

Curaçao

Interim feedback on the
RESEMBID formulation
mission





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Purpose of the feedback

This note provides an overview of the trends and potential areas of support that were gleaned from the consultation mission recently held in Curaçao. It also reconfirms next steps to stakeholders. It seeks to provide interim feedback pending the next phase of work to develop the programme pipeline in further detail

Consultation mission

During the period November 18 - 22, 2019, RESEMBID team members and sectoral experts consulted with stakeholders working in the thematic areas of Resilience, Sustainable Energy, and Marine Biodiversity.

How could RESEMBID support Curaçao's priorities in Renewable Energy, Marine Biodiversity and Resilience?

Further to extensive consultations held with government authorities and various stakeholders (government ministries, departments and agencies, international aid organisations, civil society organisations, fisherfolk associations, tourism entities) the RESEMBID team identified an initial suite of intervention opportunities identified below. This is an exhaustive list of opportunities requested by

stakeholders, which also fall within the scope and means of the RESEMBID Programme. This list will be further refined by the OCTs according to their individual priorities.

Energy

- Support Curaçao's government's goals to label energy efficiency in buildings, to be tailored to Caribbean (local) climatological conditions.
- Support the translation of energy policies into actionable activities for the local population.
- Support Curaçao's assessment of the potential for renewable energy resources other than wind and solar (i.e. bio-gas).
- Support awareness campaign on energy efficiency.
- Capacity building for legal and regulatory assistance in formulation of coherent energy public policies.
- Support the collection of basic energy data on the distribution of consumption between different uses and different sectors.

Marine Biodiversity

- Provide technical assistance in the drafting of a new "Water Law" to regulate the discharge of



Coral reefs and other marine life forms around Curaçao are threatened by the discharge of pollutants and surface runoff from construction sites and urban environments.

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- Support the feasibility study and implementation program to update/ upgrade septic tanks complemented by an awareness program on how to properly use them.
- Develop environmental awareness programs to amplify the conversation around major environmental issues and their solutions, e.g., climate change and its impact on the island today and tomorrow, the misuse of bleach and other harsh chemicals to treat cesspits and septic tanks, and plastic waste.
- Develop a flowchart or “a user-friendly pathway to law enforcement” for the newly created coastal zoning in order to: 1) Inform users of the new delineation and usages; and 2) Aid in enforcement and compliance.
- Support the establishment of a Virtual Center of Excellence for marine biodiversity, to centralize information, research, and management options for park managers in the region, with best practices and solutions specifically for the region in order to make science-informed management decisions.
- Support the financial sustainability of the two leading research agencies on the island (CARMABI and Seaquarium) by developing and implementing visibility/ marketing strategy to attract visiting scientists and students.

Resilience

- Capacity building for mainstreaming DRM into sectoral policies, plans and practices (risk-informed/ evidence-based programming) within

government (policymakers/senior technocrats).

- Capacity building in shelter management.
- Support for the preparation of a stormwater management plan (to include aquifer recharge).
- Support for the development of a “Disaster App” for disaster risk reduction for the general public, to include: Early warning weather updates), Preparation (resilience at home; shelter information; community resources information), Relief/aid information.
- Public education and outreach on disaster risks for: General public, teachers, students and policy-makers.

How could Curaçao benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Curaçao will be a mix of national and regional interventions. The regional programme components will address strategic and thematic areas common to OCTs in the Caribbean including climate smart and sustainable development and capacity building. This regional approach will contribute to tackling the identified needs of Curaçao. In particular, this approach will support Sint Eustatius’ local and national stakeholders with:

- Enhancing capacity building in Proposal and Grant Writing and Management; Monitoring and Evaluation, Reporting and Communication.
- Training and capacity building in integrating science and technical studies into policy and local plans developments.
- Supporting the gathering, collection, systematization and analysis of baseline data for climate

change, energy, and marine biodiversity.

- Supporting technical exchanges among OCTs and the Caribbean region to share best practices, lessons learnt and to conduct in-situ trainings (e.g. adoption of best practices on building codes, reef management and monitoring, safe schools and resilient development, aspects of resilient agriculture).
- Capacity building for integrating SDGs indicators and targets in long-term strategic planning.

RESEMBID timeline: January - June, 2020

The following activities are planned for January to June 2020:

- Design of national and regional activities in relation to RESEMBID mandate.
- Call for proposals - OCT stakeholders have the opportunity to submit concrete project concepts using the "Project concept note template" to add and prioritise proposed activities. Additional guidelines on this submission process will be communicated with the RESEMBID Focal point.
- Identification of best implementation options and partners in each OCTs;

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The Government of Curaçao is committed to pursuing the energy efficiency labeling of buildings.

OCT solutions

FROM THE GROUND UP

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