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RESEMBID Formulation Mission

Interim Feedback - Turks and Caicos Islands

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 November 25 - 28, 2019, 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 Turks and Caicos 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 enti-

ties) 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

- Provide support to legislative development, including providing a review and/or inputs to the Electricity Ordinance.
- Explore the diversification of the electricity sector by undertaking a methane capture study.
- Develop inputs to the social housing policy to include energy efficiency in the built environment.
- Support the application of energy efficient building designs and solar roof systems in public buildings, including government, schools, critical facilities, etc.
- Devise a strategy for the phase-in of energy efficient commercial and residential appliances.



The Government of TCI has expressed its interest in bolstering its capacity in energy efficient building designs and solar roof systems in public buildings, including government, schools, critical facilities, etc.

Marine Biodiversity

- Support capacity building for local authorities, e.g., mangrove planting and restoration; data collection and review/assessment of fisheries, AGRRA monitoring protocol, etc.
- Support the mapping of mangrove ecosystems in the country and drafting the drafting of legislation to protect mangroves.
- Provide assistance in the drafting of legislation to allow DECR authority to enforce the mangrove legislation.
- Support the sustainable use of marine resources by collecting fish landings data and stock assessments to inform effective fisheries management strategies; and explore the possible expansion of the pelagic fisheries.
- Develop a comprehensive Coral Reef Management Plan, including watershed management plan to reduce runoff and other stressors on the reefs.
- Establish a protocol and train local authorities to reduce the impact of the Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD).
- Support the restoration and protection of marine ecosystem services, i.e. mangrove and coral restoration.
- Develop strategies to increase the marketability of lionfish products in order to make the fishery financially beneficial.

Resilience

- Public education and outreach on disaster risks for the general public, teachers and students, and policy-makers.

- Support the strengthening of an effective weather and climate monitoring and warning system. Feasibility study for the use of mass broadcasting of text messages (SMS Geo-fencing), and support for multi-channel communication equipment.
- Disaster App for disaster risk reduction for the general public: Early warning (weather updates), Preparation (resilience at home; shelter information; community resources information) and Relief/aid information.
- Capacity development for data management (capture, storage, analysis and use) for decision-making.

How could Turks and Caicos Islands benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Turks and Caicos 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 TCI. In particular, this approach will support TCI local and national stakeholders with:

- Enhancing capacity building in Proposal and Grant Writing and Management; Monitoring and Evaluation, Reporting and Communication.
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- 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.

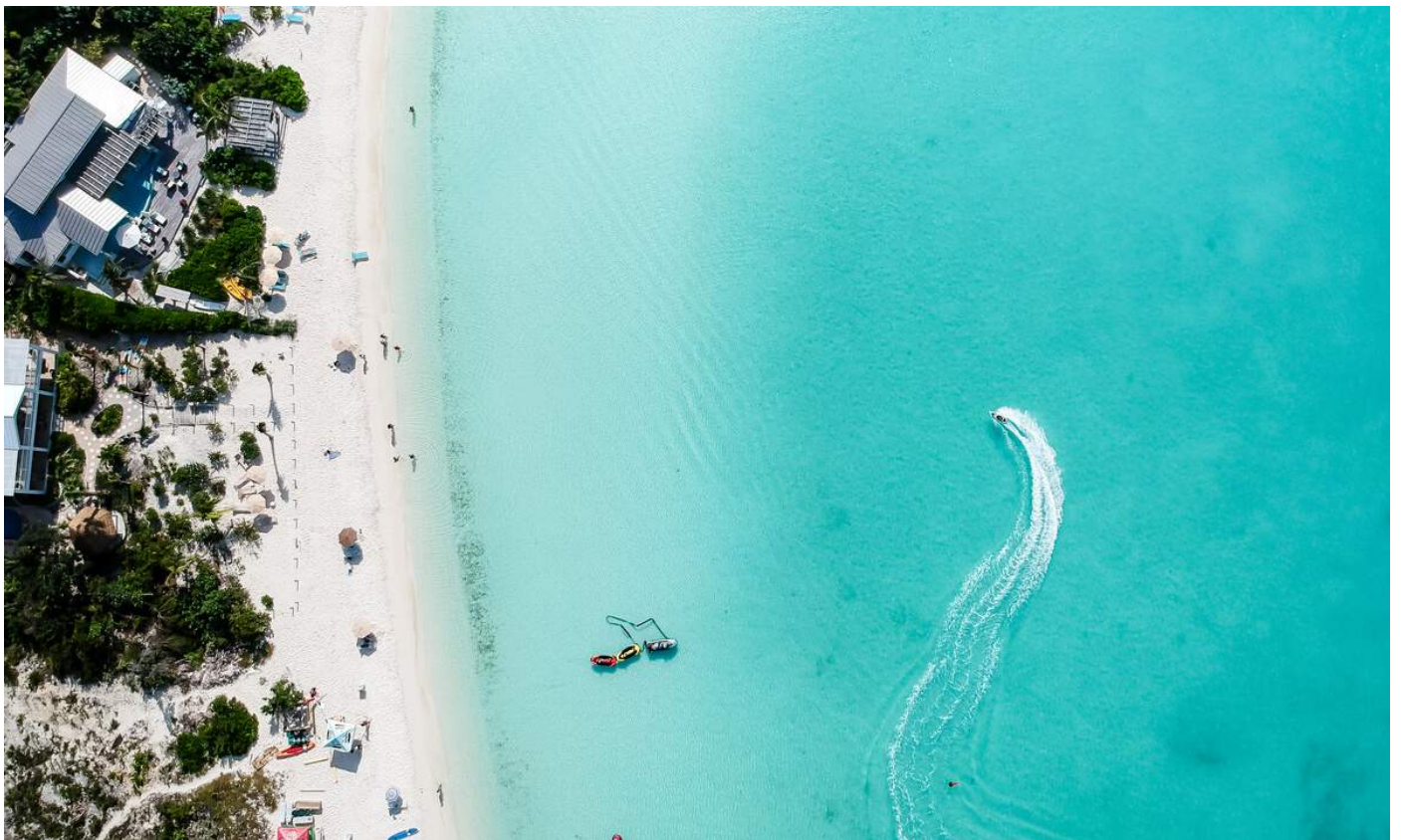
RESEMBID timeline: January - June, 2020

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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High demands on the coastal environment reinforce the need for capacity building in the monitoring of marine plant and animal life forms - including AGRR protocols.

OCT solutions

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