

March 20, 2015

**RE: Approval by mail: Implementation of Investment Plan for the Caribbean Regional Track of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) IDB—  
Comments Received from the United Kingdom**

Dear Mafalda,

The UK is happy to approve the Investment Plan for the Caribbean Regional Track of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR). We are pleased to see plans for this programming to begin imminently, to address the vital resilience needs within the region. We would however like to make the following suggestions for the programme to consider as it moves forward:

- Ensure that Component 2 design is based on user needs, with the focus on decision-relevant data. Consider what lessons can the CCCCC, IDB and CIMH take from successful work on climate services from other parts of the world. This focus on decision relevant data could then be better reflected in the results matrix.
- Component 3 should also be clearly more demand-driven, with indication of UWI's consideration of how they could manage some sort of user engagement/ forum. They could look at the UK's experience in developing the climate scenarios and the role of the UK Climate Impacts Programme (Germany have also been through a similar process). It would be good to see this reflected in the results matrix.
- Work will be required to ensure these sectoral initiatives, focused on specific islands, join up with other on-going initiatives. Linking regional public goods with work underway through national PPCR countries will be resource intensive. We were unclear how this will be managed and how to deal with the problem that the regional track is now out of sync with work at the national level.
- The results matrix should be more ambitious – especially for Component 4. Currently this reads that implementation of adaptation initiatives will only start in 2018.
- Communication should take place throughout the programme and not left until 2019 as the result matrix suggests.

Kind regards,

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