

2023 FiCS Summit Session Concept Note



Side event

The Role of Technical Assistance to Support Caribbean PDBs in Mainstreaming Gender and Climate

Tuesday, the 5th of September/ 17:30 – 18:45/ Barahona 1

Coordinator(s)

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Detailed information about the session	
Rationale	<p>Caribbean PDBs play a crucial role in promoting and fostering gender equitable finance, as well as climate finance in the region. They can receive technical assistance (TA) from donors, MDBs, expert groups and international organizations in order to increase gender and climate mainstreaming within their institutions and across their investments. This session will discuss how this TA works in practice, how PDBs benefit from the existing TA, and their future requirements for gender and climate-related TA, including with regards to measuring progress.</p> <p>This session relates to the Summit’s main topics of SME and financial inclusion, as Financial and non-financial solutions developed by PDBs to improve access to financing for women owned SMEs. It also covers the topic of PDB’s institutional agenda, as TA supports banks in achieving a sustainable transformation.</p> <p>Key discussion points for the panel discussion:</p>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have been your experiences with TA? How do you aim to maximize its use to your advantage? What models, such as on-demand TA facilities, have worked well? 2. In the areas of climate and gender, what TA has been useful and what more is needed? 3. How much effort and allocation of resources does an institution require to apply for TA? How do NDBs internally manage and coordinate the process after TA has been granted? 4. How do you determine your TA needs and how can partners and TA providers better respond? 5. How can NDBs maximize the impact of the received TA? 6. How can impact measurement and management practices, tools and TA be integrated into TA on other thematic areas such as climate and gender? (UNDP) 7. Have NDBs identified any needs to mainstream gender or improve capacity in climate within your institution that could be filled by TA? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We have seen that a number of national DBs have attempted to take the first step to mainstreaming gender within institution in the past. However, we have increasingly seen development banks approach us to revise existing gender policies. Why is it that development banks are revising their gender policies at this point in time? b. What convinces NDBs on the importance of working on gender? 8. How does TA support NDBs to reach their strategic objectives for climate adaptation and/or mitigation?
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow NDBs to learn from each other’s experience in integrating a gender and climate approach in their institutions via technical assistance • To allow stakeholders to understand how technical assistance takes place in practice and what the advantages and disadvantages are, as well as key points to keep in mind
Target audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Sub-)regional and national Public Development Banks (PDBs) • International organizations • Financial institutions,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private sector
Outcome of the event	This discussion will focus on the key role of TA in mainstreaming gender and climate considerations across national development banks in the Caribbean region, and explore how targeted TA can lead to progress towards more impactful gender equity and climate transformation.
Format of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Side event: 1 keynote, 1 moderator, max 5-6 panellists on stage (panel format)
Partners	Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility European Union Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Chair/Keynote	Gene Leon, CEO, Caribbean Development Bank
Moderator	Yasmine Galloul, Technical Lead, ICR Facility
Speakers/Experts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marcos Neto, Director, UNDP’s Sustainable Finance Hub Shanelle Reneau, Chief Lending Officer, DFC Belize Sumayyah Cargill, Manager, Strategic Development and Initiatives ,Bahamas Development Bank Otlarongwa Chilume, Executive Coordinator, CEDA Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency Botswana Jérôme Heitz, Head of Expertise France Liaison Office to the EU, representing the President of the Practitioners Network for European Development Cooperation,
Run of show	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction (ICR Facility, 5 min) Keynote speech (CDB, 10 min) Moderated panel discussion (UNDP, BDB, DFC, CEDA, PN, 35 minutes) Q&A from the audience (15 minutes) Presentation of upcoming mapping of TA for PDBS by FICS Secretariat (5 min) Closing remarks (5 min)
Language of the event	The event will be held in English

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