

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions
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Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots

Country/regional pilot: Dominica

<i>Please describe any advances made in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.</i>	
Institutional arrangements	<p>Preparation and mobilization of key staff for the PCU is underway with the preparation of TORs and the finalization of where the PCU will be located – either the Ministry of Finance or the Ministry of Environment. Initial funds could be used from SPCR phase 1 grants to mobilize key staff. It has been suggested that the establishment of a Project Steering Committee representing the various line ministries and agencies involved across sectors is relevant and helpful to the successful execution of the process and of the project at large.</p> <p>The MoE informed the Bank team of the urgency for a public awareness component as the PPCR is already receiving substantive media attention. The Bank team suggested equipping the PCU with such public awareness capacity. The environmental and social assessments will also comprise public awareness outreach efforts for the project.</p>
Capacity building	<p>Upon filling the critical positions within the PSC, the financial management and Procurement specialist will be identified to participate at any relevant training and workshops that would add and improve expertise and competencies in enhancing work efficiency and effectiveness</p>
Analytical work and technical studies	<p>The preparation of the DVRP/PPCR is progressing well. The Bank has successfully completed preliminary assessments of Dominica's Procurement and Financial Management systems, as well as the project's environmental and social aspects. Most of the analytical work and technical studies are being conducted by the Bank. The Environmental Coordinating Unit within the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning & Fisheries in partnering with the Ministry of Finance coordinates all national activities across all sectors, agencies and departments.</p>
Procurement and recruiting	<p>A new public procurement bill (Public Procurement and Contract Administration Act) was approved by the Parliament on November 27, 2012. The enactment of the new public procurement act has been an important step in the establishment of a sound public procurement system working in accordance with the principles of efficiency, fairness and transparency. According to the new public procurement act three important</p>

	procurement authorities will be established: (i) the Procurement Policy Advisory Committee; (ii) the Central Procurement Board (the Board); and (iii) the Central Procurement Unit. The implementation of the new public procurement act would require some additional resources, staff, capacity building and time.
On-the ground activities (please specify)	In continuing the partnership with Ministry of Education, Physical Planning Division and Dominica State College, the Bank team agreed to help in building a grassroots community of mappers. On November 13, 2012, 10 students from Dominica State College volunteered in mapping locations and attributes of schools. The Bank team trained students on using mobile technology to collect data using devices ranging from GPS, smartphones and GPS camera. After providing introduction on GPS technology as well as current technology and practice of mobile data capturing using more accessible smartphone, the students were able to collect location and physical characteristics of the school buildings. At the end of the day, they had collected data from more than 15 school buildings in and around Roseau, Dominica. The community will be collecting data of all the schools in Dominica during the course of this year. This helps in mobilizing collective power of community in building asset database in the country as well as providing a strong grass root activity that will help understand about the assets, natural hazard and risks.

Please describe any challenges encountered in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

Institutional arrangements	The main challenges would include the location of the PCU and its composition; TORs need to be completed, vacancies have to be advertised, an evaluation committee need to be set up with the task and responsibilities of reviewing, screening and interviewing potential applicants and final selection of successful candidates.
Data availability	There is a lack of or insignificant data in the relevant appropriate format within most or all agencies to substantiate and justify project proposals submitted for funding consideration. There is the need for upgrading of equipment, training and improved access to planning and hydro-meteorological data in order to provide a sound basis for future disaster risk works and climate resilience activities.
Financing	The Bank requested guidance from the Ministry of Finance on whether the government would be utilizing IDA resources for this project, and if so, the amount. This would enable the Bank to determine the scope of the project and appraise investments accordingly. So far 16M has been confirmed from the CIF, with IDA funding pending as mentioned. The additional \$5 million in PPCR financing is being discussed in conjunction with the Bank.
Procurement and recruiting	With the establishment of the three important procurement authorities, (i) the Procurement Policy Advisory Committee; (ii) the Central Procurement Board (the Board); and (iii) the Central Procurement Unit, with respective

	roles and responsibilities, it is still unclear how each may/will function.
Sustaining momentum	The Bank team proposes the next technical mission take place in May to discuss progress on items discussed during the March mission. The Environmental Coordinating Unit partnering with the Ministry of Finance will continue all the on the ground activities relevant for establishing the PCU composition.

Please provide any additional information you wish to share on impacts or lessons learned from the implementation of your SPCR.

- Dominica is still in the preparatory phase of the PPCR.
- Dominica will leverage PPCR funding to institute projects from the SPCR