

St. Eustatius

Interim feedback on the
RESEMBID formulation
mission



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Interim Feedback - Sint Eustatius

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 Eustatius. 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 October 21 - 23, 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 Sint Eustatius priorities in Renewable Energy, Marine Biodiversity and Resilience?

Further to extensive consultations held with Montserrat government authorities and various stakeholders (government ministries, departments and agencies, international aid organizations, 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

- Review and provide support towards the implementation of the Sint Eustatius Erosion Control and Resilient Agriculture Development project (SECRAD).
- Support awareness campaigns on energy efficiency - in particular, support the development and implementation of an integral information and dissemination campaign to Statian 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 application of energy efficient building designs and solar roof systems at the new Government buildings planned.
- Capacity building of STUCO in the regular maintenance of the photovoltaic power station.

Marine Biodiversity

- Support the development of a feasibility study for an integrated sewage waste management to reduce negative impacts on marine biodiversity.
- Support the development watershed management strategies to reduce runoffs and erosion.
- Support the completion of a management plan for invasive terrestrial species (goats).
- Support studies and mapping of marine ecosystems, in particular invasive seagrass (*Halophila stipulacea*).
- Support the sustainable use of marine resources by collecting fish landings data and stock assessments to inform effective fisheries management strategies.
- Support the restoration of key ecosystem services, e.g., reforestation to reduce erosion and sedimentation, coral restoration, etc.
- Support integrated environmental awareness campaigns, e.g., inform residents on the impact of roaming animals on the environment and economy on the island.

Resilience

- Promotion of public awareness (schools, public entities, community) on disasters and the impacts of climate change.
- Strengthening the response capacity of Sint Eustatius's Incident Management System and Emergency Warning
- Capacity building in mapping the flooding risks

due to predicted climate regime of the region, as well as to extreme climate events.

How could Sint Eustatius benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Sint Eustatius 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 Sint Eustatius. 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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