓ *Letter of Request from the ‘Government’ – Relevant Ministry*
- ✓ *Letter of no-objection from IDB focal point Ministry (Guyana & Suriname)*

b) Regional Projects: Lead entity may be Regional Agencies acting in collaboration with project beneficiary countries:

- ✓ *Letter of Commitment/Counterpart Contribution from the Lead Agency*
- ✓ *Requires minimum two (2) countries*
- ✓ *Letter of Request from each Country included as a beneficiary*

Counterpart Contribution: The lead agency/project partners are expected to contribute at least 20% of the total proposed project budget (cash and/or kind)- *staff time, equipment, facilities, operational costs etc*)

Selection Criteria



National Projects: CC+, in collaboration with Country focal points and IDB Specialists will shortlist up to **three (3)** projects per country, from which **one (1)** will be selected for funding.



Regional Projects: Applicants must demonstrate alignment with the Call objectives, local interest and commitment, and the capacity to manage and execute the proposed initiative.



**How Many Projects
will be funded?**

National projects - 1 per country

Regional Projects - Individual Basis

About the Awards



Design of Technical Cooperation: Selected project concepts will receive support to refine and develop the concept into a Technical Cooperation (TC) Proposal.



Non-Reimbursable Grant: Grants of up to USD 200,000 available for national projects.

Regional projects may propose a larger budget proportional to the activities proposed, which will be verified during project design.



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How To Apply

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Call for Project Concepts

Call for Projects from:

Dominica · Guyana

Suriname · St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Solve regulatory and institutional capacity bottlenecks that affect businesses' ability to become more competitive, climate-smart and inclusive.



<https://www.competecaribbean.org/pillar-2-call-for-project-concepts-enhancing-climate-smart-gender-responsive-public-governance-in-the-caribbean>

How To Apply

Step 1: Complete Online Application Form and Submit Three (3) Mandatory Appendices

- **Appendix I (A & B):** Activities/ Implementation Plan & Breakdown of Budget
- **Appendix II:** Signed Letter of Government Request
- **Appendix III:** Signed Letter of Commitment
(written commitment of counterpart contribution, staff allocation, and any partnerships)

How To Apply

Step 2: Proposal Development

CC+, in collaboration with Country focal points, IDB Specialists and Regional Development Partners, will select **one (1) project** for funding. If required, a consultant or consulting firm will be engaged to assist in developing a TC proposal.

Step 3: Project Implementation

Subject to CC+ and IDB's internal procedures, implementation of approved projects is expected to begin in Q3 2026.

Project execution will be planned for a period of up to 24 months. An Independent Project Evaluation is Mandatory for all projects.

Types of Projects

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

What Are We Looking For?

Project Scope

Clear focus on policy formulation/reform, institutional strengthening and capacity-building centered on promoting climate adaptation, mitigation, and/or resilience building actions that contribute to private sector development, integrate gender equity, diversity and social inclusion.





Strengthen Public Governance

- ✦ To draft, enhance and/or support the implementation of gender-responsive, climate-related legislations, regulations, policies to incentivise environmentally friendly and responsible business practices and stimulate private sector investment in climate-smart initiatives.
- ✦ To build and/or enhance institutional frameworks and governance structures for policy makers to more effectively lead and manage climate related initiatives and policy enforcement mechanisms.
- ✦ Initiatives to empower the private sector to engage in climate action, adopt sustainable business practices and enhance climate and disaster resilience.
- ✦ Feasibility studies, market assessments and other knowledge products to enhance resilience and capitalise on opportunities for climate action, including linked to key sectors: tourism, agriculture, biodiversity, the blue economy, environmental management and green energy, aimed at creating an enabling environment for nature-positive sectors, private sector and community benefit.



Capacity & Institutional Strengthening

- ✦ Building institutional capacity for gender-responsive and inclusive policy design and implementation.
- ✦ Capacity-building initiatives to promote decarbonization and achievement of green certifications and standards.
- ✦ Employment and higher education interventions, which promote support new Blue/Green innovations and foster new green skills and market opportunities.
- ✦ Capacity enhancement related to Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) implementation and performance measurement.
- ✦ Enhance knowledge and awareness of Gender Equity and Social Inclusion strategies among policymakers involved in climate governance and private sector/civil society counterparts.



Develop and Implement Climate-Smart Actions and Action Plans

- ✦ Development or enhancement of public procurement systems and processes including to integrate technology and create enabling conditions for procuring green innovations.
- ✦ Private sector collaboration and incentivizing related to monitoring, verification and reporting (MRV) systems and Environmental Social Governance (ESG) with specific indicators to track private sector climate actions.
- ✦ Establishing pathways for participation in global blue and green carbon markets.
- Develop and implement plans that accelerate and support climate action, and the net-zero transition by the private sector, promote private sector engagement and partnerships for implementation.
- Design and implement socially inclusive mitigation/ adaptation solutions including for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), vulnerable groups/communities and those most severely impacted by climate change.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
Relevance and Alignment	(20%)
Innovation and Impact	(20%)
Feasibility and Sustainability	(25%)
Execution Arrangements and Institutional Capacity	(20%)
Gender and Social Inclusion	(15%)



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- ✦ Eligible Expenses
- ✦ Common FAQ's
- ✦ Audience Q&A

What types of expenses are eligible for funding?



Grants can only cover **Technical Assistance** expenses and may include :

- ✓ Technical consultancy fees for policy development and regulatory reform
 - ✓ Capacity-building activities including education and awareness
 - ✓ Research and knowledge products
 - ✓ Action plan development and implementation
 - ✓ Stakeholder engagement, PR and promotional activities
 - ✓ Creation of monitoring, reporting, and verification systems
 - ✓ Technology procurement - digital and technological solutions
 - ✓ Fostering public-private partnerships and regional/inter-governmental collaboration.
- ✦ Expenditures must comply with IDB guidelines and reflect cost-effectiveness.
- ✦ Operating/management costs and capital goods costs are typically not eligible for financing.

Common FAQs



- **Can multiple entities collaborate on a single project?**

Yes, partnerships are encouraged among public and private sector entities, academic institutions and/or or civil society groups. The lead applicant must be a public sector entity. Projects should clearly define the role and contribution of each partner.

- **Can projects target specific sectors or industries?**

Yes, projects can focus on specific sectors e.g. agriculture, energy, tourism, fisheries, manufacturing, and finance, etc., as long as they align with the Call objectives.

- **Can projects address regional or multi-country challenges?**

Yes, projects that address regional challenges or involve collaboration between multiple countries are encouraged, provided they align with the objectives of the Call for Projects and demonstrate measurable benefits across participating nations.

- **Can previous or existing projects apply for additional funding?**

Projects previously funded by Compete Caribbean may apply for funding to expand/ enhance activities, provided they align with the Call's objectives and demonstrate incremental benefits.

- **Can entities submit more than one proposal?**

Yes, entities can submit multiple proposals, but each proposal will be evaluated independently. For example an entity can submit a national level project and participate in a regional project as well.

Common FAQs



- **Is co-financing or counterpart contribution mandatory for all projects?**
Counterpart contribution refers to the resources provided by the applicant to demonstrate commitment and shared investment in the initiative. Applicants are expected to demonstrate counterpart commitments of 20% of the project cost, which may include financial contributions, in-kind resources, staff allocation, or leveraging new or existing partnerships to support project implementation.
- **What is considered as a quasi-government entity?**
An organization that has some level of government oversight, funding or a legislative mandate, such as statutory bodies, regulatory agencies/authorities & National Trusts.
- **Will CC+ provide guidance during the application process?**
Applicants may contact the program team with clarification questions, however this is a competitive process and no support will be provided to write the project concept.
- **What happens after submission?**
Applications will undergo:
 - An initial eligibility screening.
 - A detailed evaluation based on selection criteria.
 - Shortlisted applicants will be notified and may be required to provide additional information and attend a project review and validation meeting.

Next Steps & Timelines



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NB: DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO REVISION



Q & A office hrs: () Countries can reach out to the CC+ team for support and guidance

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: May 29, 2026



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- ✦ **Wrap Up**
- ✦ **Closing Remarks**

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