

# Saba

Interim feedback on the  
RESEMBID formulation  
mission





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# RESEMBID Formulation Mission

## Interim Feedback - Saba

### 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 Saba. 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 January 20 - 22, 2020, 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 Saba'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 organizations, 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

- Assist in the development of awareness campaigns on energy efficiency; in particular, support the development and implementation of an integral information and dissemination campaign to all households, schools and commercial properties in order to raise awareness and to motivate consumers to apply energy efficient practices and measures.
- Support a study on available hurricane resilient wind equipment and technologies - up to Category 5.
- Support the development of training/ vocational programmes for electrical installations and renewable energy power system maintenance training.
- Enhance technician capacity within the Saba Electric Company on renewable energy power systems and their maintenance, including solar and wind installations.
- Enhance the business continuity of the Saba Electric Company by supporting the development of a subsidy phase out study.

- Contribute to the energy transition in Saba by provisioning a study on the optimum energy mix (between solar and wind) for sustainable energy expansion on Saba.

## Marine Biodiversity

- Update habitat maps with a view to supporting the updating of the Integrated Coastal Management Plan.
- Broaden current school and other environmental awareness programmes.
- Expand current monitoring efforts on the Saba bank.
- Support the development of alternative sustainable financing mechanisms to improve financial capacity of the Saba Conservation Foundation.
- Capacity building through training of Saba Conservation Foundation staff, and park rangers.
- Provide technical assistance in designing the implementation of the BES nature Policy, including the Coral Action Plan.

## Resilience

- Support the development of a Spatial Development Plan that: (i) Identifies and demarcates all protected areas; (ii) Includes climate change considerations; and (iii) clearly articulates what construction/ development activities are allowed (and with what conditions).
- Support the cooperation with the BES countries (Bonaire and St. Eustatius) and the wider Dutch Caribbean (Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten) in the areas of public education and outreach.

- Support the establishment and participation in a Dutch-Caribbean hub / platform to provide capacity-building services (such as training, technical assistance, information and guidance, and advisory support services) to build countries' capacity in the areas of resilience, sustainable energy and marine biodiversity.

## How could Saba benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Saba 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 Saba. In particular, this approach will support Saban's' 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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# OCT solutions

FROM THE GROUND UP

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