

Strengthening Institutional and Technical Capacity for Barbados to meet the transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

Basic project information

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Countries

Barbados

Project Name

Strengthening Institutional and Technical Capacity for Barbados to meet the transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement

Agencies

IADB

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Focal Area

Climate Change

Project Type

MSP

CEO Approval Request

Part I ? Project Information

1. Focal area elements. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please address the following comments:

1. Please change the Rio Markers as follows: Climate Change Mitigation - 2; Climate Change Adaptation - 1.
2. Under "Other Executing Partner" please name the Executing Agency.
3. Under Taxonomy, please check all applicable boxes such as UNFCCC, Climate Change, Knowledge exchange, Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency etc.
4. In Table A, please fill out Focal Area Outcomes with "Foster enabling conditions for mainstreaming mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies through Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency"

5/17/2022: These have been addressed. Cleared.

Agency Response

1. Rio Markers have been changed to Climate Change Mitigation - 2; Climate Change Adaptation -1..
2. Under "Other Executing Partner" we included MENB as the executing agency for this project.

3. Under Taxonomy, all applicable boxes have been checked.

4. In Table A, Focal Area Outcomes now includes "Foster enabling conditions for mainstreaming mitigation concerns into sustainable development strategies through Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency".

2. Project description summary. Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: We welcome the project design. However, we would like to clarify the following:

1. Please provide an explanation for the amounts being allocated for Output 1.1 vs Output 2.1 (output 2.1 includes setting up of electronic management system and electronic tool). Please consider revising these as needed.
2. Additionally, the outputs as labeled in Table B do not match those in the alternative scenario (for eg, Table B Output 1.2 states Completed trainings... while in the alternative scenario is states Local Emission factors established...). Please ensure that these are consistent across the table and the alternative scenario.
3. Please see comments in the Budget section related to M&E. Accordingly, Table B may need to be revised to include a separate component on M&E.

Under "justification", please say N/A.

5/17/2022: On #2, Outcome 2.1 and 3.1 in the alternative scenario do not match the Table B. Please revise.

5/26/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

1. Output 1.1 is mainly dedicated to create the training material and required updates for this material to be adequate for Barbados to build a solid and qualitative GHG emissions inventory, Output 2.1 includes setting up of electronic management system and electronic tool which is one of the mechanisms that will allow for the data to be collected adequately using the training materials from output 1.1
2. The texts have been reviewed and consistency has been ensured.
3. The Budget is now included with GEF's format. An explanation was included on the section related to M&E but the resources are allocated from the PMC component.

4. Under "justification", we have included N/A, as it previously explained that the M&E costs are under PMC.

5/17/2022

Thanks for the follow up, we must have forgotten to save the changes, the texts on both sections are now all coherent with respect to Outcomes 2.1 and 3.1.

3. If this is a non-grant instrument, has a reflow calendar been presented in Annex D?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

4. Co-financing. Are the confirmed amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified and meets the definition of investment mobilized, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Under Describe how any "investment mobilized" was identified - please say N/A.

5/17/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response N/A was included

5. GEF resource availability. Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines? Are they within the resources available from (mark all that apply):

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, resources for this project is available at the time of submission of the project.

Agency Response Thanks for confirming availability of resources.
STAR allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

Focal Area allocation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

LDCF under the principle of equitable access?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

SCCF (Adaptation or Tech Transfer)?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

Focal Area Set Aside?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

Impact Program Incentive?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

6. Project Preparation Grant. If PPG is requested in Table E.1, has its advanced programming and utilized been accounted for in Annex C of the document?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: No PPG has been requested for this project. N/A

Agency Response N/A

7. Non-Grant Instrument. If this an NGI, are the expected reflows indicated in Annex D?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

8. Core Indicators. Are the targeted core indicators in Table E calculated using the methodology in the prescribed guidelines? (GEF/C.54/Infxxx)

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: This has been provided. However, please provide an explanation of how the targets were arrived at, including the 1:1 ratio for male and female.

5/17/2022: Please provide a brief explanation of how the targets were derived (for example, the number of people trained across ministries, etc.).

5/26/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

Given the limited information on gender participation and presence in the sectors to be included in the activities, we proposed a gender parity figure as a target. Nonetheless, it may evolve over time based on the assessments to be developed, but we wanted to convey the fact that our objective was to pursue parity whenever possible.

5/17/2022

The targets for institutions and persons to be included in the project implementation, as well as the ratio are based on the realistic extrapolation of the stakeholders invited and actively participating in the Update of the NDC process. Please find attached in the RoadMap/Stakeholders sections a new Annex: "**Barbados MRV Profile and Key Stakeholders**", which includes a list of the 20 key institutions, including key public entities, private sector and multilateral partners, that were invited to the process and next steps. The Updated NDC process Final Workshop allowed to share final recommendations from the international consulting firm, and provided key insights on the MRV insights. Also, we presented the structure of this CBIT project as one of the solutions derived from the recommendations given by the consulting firm. Almost 50 persons participated and were identified and committed to continue the work under the project, based on the gaps identified during the NDC update process regarding the MRV dimension.

9. Project taxonomy. Is the project properly tagged with the appropriate keywords as in Table G?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: As mentioned above, please tag all relevant keywords.

5/26/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response All keywords have been included to illustrate all the themes identified,. A glitch on our side may have deleted the details provided previously.

Part II ? Project Justification

1. Project Description. Is there sufficient elaboration on how the global environmental/adaptation problems, including the root causes and barriers, are going to be addressed?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: The description here states that a "full GHG inventory remains to be completed". Please provide, either here or in the next section, what systems/processes etc. may already exist. The description mentions a GHG Inventory Framework - please provide a brief overview. Are there technical working groups or focal points that are established etc. In addition, please elaborate what "remains to be completed".

5/17/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response We have included further details from the NDC Update process, namely: "During the process we observed that that data sharing arrangements between ministries were not well established or efficient. Some of the required data was not readily available to GoB staff since it was held by private sector entities or it was not properly shared between institutions and programs. Whereas some countries maintain a ?running? GHG inventory that is updated annually or biannually, Barbados does not have such a system."

2. Project Description. Is there an elaboration on how the baseline scenario or any associated baseline projects were derived?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: In Table 1, please add the proposed GEF project for TNC and BUR. Additionally, please add any other transparency-related and other relevant initiatives in Barbados that may be bilaterally/donor funded. Include any initiatives that may be underway (or recently completed) with other partners such as Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub, ICAT and others.

Please provide a baseline overview of what institutional arrangements/systems may already be in place for tracking support.

5/17/2022: Please check - no additional information seems to have been added in Table 1 (and there is no mention of UNEP). In the next round, please submit a version of the CEO approval document that highlights changes made from the previous version as it helps facilitate the review process.

5/26/2022: This has been addressed. Cleared.

Agency Response

Table 1 was updated with additional details on UNDP's work, which we had identified as requiring strong coordination and collaboration.

Regarding the institutional arrangement/system, it is important to underline that the governance that had been described in the Second National Communication is not effective or operational, which is one of the challenges that this operation will tackle to ensure efficient and executable tracking systems.

Please find below the information that was added.

5/17/2022

Table 1 was edited previously with the inclusion of an additional item as Draft Project and considers the UNDP ongoing design of a GEF project for the Barbados' TNC and first BTR under GEF 8. Please find below the information added in the CEO Endorsement document.

UNDP/GEF	Ministry of Environment and National Beautification	The MENB is currently in discussion with the UNDP to undertake Barbados' TNC and first BTR under GEF 8. Discussions are still at the initial stage but it was thought that given the upcoming deadline for the submission of the first BTR (Dec. 2024), it would be better to not undertake a BUR.	Draft
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3. Project Description. Is there an elaboration on the proposed alternative scenario as described in PIF/PFD sound and adequate? Is there more clarity on the expected outcomes and components of the project and a description on the project is aiming to achieve them?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Please address comments below:

1. Component 1: Please provide additional details: what sectors this component will cover, why the focus on specific sectors, what the trainings will be for, how will it coordinate with CBIT - AFOLU and CBIT Forest global programs etc.
2. Additionally, under output 1.1 we note that the training will be conducted through an international NGO. We recommend considering developing a collaboration with a domestic university/institution in addition to anchor the training and curricula within the country.
3. For Output 1.3 please provide additional details such as why the specific sectors have been chosen (ie we note that energy is not mentioned), and what is being envisioned in terms of improved data collection. Will these be systems that will be put in place, methodologies/protocols or others?, and how would this link wit the information

management system being envisioned in Outcome 2.1. It is also not clear why there is need for surveys - please clarify here or in the gaps/barriers section.

4. Component 2: For this component in general and specifically for output 2.1 does this cover mitigation, adaptation and support, across all sectors (and does it include the inventory); and if yes, please comment on what role the WG will play in this regard.

5. For Output 2.2 please clarify what is envisioned for tracking domestic budget -would this be a tagging system? or something else. It is not clear what the difference is between the climate change informational management system and an electronic tool / platform is. Will these be connected?

6. For Output 2.3: What the role of the National Transparency WG will be, what level will it be established at, who the stakeholders will be.

7. Component 3: please provide additional details under Output 3.1 on what these guidebooks and manuals will cover (given that Component 1 has this element of developing training materials as well).

8. Output 3.2 - please comment on if this there will be any interlinkages with this output with the information management system and electronic tool mentioned above. Will this be a new platform, or will build on the two mentioned above?

9. Output 3.3 - as mentioned above, consider a collaboration with a domestic institute to develop training and ToT programs for long-term sustainability of training and capacity building. Additionally, please provide some details on what these trainings/capacity building will focus on given that the focus of the CBIT is to build capacity related to transparency .

5/17/2022: These have been addressed. Cleared.

Agency Response

1. Component 1: Additional details have been included on the sectors and synergies to promote with global initiatives to adopt and learn from current best practices.

2. Under output 1.2 we have eliminated the mention to "the training will be conducted through an international NGO" as it will be a competitive process where value added will be recognized in proposals including collaboration with a domestic university/institution in addition to anchor the training and curricula within the country.

3. For Component 1 and all Outputs, additional details have been provided as the work will concern all GHG emissions sectors , including energy, as well as the recommendations to be put in place for improved data collection and analysis. Surveys are required as information gaps have been identified based on qualitative information to be gathered which will be done through surveys.

4. Component 2: The component includes further details and mentions mitigation and adaptation, across all sectors (it includes the GHG inventory); and further details on the role of the WG.

5. For Output 2.2, further details have been included to underline that it will allow to upload information for budget tagging, a methodology to be developed under output 2.1, and which has already a draft exercise performed in 2019 with the IDB.

6. For Output 2.3, The National Transparency WG will be established after a process that will be based on an institutional assessment as its establishment and procedures cannot be decided beforehand.

7. Component 3: Further details have been included, output 1.1 targets mitigation knowledge guidebooks to enhance the quality of the GHG emissions inventory, under output 3.1 the manuals will include mitigation information but will target the requirements of the operationalization of the Enhanced Transparency Framework in Barbados, including adaptation and finance scopes.

8. Output 3.2. The linkage resides in the fact that output 2.2 allows only for the design of the platform and output 3.2 is its establishment and operationalization. The expertise needed for its technical format aligned to the ETF and digital requirements are different and therefore will be managed through different contracts.

9. Output 3.3. Description was edited to include local partners and details on the trainings that will focus on adaptation and finance, as component 1 is focused on mitigation.

4. Project Description. Is there an elaboration on how the project is aligned with focal area/impact program strategies?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes.

Agency Response N/A

5. Project Description. Is the incremental reasoning, contribution from the baseline, and co-financing clearly elaborated?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes.

Agency Response N/A

6. Project Description. Is there a better elaboration on the project's expected contribution to global environmental benefits or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes.

Agency Response N/A

7. Project Description. Is there a better elaboration to show that the project is innovative and sustainable including the potential for scaling up?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, this has been elaborated.

Agency Response N/A

8. Project Map and Coordinates. Is there an accurate and confirmed geo-referenced information where the project intervention will take place?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, this has been provided.

Agency Response N/A

9. Child Project. If this is a child project, an adequate reflection of how it contributes to the overall program impact?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

10. Stakeholders. Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase? Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please provide a detailed report on stakeholders engaged and consulted during the design phase, and how that has informed the design of this project. Additionally, please provide information on the means of engagement for the various stakeholders, and the dissemination of information.

5/17/2022: We note the additional information provided. However, it is not clear which stakeholders were consulted and engaged in the design phase (are these listed in Table 2)? Please clarify, and provide a short description of these engagements, including how these consultations have informed the design of the project. (if there is a report from these consultations, please upload in the documents section of the portal).

5/26/2022: This has been clarified and additional information provided. Cleared.

Agency Response

The Stakeholder section was edited as recommended.

The identification of stakeholders is based on previous activities held as part of similar exercises. Nonetheless, a stakeholder's mapping exercise has been included as part of Component 1, to ensure that a stakeholder assessment to update and revise the strategic stakeholder that would have to be included to ensure that all the data is collected. This exercise will also allow to include an update of the Gender Analysis, as well as an update of the private sector (assessment of the gaps to be addressed, including the business associations). These stakeholders are crucial for the project's implementation. Regarding dissemination of information the Communications Strategy (See Knowledge Management section) will also take into account the results of this mapping exercise to ensure all adequate stakeholders are included and empowered.

5/17/2017

The stakeholders consulted on a preliminary basis were the partners actively participating under the Update of the NDC process -see in RoadMap/Stakeholders sections, the new Annex: "**Barbados MRV Profile and Key Stakeholders**", where you will find more information regarding the stakeholders' entities and names as well as a brief description of the last workshop held in March 2022. This workshop allowed to wrap up the process and present the project's stakeholders with the recommendations for the MRV system required, based on the gaps identified, and a brief description on the structure of the CBIT project to be submitted to the GEF.

As stated in the activities to be performed under this project, further consultations and mapping of stakeholders will be required during the implementation phase. Consultations as per GEF guidelines will take place during implementation, allowing to refine the preliminary information shared as of now in this proposal package.

11. Gender equality and women's empowerment. Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: We note the gender annex that has been provided. However, the gender analysis should include details related to gender differences, gaps, opportunities specifically linked to the project. Additionally, the gender action plan (in the portal) needs to be further elaborated with specifics on the gender-responsive activities and indicators that it will include.

Additionally, please reconsider the response to this question "Does the project expect to include gender-responsive measures or address gender gaps ...".

5/17/2022: We note the additions made. However, at this stage, please include a gender action plan as per GEF guidelines. This is missing.

5/26/2022: This has been provided.

6/1/2022: To align with the substantive discussions provided in the section on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, please reflect under Output 3.3 that gender dimensions/perspective is taken into account with respect to the support to be provided under the vulnerability assessment and finance tracking. This can be addressed here, or in the relevant alternative scenario section.

6/3/2022: This has been addressed in the Alternative Section scenario under Output 3.3.

Agency Response

The Gender Analysis Annex will be updated as part of the stakeholder's mapping exercise to better evaluate the best practices and actions to set in place for gender-responsive activities and indicators to be included.

We have reconsidered the response to the question "Does the project expect to include gender-responsive measures or address gender gaps" and checked the box.

5/17/2022

Please find attached the revised Gender Action Plan for the project, structured in line with GEF Guidelines.

6/01/2022

As stated in Output 3.3 (in the alternative scenario section), "Trainings will focus on the adequate use of the platform by all stakeholders with special support to data to be provided under the vulnerability assessment and finance tracking (mitigation dimension being covered under component 1), as recommended by the UNFCCC Climate Action and Support Transparency Training. *Gender dimensions/perspective is taken into account with respect to the support to be provided under the vulnerability assessment and finance tracking mentioned above.*"

12. Private sector engagement. If there is a private sector engagement, is there an elaboration of its role as a financier and/or as a stakeholder?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please consider engaging with additional private sector entities from other sectors, including business associations etc.

5/17/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response Business associations and key business representatives from sectors such as Tourism and SMEs will also be invited to actively participate. Further actors will be identified through the stakeholder mapping exercise, which will also cover civil society organizations.

13. Risk. Has the project elaborated on indicated risks, including climate change, potential social and environmental risks that might prevent the project objectives from being achieved? Were there proposed measures that address these risks at the time of project implementation?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please include a COVID risk and opportunities analysis in this section.

5/17/2022: The covid risk analysis has been included. Please include a brief summary of any opportunities that may arise from COVID-19 pandemic as well.

5/26/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

COVID19 has been considered as a risk under "Execution threats from natural disasters, climate change impacts and unexpected events (COVID19)". Given the vulnerability of the island to climate change recent natural disasters (hurricanes, volcano ashes, etc.) it is important to underline that they could jeopardize the holding of certain workshops or stakeholders' engagement meetings. Based on the lessons learned from COVID19, online options will always be included as well as other potential solutions to limit the impacts on the execution.

5/17/2022

The IDB has been supporting Barbados in its COVID19 response and closely monitoring the situation (see links below). The Government of Barbados has as of now, confirmed 440 deaths on the island since the beginning of the pandemic, and its Updated NDC identified it as a challenge for implementation. Nonetheless, opportunities may arise, such as:

- Modernization of tourism offerings, including digital banking options and understanding of clients needs to better cater to their interests and ensure the market's resilience.
- Digitization opportunities in both the public and private sector.
- COVID19 has proven the importance of having good connectivity and adequate platforms to conduct education programs and efficient businesses, and underlining the importance of provision of digital services as an opportunity.
- The country has also assessed its vulnerability over its overreliance on certain sectors and the need to value their natural assets, including rethinking special protection areas, energy transition, and ways of lessening human impact as a priority.
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- The above mentioned opportunities were included in the COVID19 risks section (5. Risks to Achieving Project Objectives.)

IDB's Publications of IDB's support on COVID-19 to Barbados:

<https://publications.iadb.org/en/caribbean-quarterly-bulletin-volume-10-issue-1-may-2021>

<https://publications.iadb.org/en/caribbean-quarterly-bulletin-volume-10-issue-2-august-2021>

<https://publications.iadb.org/en/caribbean-quarterly-economic-bulletin-volume-10-issue-3-january-2022-digital-infrastructure-and>

<https://publications.iadb.org/en/caribbean-economics-quarterly-volume-11-issue-1-february-2022-year-review-graphs-economic-story>

14. Coordination. Is the institutional arrangement for project implementation fully described? Is there an elaboration on possible coordination with relevant GEF-financed projects and other bilateral/multilateral initiatives in the project area?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please elaborate on how this project will coordinate with other transparency related projects that are being developed (TNC/BUR and others), and how the project will ensure that there is no duplication or overlap of efforts.

5/17/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

In coordination with the GoB only the activities under development with UNDP have been identified with potential synergies, given their focus on the 3rd National Communication (BUR and BTR). For this reason, we are in close communication and

coordination with the UNDP focal point to avoid any duplication or overlap in the activities led by each organization (Mohammad Nagdee <mohammad.nagdee@undp.org>). Monthly meetings have been set up to ensure our commitment of collaboration.

Additionally, Barbados is participating in the CCMRV Hub project which is supporting countries in the region in their efforts to improve measurement, reporting and verification systems, building Paris Agreement reporting capabilities and enhance domestic evidence-based policy making. Currently, Barbados is a member of the project's steering committee and has benefited from the training of 2 persons in the IPCC guidelines. A key activity that we will build upon.

15. Consistency with national priorities. Has the project described the consistency of the project with identified national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under the relevant conventions?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please provide a short description of how the project is consistent with each of these national strategies, plans etc. This can be provided in a table format with the national strategy, plan etc listed followed by a brief description of how it is consistent.

5/17/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

The following table was included

Strategic Document	Alignment of CBIT project
Barbados 2021 Update of the First Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)	The Updated NDC 2021 is the cornerstone of this CBIT proposal as the achievements made to attain the NDC targets will feed into all the activities described under this CBIT proposal.
2021 Physical Development Plan Amendment	The PDP addresses the urgency of climate change and reframes planning for steady state growth by redefining the island's urban structure. It addresses scarcity and irreplaceable resources, including through the shift from car-centric transportation to multi-modal mobility. It moves Barbados toward a green economy, including food self sufficiency and a viable agriculture sector, investing in sustainable infrastructure, and greening tourism. The CBIT project will build upon the data gathered under this document and will also allow to monitor the objectives set for sustainability standards under key sectors such as electromobility, resilient coastal management, among others

Barbados National Energy Policy 2019-2030 (BENP)	The BENP signals the GoB's commitment to a clean energy future by setting the target of a fossil fuel-free electricity sector by 2030. It aims to extend the use of solar, wind, biofuels and energy storage. The energy policy includes the transport sector, starting with the objective of full electrification of or use of biofuels by the passenger vehicle fleet by 2030. Significant additional investments are now needed for the BENP goal of 100% renewable energy to be attained by 2030. All key targets to be monitored through this CBIT project.
Medium-term Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) 2013-2020	This Medium-term Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) 2013-2020 recognises, as a point of departure, the need and urgency to jumpstart and sustain private sector and investment-led, productivity and export-driven growth based on an environmentally green and socially sustainable and equitable economy which is the vision for this CBIT proposal, with key involvement of the private sector stakeholder's.
Roofs to Reefs Programme (R2RP)	The R2RP seeks to identify the key projects and programmes, assess their costs, and identify and pursue funding opportunities, and coordinate implementation, which will be key under the financial tracking system to be set by this CBIT project.
Blue Economy Framework and Action plan	Its implementation will be based on strong inter-governmental coordination and partnerships with non-government organizations, the private sector, civil society and international partners. The enabling environment for this implementation will be based on a strong digital platform, policy support, innovative financing instruments, international blue financing readiness, sustainable certification and market development and mitigation risks and challenges. All activities that are included in the CBIT proposal and which synergies will need to be enhanced to avoid overlap and ensure crossfertilization.
Integrated Resources and Resilience Plan (IRRP) for Barbados	The CBIT will require inputs from the IRRP as it will guide implementation of the BENP in the electricity sector is currently being consulted on. It describes a number of scenarios for the transition and has informed this updated NDC mitigation contribution.
National Coastal Risk Information Planning Platform (NCRIPP)	The Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU) assess coastal development applications which will be crucial to include in the adaptation dimension of the digital platform to be developed under this CBIT proposal

16. Knowledge management. Is the proposed ?Knowledge Management Approach? for the project adequately elaborated with a timeline and a set of deliverables?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please provide additional details on the KM approach, how it plans to learn from other relevant projects, and how it will contribute to the project's overall impact. Also provide details on how local/regional networks will be leveraged; and how it will engage with the CBIT AFOLU and CBIT Forest and the global coordination platform. Please include plans for strategic communications.

5/17/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

Additional information on the KM approach have been included, specific paragraphs have been developed to address the coordination/leverage outreach efforts as well as the communication considerations that will be included as part of the knowledge management approach. Further collaboration will be sought with CBIT AFOLU and CBIT Forest and the global coordination platform.

Plans for strategic communications have been included in the structure to enhance the KM approach and foster value added.

17. Monitoring and Evaluation. Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan that monitors and measures results with indicators and targets?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, this has been provided.

Agency Response N/A

18. Benefits. Are the socioeconomic benefits at the national and local levels sufficiently described resulting from the project? Is there an elaboration on how these benefits translate in supporting the achievement of GEBs or adaptation benefits?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, this has been provided.

Agency Response N/A

19. Annexes:

Are all the required annexes attached and adequately responded to?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: The budget provided is not adequate. The budget should clearly distinguish between PMC activities, M&E activities and project activities. Please refer to Appendix A of the GEF "Guidelines on the Project and Program Cycle Policy (2020 update)" that provides a template. The same document in the portal should be uploaded as an excel file in the documents section of the portal.

5/17/2022: This has been provided however the grand total for each of the columns remains incomplete. Please revise so that this is filled out and the totals align with Table B.

5/26/2022: Cleared.

Agency Response

The budget is now included in the GEF's template as requested in the section and it was uploaded in the RoadMap.

5/17/2022

Annex E was revised to include the totals generated below the columns of the budget, as well as a summary table under the Excel sheet was added for better understanding. All figures are coherent with Table B.

Totals

Total Component1	\$ 511,364
Total Component2	\$ 363,636
Total Component3	\$ 261,364
Total PMC	\$ 113,636

20. Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS):

Are environmental and social risks, impacts and management measures adequately documented at this stage and consistent with requirements set out in SD/PL/03?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, this has been provided and marked as low.

Agency Response N/A

Project Results Framework

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: The Project Results Framework is duplicated twice in the portal document. Please delete the second repetitive table. Additionally, please use the term baseline, target, indicators, constraints or risks where applicable. Please clarify what is meant by P(a), A, P and other acronyms used.

From the current framework it seem that the target is one training product, one training workshop, and one training institution set up at at the end of the project, etc. It is also not clear what is meant by training institution set up. These targets seem low and we encourage the agency to be ambitious in setting these targets, especially given the amount of resources being allocated for each of these outputs. Please provide additional description/clarification.

It is not clear what is meant by participatory mechanisms for public investment decisions..". Please clarify this indicator.

Also, as per CBIT Programming Directions, please add the CBIT Indicators - Quality of MRV Systems and Qualitative Assessment of Institutional Capacity for Transparency.

5/17/2022: Some of the comments have been addressed. Please include CBIT indicators as mentioned (and use the scoring system as mentioned in the CBIT Programming Directions). Additionally please clarify through a brief description what is meant by the indicator "participatory mechanisms for public investment decisions..".

5/26/2022: This has been provided. Cleared.

Agency Response

All comments and clarifications were addressed in an updated Results Framework, which has been included in the RoadMap.

5/17/2022

The outcome of the project as stated in the IDB system is ?Build a robust and efficient MRV system for Barbados, under the Transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement? and includes in the description the definition of the CBIT Programming Indicator 3: The quality of MRV systems tracking results related to low-GHG development and GHG emissions mitigation is essential for ensuring transparency, accuracy and comparability of information with regard to climate change. They also act as repositories of knowledge and information and contribute to improving the design and prioritization of action to reduce GHG.

This indicator is included in the description of the outcome and will be monitored as well as the results of the self assessed scoring system. This project is linked to the GEF-6 climate change mitigation focal area Indicator 3 on MRV systems for emissions reductions in place and reporting verified data and will also monitor an additional indicator for qualitative assessment of institutional capacity built for transparency-related activities under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. The assessment will be done on a scale of 1-4.

Operation Objective
Strengthening Institutional and Technical Capacity for Barbados to meet the transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement

Outcome Statement: Build a robust and efficient MRV system for Barbados, under the Transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement									
Outcome Indicator Name		Unit of Measure	Baseline	Baseline Year		2022	2023	2024	ROP 9
1.1	GEF Indicators: MRV systems for GHG reductions in place and reporting verified data & The quality of MRV systems tracking results related to low-GHG development and GHG emissions mitigation is essential for ensuring transparency, accuracy and comparability of information with regard to CC	Platform	0.00	2021	P	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
					P(a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					A				0.00

CRF Indicator

Please see "Detailed Annex A. Project Results Matrix" uploaded in RoadMap for an assessment of Barbados MRV system based on scoring system as mentioned under the CBIT Programming. Summary here:

- o Based on the analysis and recommendations made by an international consulting firm based on the experience of the Updated NDC document, Barbados is considered a 2. Measurement systems are in place but data is of poor quality and/or methodologies are not very robust; reporting is done only on request or to limited audience or partially; verification is not there.
- o During the period April 2020 ? June 2021, the NDC consultant team made three main written data requests and a limited number of smaller requests for information from the Government of Barbados (GoB). The main aim of such requests was to update the 2010 GHG emissions inventory prepared in 2013, amended in 2015 by the INDC consultants. When preparing the update, historical data sets were corrected to ensure timeseries consistency and to correct any possible errors that were not in line with the IPCC Guidelines.
- o As a consequence of the pandemic, it proved challenging for GoB colleagues to obtain, collate and provide the requested data. This thus impacted on the articulation of the updated conditional and unconditional mitigation contributions by the Government of Barbados (GoB) for 2025 and 2030, as part of the IDB-supported 2021 NDC update process.
- o During the process we observed that that data sharing arrangements between ministries were not well established or efficient. Some of the required data was not readily available to GoB staff since it was held by private sector entities, or it was not properly shared between institutions/programs.
- o Whereas some countries maintain a ?running? GHG inventory that is updated annually or biannually, Barbados does not have such a system. However, under the so-called Enhanced Transparency Framework, this is to say the reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement that soon will be in place, this approach will no longer be sustainable as the country is required to submit a report in great detail every two years from 2024 onwards. It may be necessary to confirm the legal basis for such a system both in order to compel the legal owners of all sources of emissions to provide data (above a certain reasonable threshold to be determined) and to government entities to submit data sets needed for a functioning NDC registry. This system would in turn be a building block for participation in an emissions trading system

Regarding the qualitative assessment of institutional capacity for transparency related activities related to CBIT the assessment done would place Barbados? the following category ?2. Designated transparency institution exists, but with limited staff and capacity to support and coordinate implementation of transparency activities under Article 13 of Paris Agreement. Institution lacks authority or mandate to coordinate transparency activities under Article 13.?

End Project Targets

The target for under " Indicator 3: The quality of MRV systems tracking results related to low-GHG development and GHG emissions mitigation is essential for ensuring

transparency, accuracy and comparability of information with regard to climate change. They also act as repositories of knowledge and information and contribute to improving the design and prioritization of action to reduce GHG", Barbados is considered a 2 with the following description "Measurement systems are in place but data is of poor quality and/or methodologies are not very robust; reporting is done only on request or to limited audience or partially; verification is not there" and would target to attain level 7 "Measurement regarding GHG is broadly done (with widely acceptable methodologies), need for more sophisticated analyses to improve policy; Reporting is periodic with improvements in transparency; verification is done through more sophisticated methods even if partially".

Regarding qualitative assessment of institutional capacity built for transparency-related activities under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement, Barbados being considered a 2 "Designated transparency institution exists, but with limited staff and capacity to support and coordinate implementation of transparency activities under Article 13 of Paris Agreement. Institution lacks authority or mandate to coordinate transparency activities under Article 13" and would target attaining level 3 "Designated transparency institution has an organizational unit with standing staff with some capacity to coordinate and implement transparency activities under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement. Institution has authority or mandate to coordinate transparency activities under Article 13. Activities are not integrated into national planning or budgeting activities." Level 4 being an aspirational target but complicated to attain in the period of execution.

GEF Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response N/A

Council comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response N/A

STAP comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response N/A

Convention Secretariat comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response N/A
Other Agencies comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response N/A
CSOs comments

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response N/A
Status of PPG utilization

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A
Project maps and coordinates

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: This has been provided.

Agency Response
Part III ? Country and Agency Endorsements

1. Country endorsements. Has the project/program been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF data base?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request 4/22/2022: Yes, this has been endorsed by Charley Browne, GEF OFP for Barbados.

Agency Response
Does the termsheet in Annex F provide finalized financial terms and conditions? Does the termsheet and financial structure address concerns raised at PIF stage and that were pending to be resolved ahead of CEO endorsement? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request
N/A
Agency Response

N/A

Do the Reflow Table Annex G and the Trustee Excel Sheet for reflows provide accurate reflow expectations of the project submitted? Assumptions for Reflows can be submitted to explain expected reflows. (For NGI Only)

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

Did the agency Annex H provided with information to assess the Agency Capacity to generate and manage reflows? (For NGI Only)

Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response N/A

GEFSEC DECISION

1. RECOMMENDATION.

Is CEO endorsement/approval recommended?

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

4/22/2022: Please address comments.

5/17/2022: Please address remaining comments.

5/26/2022: PM recommends technical clearance.

6/1/2022: Please address remaining comment.

6/3/2022: PM recommends clearance.

Review Dates

	1SMSP CEO Approval	Response to Secretariat comments
First Review	4/22/2022	
Additional Review (as necessary)	5/17/2022	

**1SMSP CEO
Approval**

**Response to Secretariat
comments**

Additional Review (as necessary)	6/1/2022
Additional Review (as necessary)	
Additional Review (as necessary)	

CEO Recommendation

Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations