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**Joint Inter-American Development Bank and World Bank response to comments made by  
the  
PPCR Sub-Committee on Grenada's Phase 1 Proposal**

Dear PPCR Sub-Committee,

In response to the questions raised by the PPCR Sub-Committee regarding Grenada's Phase 1 Proposal, we would like to address questions raised by providing the following additional information:

In general, there is agreement with the Government of Grenada that concerns raised by Sub-Committee members will be addressed during the Phase 1 process and more specifically referenced in the SPCR. As outlined in the Phase 1 Proposal, there will be a series of national workshops, including a workshop on Carriacou Island, to ensure multi-stakeholder engagement. These workshops will focus on reaching consensus on how to properly address cross sectoral climate change resilience, in which arrangements have been made to more systematically engage the private sector - particularly within the hotel industry, in the process. Coordination mechanisms and instruments to ensure institutional collaboration between the private sector and the public sector will be addressed during that time. In addition, a public outreach strategy will be formulated through community level input and perceptions, which will also inform the development of the SPCR. Lastly, the Government of Grenada has confirmed that the institutionalization/mainstreaming of climate resilience into development processes will be of utmost importance during Phase 1 – a key component of the mainstreaming process will be the engagement and integration of the concerns of vulnerable groups together with a strong element related to gender issues in the context of climate resilience. To this end, discussions with the consultancy team who will assist the government in developing the SPCR have been initiated in this regard.

Specific responses to Sub-Committee comments are addressed below:

***Grenada National Climate Change Policy:*** According to government PPCR Focal Points, until now the National Climate Change Policy and Action Plan were not adequately put into practice due to lack of resources; this situation is expected to be rectified through PPCR-funded activities, the government is confident that the policy and related action plan will be implemented. A more pertinent issue for Grenada is that the country never officially completed its Second National Communication for the UNFCCC. It seems that the consultant contracted by the government to do the task failed to produce the final deliverables. All the funds for the project were spent, and the process was undertaken; however, never completed. In discussing with government PPCR Focal Points, the lesson learned is that the government must be committed to finishing the process, a commitment that has to be made at various levels of government for the PPCR.

***National spatial planning practices:*** In regards to Grenada's current spatial planning practices, improved national capacity to capture, analyze and build capacity towards improved geo-spatial planning will be one of the most important activities conducted under Phase 2. Currently, national spatial planning capacity is ill-equipped to adequately address challenges related to climate change. During phase 1, national capacity to capture, analyze and manage climate and spatial data will be assessed in order to adequately design related activities for Phase 2. Additionally, the PPCR Phase 1 Regional Track will carry out some activities that will focus on identifying spatial planning capacity gaps at both the regional and national level in order to better support Caribbean pilot countries as well as all CARICOM countries.

***Linkages between national and regional activities:*** Clear linkages between national and regional PPCR activities and synergies will be addressed more specifically in Grenada's SPCR. The PPCR Regional-Track Phase 1 proposal is currently under development in close supervision and cooperation of the PPCR Caribbean Steering Committee (established by the countries and regional organizations themselves in order to manage the program in the region). This proposal was further discussed during a meeting of the PPCR Caribbean participating countries, regional organizations and development partners held on November 11th 2010, at the headquarters of the IDB in Washington DC. It is expected that this proposal will be submitted for endorsement by the end of 2010. Once completed, Grenada's national activities will be clearly linked to the regional track when it begins to develop its SPCR in early January 2010.

***Synergies between PPCR and Caribbean Challenge Initiative:*** To a large extent, potential synergies between the PPCR and Caribbean Challenge Initiative have been assessed throughout the formulation of the PPCR national and regional pilot design process. Continued attention will be paid during the development of Grenada's SPCR to ensure synergies are made.

***Gender dimensions and most vulnerable:*** The government supports an approach that addresses the special needs of vulnerable groups, and provides a solid platform for awareness-building for the general populous and community-based activities that directly address identified vulnerabilities, particularly from the perspective of women and children. Grenada recognizes this as an integral part of building climate resilience, which has a lot to do with strengthening community preparedness, response and recovery mechanisms and adaptive capacity. There is significant evidence which demonstrate that investment in youth and women has a good return, particularly for environmental and disaster reduction learning activities.

***Cost effectiveness:*** As reflected in the proposal summary, a consultancy team will be procured to assist the government in designing their SPCR. This team includes the services of a Coastal Zone Management Specialist and a Watershed Management Specialist. In addition to their technical areas, the team will provide technical assistance in regards to the practicality and feasibility of the SPCR Investment Plan. This will include calculating the economic costs and benefits of proposed adaptation measures and an overall return on investment analysis, which will most likely provide additional guidance for subsequent implementation planning.

***Monitoring and evaluation:*** The establishment of baselines requires the availability of the appropriate data, which as mentioned earlier currently does not exist due to capacity constraints. However, it is our understanding that measurable baselines at the national level will be established as part of the SPCR development process. Additionally, as specific activities are

defined for phase 2, which will be referenced in the SPCR and related investment plan, activity baselines will be established accordingly.

**Travel costs:** As referenced in the Summary section, indicative travel cost figures include: 1) cost of workshop travel and related costs for national participants to Carriacou (team of ten persons), one of the populated islands of Grenada, 2) travel and related costs for the International Lead Consultant that will be based in Washington DC with extensive travel to Grenada during the short-term assignment, 3) travel and related costs for the three specialist consultants to travel to Grenada (if required), 4) travel and related costs for the National PPCR Coordinator as required, and 5) it is envisaged that there will be one return travel for the Lead Consultant and National PPCR Coordinator to Belize in order to hold discussions on the regional component and linkages to the Grenada's SPCR with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre. All travel and related costs will be assessed during the Second Joint Mission. During the mission, if it is deemed by the MDBs that planned travel can be reduced, some of the travel budget will be re-allocated to other activities according to need.

**Budget for Phase 1 Caribbean Regional Track and Total Budget for Phase 1 Caribbean Regional Pilot:** The proposed budget for the entire PPCR Phase 1 Caribbean regional pilot is as follows:

Dominica: TBD  
Haiti: TBD (approx. \$500,000)  
Grenada: \$271,000  
SLU: \$315,000  
SVG: \$277,440  
Jamaica: \$507,000  
Regional track: TDB (approx. \$250,000)  
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With Kind Regards,

The Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank