

# Sint Maarten



Interim feedback on the  
RESEMBID formulation  
mission







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# RESEMBID Formulation Mission

## Interim Feedback - Sint Maarten

### 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 Sint Maarten. It also reconfirms next steps, and seeks to provide interim feedback pending the next phase of work to develop the programme pipeline in further detail.

### Consultation mission

During the period February 4 - 7, 2020, the 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 the Sint Maarten' 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 households, commerce (including the tourist sector) and schools in order to raise awareness and to motivate consumers to apply energy efficient practices and measures.
- Support the development of training/vocational programmes for electrical installations and renewable energy power system maintenance training.
- Provide review support to the Ordinance on Electricity Concession 2010.
- Provide supplementary support to the utility and regulator by developing policies, procedures and technical requirements to guide the grid-integration of small to large scale renewable energy technologies.
- Support the Bureau of Telecommunications and Post, responsible for regulating the electri-





From providing support for capacity building in renewable energy systems maintenance, to facilitating baseline data acquisition for policy design and implementation, this programme is well-positioned to respond to the expressed needs of key local stakeholders.

city sector, by providing capacity building and training programmes.

- Contribute to increased resilience of (disaster) shelters in Sint Maarten by introducing redundancy in the electricity network through the use of dispatchable solar power.

## Marine Biodiversity

- Update Sint Maarten's Nature Policy and accompanying Implementation Plan, and expand current efforts of CANARI to develop an island wide biodiversity assessment.
- Capacity building for BOAs and other enforcement officers (coastguard, police, customs officers, etc) for environmental related infractions.
- Updated baseline data required to support better policy design and implementation such as data needed for the development of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management plan (through Master's student research underway).
- Support awareness-raising campaigns on environment (including marine protected area, recycling programs).
- Develop and implement regular monitoring programs for key ecosystems and invasive species, and water testing in key areas around the island, and explore financial sustainability options for these programs.
- Develop strategy for sargassum inundation management, and support mangrove and coral reef restoration efforts. For mangrove restoration and protection, these activities would require collaboration with private landowners

and advancements on legislation to protect mangroves.

## Resilience

- Support the capacity development efforts emerging from the revised comprehensive ESF plan (e.g. tailored training, tsunami and earthquake scenarios and standard operating procedures), as well as information management and coordination requirements.
- Contribute to the strengthening of disaster risk management and climate change adaptation institutional framework and arrangements.
- Promotion of public awareness (schools, public entities, community) on disaster risks and the impacts of climate change.
- Build the capacity of relevant institutions to address disaster psychosocial and mental health support services.
- Support to capacitating and expanding the logistics emergency support function and emergency shelter management.
- Contribute to efforts to promote sustainable and resilient agriculture e.g. promotion of resilient agriculture in development plans; piloting agro-tourism; identification of incentives for small-scale farmers.

## How could the Sint Maarten benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Sint Maarten will be a mix of national and regional interventions. The regional programme components will address stra-



tegic 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 Sint Maarten. In particular, this approach will support Sint Maarten'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

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