

Enhancing Climate-Smart Gender-Responsive Governance and Business Practices in the Caribbean

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

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

Who Can Apply and Eligibility Criteria

1 Who Can Apply:

- Government line ministries
- Government and Quasi-Govt Agencies
- National and Regional Organizations in collaboration with Govt/Quasi-Govt entities

2 Eligibility Criteria:

- The Project should be implemented in one of the 13 Compete Caribbean beneficiary countries: *Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago.*
- All proposed National projects must be submitted and led by a public sector entity (government or quasi-government agency).
- For Regional projects, the lead entity may be Regional Agencies acting in collaboration with project beneficiary countries.
- Project Concepts can include partnerships with the private sector, NGOs, academic institutions and other non-government institutions.
- A Letter of Commitment from the Lead Agency is Required; and a *Letter of Request for Support from the Government.*

In IDB countries – this Letter should be obtained from the IDB focal point (i.e. Ministry of Finance/ Ministry of Planning or equivalent).

Awards and Financing

What Are The Awards?

1. **Technical Assistance:** Selected Projects will receive consultancy support to develop the Project Concept into a full Project Proposal as required.
2. **Non-reimbursable Grant:** Grant of up to **US\$200,000** to support project implementation. Projects are expected to have a life-span up to **36 months** for implementation.
3. **Counterpart Contribution:** The lead agency/project partners are expected to contribute at least 20% of the total proposed project budget (in cash and/or kind). Examples of counterpart contributions include staff time, equipment, facilities, or other operational costs directly tied to project implementation.

What Can Be Financed?

The call seeks to catalyze systemic change by equipping governments with the tools, knowledge, partnerships and resources needed to foster climate resilience, with downstream benefits to enhance private sector resilience and climate actions. Some examples of eligible projects and activities are included below:

- Developing or enhancing legal frameworks for climate-smart business practices.
- Developing/updating policies and regulations including those linked to climate and environmental management, supporting inclusive food systems and nature-based solutions.
- Initiatives to promote decarbonization and achievement of green certifications and standards.
- Employment and higher education policies which promote competitive green skills.
- Development or enhancement of public procurement systems, registries and processes including to integrate technology and create enabling conditions for 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.
- Building institutional capacity for gender-responsive and inclusive policy design and implementation.
- Technological solutions such as climate data systems and tools;
- Capacity-building, stakeholder engagement, education and awareness activities;
- Research such as baseline and feasibility studies and market assessments to identify opportunities for climate action;
- Action plan development and implementation for nature-positive blue-green economic sectors with biodiversity co-benefits such as ecotourism, ocean governance, sustainable fisheries and climate smart agriculture etc).
- Fostering public-private partnerships and regional/inter-governmental collaboration.

Project Scope and Application Process

What Are We Looking For?

Project Scope: Clear focus on strengthening governance, and aligned with promoting climate adaptation, mitigation, and/or resilience building actions that benefit the private sector, promote green goods and services, and support the net-zero transition. Efforts to integrate **gender equity, diversity** and **social inclusion** into **climate governance and climate action** is a cross-cutting priority that should be embedded in all interventions.

Important Dates:

- Join our Virtual Application Clinic: Feb. 12, 2025
- Join our Q and A session: March 4, 2025
- Deadline Date for questions: March 7, 2025
- Deadline to Submit Project Concepts: March 14, 2025

How to Apply?

Applications must be submitted using the Online Application Form, accessible via

<https://www.competecaribbean.org/opportunities/call-for-proposals-enhancing-climate-smart-gender-responsive-governance-and-business-practices-in-the-caribbean/>

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