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Dear Mr. Vegara,

The Caribbean, in particular the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Region, faces a range of challenges relating to adaptation to climate change, biodiversity, land degradation and the management of its international waters. Further, these issues are highly inter-related, but there are few models for treating with them in an integrated manner. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat therefore supports the project document entitled **Piloting an Integrated Operational Approach to Climate Change Adaptation, Biodiversity, Land Degradation and International Waters Planning and Management in the Caribbean Region**. This has been developed in close collaboration with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), the World Bank and the Caribbean GEF Focal Points.

The Project is designed in accordance with regional development and environmental priorities, and addresses the frequently articulated need for improved international, regional and national coordination and collaboration in the implementation of priority Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).

I would appreciate your assistance in communicating this endorsement letter to the GEF in support of the application for a PDR Block-B Grant.

Yours sincerely,

  
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