

Cayman Islands

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 Turks and Caicos Islands. 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 January 13 - 17, 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 Cayman Islands' 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 an energy efficiency and audit programme for public buildings - specifically government buildings and social housing including enhancing capacity on the CARICOM Energy Efficiency building code.
- Provide review support for the Implementation Framework of the National Energy Policy 2017-2037
- Support the transition of the government fleet of vehicles to Electric Vehicles through the development of a battery waste management programme.
- Provide support to the University College of the



From support for public awareness campaigns and the updating of the country's draft Climate Change Policy, to the management of sargassum inundations, this programme is configured to respond to the expressed needs of a wide cross-section of local stakeholders.

Cayman Islands (UCCI) in the development of academic programmes and supporting pilot solar installation in an effort to increase technical awareness and capacity in the Cayman Islands.

- Support the Office of the Regulator of Cayman, responsible for regulating the electricity sector, through training programmes and regulatory support.

Marine Biodiversity

- Develop the business case for the protection of the environment (i.e. cost-benefit analysis, pinpoint how value of marine biodiversity systems support the economy, and what would be the costs of inaction). This business case should be supported by visuals, such as photos from the 80s and 90s.
- Support development of hydrography data and maps to integrate with existing GIS maps in order to update flooding zones, especially when taking into consideration the future impacts of climate change (coastal erosion, sea level rise, increase severity of extreme weather events, etc.)
- Develop sustainable financing strategies for UCCI acquisition of lab equipment.
- Support activity currently underway by CCMI: expand the research on lionfish population, reinforcement of awareness programs, further the assisted evolution research program.
- Design a strategy to manage sargassum inundations. Even if the majority of the beaches impacted by algae are private and the DoE is not able to intervene, sargassum inundations do impact the tourism industry.
- Support activities related to the National Trust of the Cayman Islands' Island Offset program.

Resilience

- Consider the development of a communications strategy - Wider and more consistent public education and awareness programme about climate change risks and responses (and opportunities).
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- Support the updating of the Draft Climate Change Policy (2010) with new projections and impacts; and ensure that it 'speaks' to all key sectors. It should include economic (and social, where possible) costs of what is at risk of being lost or damaged by climate-related events
- Retrofit or redesign Government buildings. This could include solar PVs and batteries to maintain power supply when the main supply is cut or lost. Under regional cooperation, support the development of national shelter management policies and guidebooks for shelter managers; and training in the implementation of those policies (which include gender sensitivity).
- Agriculture and food security - Consider supporting a Land Use policy to preserve arable lands, and an agriculture and food security policy/ programme.

How could the Cayman Islands benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in the Cayman Islands 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 Cayman Islands. In particular, this approach will support Caymanian'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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