

ARUBA

Interim feedback on the
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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 Aruba. 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 14 -18, 2019, RESEMBID team members and sectoral experts consulted with Aruban stakeholders working in the thematic areas of Resilience, Sustainable Energy, and Marine Biodiversity.

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

Further to extensive consultations held with Aruba 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 opportunities for intervention identified as follows:

Energy

- Support Aruba's government 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 Aruba'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.
- Assist in the development of sustainable financing instruments to encourage uptake and investment by the national population.

Marine Biodiversity

- Capacity building for local authorities, tourism sectors, fisherfolk, and in identifying marine climate threats, data collection, monitoring and



Amidst Aruba's advancements in sustainable energy technology, are persistent public policy challenges that demand capacity building on the requisite legal and regulatory frameworks/ provisions.

analysis.

- Support the restoration and protection of marine ecosystem services, i.e. mangrove and coral restoration, artificial reefs, integration of tourism activity into conservation of natural marine sites (mooring buoys and slipways).
- Support the fishery sector by improving the safety at sea and reducing Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing with the provision of automatic identification devices for registered fisherfolk.
- Support the sustainable use of marine resources by establishing fish stock baselines and based on the results of the fish stock data, the possible deployment of additional mooring buoys and Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs).
- Support capacity building for the development and deployment of deep sea traps for the invasive lionfish and support the development of the Blue Economy around Lionfish derived products.
- Support an integrated environmental awareness campaigns, e.g. video series for adults and the elderly on the link between marine and terrestrial resources, or campaigns to translate policies into actionable activities for the local population.
- Capacity building for mainstreaming disaster risk management (DRM) into sectoral policies, plans and practices (risk-informed / evidenced-based programming) within government (policymakers/senior technocrats).
- Support feasibility study for the establishment of a regional public safety training and emergency facility.
- Support the organization of a regional symposium to be held in Aruba on disaster management and resilience building in OCTs to increase collaboration, capacity and knowledge exchange among OCTs.
- Strengthening the response capacity of Aruba's Incident Management System and Emergency Warning.
- Capacity building in mapping the flooding risks in Aruba due to predicted climate regime of the region, as well as to extreme climate events.

Resilience

- Support awareness-raising on disaster risk reduction within schools and communities.
- Capacity building in post-disaster business continuity for all essential services (ports, hospitals and clinics, utilities, fire service).
- Enhancing capacity building in Proposal and Grant Writing and Management; Monitoring and Evaluation, Reporting and Communication.

How could Aruba benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Aruba 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 Aruba. In particular, this approach will support Aruba's local and national stakeholders with:

- Training and capacity building in integrating science and technical studies into policy and local plans developments.
- 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 activities from January to June 2020

The following further activities are planned for the period 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 sub-mission process will be communicated with the RESEMBID Focal point.
- Identification of best implementation options and partners in each OCT.

RESEMBID timeline of Activities January - June, 2020



OCT solutions

FROM THE GROUND UP

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