



Interoffice Memorandum

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Subject: Request for Direct Implementation authorization for the Project "Support to Referendum on Constitutional Reform in Grenada", Project ID 00093963

The UNDP Barbados and the OECS Sub-Regional Office (SRO) applied to the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) for resources to support the Government of Grenada's referendum process on constitutional reform. The total resources applied for and approved is USD 200,000 (see attached). Specifically, the Country Office applied to the Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund (DGTTF) with the intent to support the current process to assist Grenada to ensure that the final package of constitutional amendments meets its democratic objectives and is done in a manner which is participatory, transparent and inclusive.

The necessity of constitutional reform is also underscored by the ongoing effects of the global economic crisis. The imperative for constitutional reform has been a thread running through the governance and developmental trajectory of Grenadian society, evidenced by the fact that this current initiative is the fourth phase of constitutional reform in Grenada, with the present phase having been instituted since 2013. The Constitution Reform Advisory Committee (CRAC) was established to review previous recommendations, undertake stakeholder consultations and come up with a final package of reforms for consideration by Cabinet and then by Parliament.

UNDP, working in collaboration with UN Women and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), will deliver technical assistance to strengthen the *Bill of Rights* provisions relating to non-discrimination and gender equality. The project has 2 outputs and a number of related activities aimed at ensuring one principal outcome (enabling the Grenada Constitutional Reform Advisory Committee with the technical and advisory capacity to expertly lead an inclusive, participatory and transparent process of constitutional reform). The outputs for the project are:

- The Constitutional Reform Advisory Committee, Parliament and civil society are supported to undertake: (i) the development of well-drafted constitutional amendment bills in a manner that is participatory, inclusive,

transparent and based on public input; and (ii) comprehensive civic education and voter information campaigns to ensure that the Grenada electorate is well informed on the content of the different referendum bills and on the applicable voting procedures.

- Support provided to the Government of Grenada and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections to organise the referendum and its related administrative processes in a credible and transparent manner.

During the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting held on the 16th April 2015, the CRAC endorsed the Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) as the project implementation method, given the political sensitivities of the process with the Opposition Party and given UNDP's impartial role in the constitutional reform process.

The activities proposed under the project will be conducted over a period of four (4) months in order to facilitate the referendum in April 2016, with a number of activities scheduled in January 2016 to strengthen public understanding of the Constitution, issues around human rights, gender equality and public accountability. Final reporting to the BPPS will be conducted following the scheduled referendum.

The project will be managed by the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in close cooperation with the CRAC, the Office of the Supervisor of Elections both of whom form the Project Steering Committee (PSC), with key technical input from UNWomen and civil society organizations (CSOs). A Project Consultant will also be procured to manage day-to-day technical and administrative project implementation and monitor project progress.

Based on the foregoing, I write to seek DIM authorization for the **“Support to Referendum on Constitutional Reform in Grenada”** project for the period 13 January 2016 – 31 December 2016.