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Comments from Canada on the Endorsement by Mail of the SPCR for Grenada

Dear Patricia and Colleagues,

The proposal shows a good fit between the expected climate change impacts and proposed investments. Building on a number of existing national policies and programs, there is a strong sense of synergy with other activities and initiatives within the country. The proposal is also clearly grounded within the planned PPCR Regional Track proposal with an extensive discussion on regional linkages with a specific list of areas of common interests and synergies identified. Having the Regional Track Proposal listed as an Annex is also seen as indicative of an enhanced engagement between the country-based pilots and the regional program. The practice should be emulated by other country based pilots within the respective regional programs.

While these linkages to region are important, particularly in the Caribbean where there is a strong commonality in terms of futures climate change challenges, the Grenada proposal would benefit with an elaboration on linkages to various regional programmes (outside of the PPCR Regional Track Program). For example, the scope of work related to disaster risk management (investment project #1) does not indicate what linkages there are if any, or will be, to the existing and formidable Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF).

The proposal states that there has been significant stakeholder consultation during its formulation. It would be helpful to illustrate what added value such engagement has brought to the process. It would also be helpful to list in an Annex, the NGOs and civil society organizations that were engaged in the development of the proposal.

Gender considerations have also been articulated, particularly during the actual development of the proposal and the choice of investment areas/sectors. However it is less clear as to how the country team aims to take forward the mainstreaming of gender within the SPCR. The TA investment related to data enhancement is an ideal area where the team could demonstrate strong gender mainstreaming. This specific objective should clearly articulate that all efforts at enhancing and generating data for effective adaptation programming will be gender disaggregated.

The proposal speaks to a couple of areas where existing and or future IDA is planned to compliment ("co-finance") PPCR investments. While having synergy with other investments is in line with PPCR aims, clarity on how the SPCR is not substituting planned IDA investments should be provided.

Regards,

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