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Agenda Item 8 f)

PROPOSAL FOR SURINAME

Background

- 1. The Operational Policies and Guidelines (OPG) for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund (the Fund), adopted by the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board), state in paragraph 45 that regular adaptation project and programme proposals, i.e. those that request funding exceeding US\$ 1 million, would undergo either a one-step, or a two-step approval process. In case of the one-step process, the proponent would directly submit a fully-developed project proposal. In the two-step process, the proponent would first submit a brief project concept, which would be reviewed by the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC) and would have to receive the endorsement of the Board. In the second step, the fullydeveloped project/programme document would be reviewed by the PPRC, and would ultimately require the Board's approval.
- 2. The Templates approved by the Board (OPG, Annex 4) do not include a separate template for project and programme concepts but provide that these are to be submitted using the project and programme proposal template. The section on Adaptation Fund Project Review Criteria states:

For regular projects using the two-step approval process, only the first four criteria will be applied when reviewing the 1st step for regular project concept. In addition, the information provided in the 1st step approval process with respect to the review criteria for the regular project concept could be less detailed than the information in the request for approval template submitted at the 2nd step approval process. Furthermore, a final project document is required for regular projects for the 2nd step approval, in addition to the approval template.

- 3. The first four criteria mentioned above are:
 - 1. Country Eligibility,
 - 2. Project Eligibility,
 - 3. Resource Availability, and
 - 4. Eligibility of NIE/MIE.
- 4. The fifth criterion, applied when reviewing a fully-developed project document, is:
 - 5. Implementation Arrangements.
- 5. It is worth noting that since the twenty-second Board meeting, the Environmental and Social (E&S) Policy of the Fund was approved and consequently compliance with the Policy has been included in the review criteria both for concept documents and fully-developed project documents. The proposals template was revised as well, to include sections requesting demonstration of compliance of the project/programme with the E&S Policy.
- 6. In its seventeenth meeting, the Board decided (Decision B.17/7) to approve "Instructions for preparing a request for project or programme funding from the Adaptation Fund", contained in the Annex to document AFB/PPRC.8/4, which further outlines applicable review criteria for both concepts and fully-developed proposals. The latest version of this document was launched in conjunction with the revision of the Operational Policies and Guidelines in November 2013.

- 7. Based on the Board Decision B.9/2, the first call for project and programme proposals was issued and an invitation letter to eligible Parties to submit project and programme proposals to the Fund was sent out on April 8, 2010.
- 8. According to the Board Decision B.12/10, a project or programme proposal needs to be received by the secretariat no less than nine weeks before a Board meeting, in order to be considered by the Board in that meeting.
- 9. The following project concept titled "Urban Investments for the Resilience of Paramaribo: Building adaptive capacity of Paramaribo communities to climate change-related floods and sea level rise through strategic urban planning and sustainable infrastructure investments" was submitted by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which is the Multilateral Implementing Entity for this project.
- 10. This is the first submission of the project. It was received by the secretariat in time to be considered in the twenty-ninth Board meeting. The secretariat carried out a technical review of the project proposal, assigned it the diary number SUR/MIE/Urban/2017/1, and completed a review sheet.
- 11. In accordance with a request to the secretariat made by the Board in its 10th meeting, the secretariat shared this review sheet with IDB, and offered it the opportunity of providing responses before the review sheet was sent to the PPRC.
- 12. The secretariat is submitting to the PPRC the summary and, pursuant to decision B.17/15, the final technical review of the project, both prepared by the secretariat, along with the final submission of the proposal in the following section. In accordance with decision B.25.15, the proposal is submitted with changes between the initial submission and the revised version highlighted.

Project Summary

<u>Suriname</u> – Urban Investments for the Resilience of Paramaribo: Building adaptive capacity of Paramaribo communities to climate change-related floods and sea level rise through strategic urban planning and sustainable infrastructure investments

Implementing Entity: IDB

Project/Programme Execution Cost: USD 783,750 Total Project/Programme Cost: USD 9,033,750

Implementing Fee: USD 767,869 Financing Requested: USD 9,801,619

Project Background and Context:

Suriname is exposed to several natural and climate change-influenced hazards, particularly because its low-lying lands contain the highest population densities and greatest concentrations of economic activities. The country's low income status further increases vulnerability to climate change. The main natural and climate change related disasters are flooding (both coastal and inland), drought, heat exposure, strong winds and groundwater salinization. Climate change is projected to affect over 40% of Suriname's GDP by 2050.

The general objective of the proposed project is to contribute towards increasing the adaptive capacity of communities living in the Paramaribo city (the capital city of Suriname) and adjacent metropolitan vulnerable areas to cope with observed and anticipated impacts of climate change on floods and sea level rise. It seeks to incrementally respond to Paramaribo's challenges and complement current efforts lead by the GoS to protect the city by initiating a first phase of adaptation measures to demonstrate the benefits to be accrued through adapting to climate change and create an enabling environment to facilitate a long term participative and dynamic adaptation process. This would be done through a suite of hard measures in the historic downtown area of Paramaribo that would illustrate the benefits climate-resilient urban development, along with establishing the city adaptation framework and plan, capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation.

Component 1: Downtown adaptation measures (USD 7,300,000)

The work of IDB and the GoS undertaken in 2016 identified the key areas in Paramaribo where hard adaptation measures are needed. One of the identified priority areas is the Historic Downtown Area (HDA) which vulnerability to floods will be exacerbated by climate change anticipated impacts. This area is also the focus of GoS and IDB investments to try and reinvigorate the area both to protect its historic character and also to act to stimulate economic growth through increased vibrancy and use of the area. Moreover, risk studies financed by IDB have assessed the vulnerability of the downtown area, consulted with key stakeholders and through this process identified an initial suite of adaptation measures that would allow the area to be protected and therefore build resilience to this historic and strategically important part of Paramaribo. These include physical and complementary green infrastructure measures.

Component 2: City adaptation framework and plan (USD 200,000)

This component is seen as an enabling step to ensure that decision makers and stakeholders have a robust framework to ensure investments on climate resilience are implemented in a structured manner and promote long-term adaptation in the city. The absence of such a plan will mean an on-going piece-meal approach to resilience planning, which will not be of benefit to the city or its residents. This framework and plan will be aligned to the National Adaptation Plan being prepared by the UNDP. The studies carried out by the GoS and IDB for the city of Paramaribo to date, including recent ESC and Historic Downtown Study, provide solid foundations for a city-broad Adaptation Plan. Therefore, the focus of this component will be to build consensus and agreement on the objectives, priorities, actions and responsibilities that need to be built into the Paramaribo Adaptation Framework and Plan.

Component 3: Capacity building and knowledge management (USD 500,000)

Based upon the final structure of the Paramaribo Adaptation Plan, the requirements within the GoS and other key stakeholders for capacity building will also need to be identified and actioned. It is expected that this will fall into the following two areas:

- Training and capacity building for the key individuals and departments tasked with specific
 actions and responsibilities within the Adaptation Plan under this programme, it is
 expected that initial training needs will be delivered, and a broader training plan will be
 provided to the GoS for ongoing delivery; and
- Institutional strengthening needs will be identified and shared with the GoS with respect
 to ensuring climate change and adaptation is mainstreamed into relevant policies,
 development planning and regulations under this programme, the institutional
 strengthening will be identified and then the implementation will be a separate
 responsibility of the GoS.

Component 4: Monitoring and Evaluation (USD 250,000)

This component will help develop a robust plan and implementation structure to allow the Proposed Project to be implemented, monitored and evaluated.



ADAPTATION FUND BOARD SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PROJECT/PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

PROJECT/PROGRAMME CATEGORY: Regular-sized Project Concept

Country/Region: Suriname

Project Title: Urban Investments for the Resilience of Paramaribo: Building adaptive capacity of Paramaribo

communities to climate change-related floods and sea level rise through strategic urban planning and

sustainable infrastructure investments

AF Project ID: SUR/MIE/Urban/2017/1

IE Project ID: Requested Financing from Adaptation Fund (US Dollars): \$9,801,619

Reviewer and contact person: **Bradley Hiller** Co-reviewer(s): **Saliha Dobardzic**

IE Contact Person:

Review Criteria	Questions	Comments on 23 January 2017	Comments on 19 February 2017
Country Eligibility	Is the country party to the Kyoto Protocol?	Yes. Date of ratification: 25 September 2006 Date of entry into force: 24 December 2006	

	2.	Is the country a developing country particularly vulnerable	Yes.	
		to the adverse effects of climate change?	Suriname is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise and flooding associated with climate change.	
			Suriname is exposed to several natural and climate change-influenced hazards, particularly because its low-lying lands contain the highest population densities and greatest concentrations of economic activities. The country's low income status further increases vulnerability to climate change. The main natural and climate change related disasters are flooding (both coastal and inland), drought, heat exposure, strong winds and groundwater salinization. Climate change is projected to affect over 40% of Suriname's GDP by 2050.	
			Among 84 developing countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, Suriname is ranked highest in terms of population and GDP impact of sea level rise, and second in terms of urban and agricultural extent of sea level rise.	
Project Eligibility	1.	Has the designated government authority for the Adaptation Fund endorsed the project/programme?	Yes. Dated 9 January 2017. However, the proposal is not signed by the implementing entity coordinator. CAR1	CAR1: Addressed.

2. Does the project / programme support concrete adaptation actions to assist the country in addressing adaptive capacity to the adverse effects of climate change and build in climate resilience? Yes.

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It seeks to incrementally respond to Paramaribo's challenges and complement current efforts lead by the GoS to protect the city by initiating a first phase of adaptation measures to demonstrate the benefits to be accrued through adapting to climate change and create an enabling environment to facilitate a long term participative and dynamic adaptation process. This would be done through a suite of hard measures in the historic downtown area of Paramaribo that would illustrate the benefits climate-resilient urban development, along with establishing the city adaptation framework and plan, capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation.

CR1: Please clarify if the option of preserving and growing mangrove forests as part of green measures associated with the project proposal has been explored.

CR1: Addressed. The clarifies proposal that complementary green infrastructure will also include the option of preserving/growing mangroves. Namely, "conservation of existing mangrove remnants and restoration of habitat conditions for mangrove growth will be assessed as part of the options aimed at finding the most adequate combination of different types of green infrastructure and civil works for protection along the left bank of the Suriname river.

3. Does the project / programme provide economic, social and environmental benefits, particularly to vulnerable communities, including gender considerations, while avoiding or mitigating negative impacts, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund? Yes.

Insofar that an area critical to the city and country economy will be protected, the Facilitation of rehabilitation of the Downtown Historic Area which will increase the protection of the country's cultural heritage, the safety of the waterfront area would be improved as would the public health through maintenance of drainage systems, and importantly, as the downtown area is used by lower income traders and street vendors, the measures would bolster their resilience through ensuring continuation of economic activities where interruption due to climate change effects would have increased their vulnerability and negatively impacted their livelihoods.

However, the proposal does not provide estimates of the number of direct and indirect beneficiaries of the project expected activities, especially vulnerable groups and taking into account gender considerations. **CR2**

Through the adoption of green solutions as part of the flood protection measures, it is the intent to enhance the biodiversity benefit of the proposed project. **CR3:** Please clarify specifically how. At the moment, this benefit appears to be assumed, but green solutions may or may not enhance biodiversity (e.g. non-native plants may be more effective as an adaptation measure, but they could also provide no benefits in terms of enhancing biodiversity, and in fact may compete with the indigenous vegetation.)

CR2: Partially addressed. During project development, a more comprehensive of expected assessment beneficiaries should provided. It is important that the project continues to consult with local businesses and residents to minimize disruption to their lives during physical works and offers compensation as appropriate. Also, while the livelihoods assessment provides a figure on the number of stakeholders consulted (396 businesses), estimates of the number of direct and indirect beneficiaries is not explicitly provided.

CR3: Addressed. The analysis that will be carried out to make sure that biodiversity benefits are maximized, and potential impacts on local vegetation minimized should be elaborated during project development.

4. Is the project / programme cost effective?	Yes. A cost-benefit analysis (CBA) was estimated for the two main proposed adaptation measures in the project (1) the extension of the existing floodwall (river defence); and (2) the upgrading of the Sommeldijckse drainage canal. The CBA is based on outputs from a hazard and risk assessment. A comparison between direct and indirect losses with and without the proposed adaptation measures is provided for the two main proposed adaptation measures. The cost benefit ratios of both major adaptation measures are positive, estimated to be 5 (i.e. cost-benefit is 1:5) for the existing floodwall (river defence) expansion, and 19 for the upgrading of the Sommeldijckse drainage canal. However, please further explain how the 3% discount rate assumed for part of the CBA will be achieved. CR4	CR4: Addressed. The explanation for a low discount rate has been provided. The project is cost-effective even when higher discount rates are used.
5. Is the project / programme consistent with national or sub-national sustainable development strategies, national or sub-national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, national communications and adaptation programs of action and other relevant instruments?	This project is aligned with Suriname's Multi-Annual Development Plan (Nationaal Ontwikkelingsplan) of 2012-2016. The multi-annual development plan calls for action to address the negative impacts of climate change, and prioritizes the protection of Suriname's vulnerable coastal zone from sea level rise through the effective implementation of adaptation measures, as highlighted in Suriname's Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The proposed project is also in line with priorities set forth in the National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Action Plan and Suriname's Intended National Determined Contribution (INDC). The proposed project will directly reduce flooding and protect against sea level rise and will also enhance the Government of Suriname's capacity to identify and prepare climate change adaptation projects compatible with the Multi-Annual Development Plan.	

6. Does the project / programme meet the relevant national technical standards, where applicable, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Fund?	Not clear. The IDB has commissioned an ESA, for which a framework for a project-level environment and social management plan has been defined. The submission also includes a commitment on behalf of the IDB and the Government of Suriname for the proposed project to comply with applicable domestic (and international) laws and not to unduly harm the environment, public health or vulnerable communities. CR5: Although it is stated that the proposed project will fully comply with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy Statement, as well as with the implementing entity's (IDB's) Environment and Safeguards Policy, the proposal does not provide information on the national technical standards, e.g. EIA legislation, coastal management regulations, building codes, etc. that will be triggered by this project and how it will comply with those national regulations.	CR5: Addressed.
7. Is there duplication of project / programme with other funding sources?	Not demonstrated. All relevant potentially overlapping projects / programmes need to be identified, and lack of overlap / complementarity stated in a logical manner. CR6: Please list all the potentially relevant projects, and how they are complementary. Also please discuss why they are not overlapping with the proposed initiative.	CR6: Addressed.
8. Does the project / programme have a learning and knowledge management component to capture and feedback lessons?	Yes. The second component of the proposed project seeks to establish a framework for managing knowledge and disseminating lessons learned that could be used in future resilience programs for the city of Paramaribo and that could be part of a city-level Adaptation Plan. However, the proposal should elaborate in this section on the proposed activities and the expected outcomes of the learning and KM component. CR7	CR7: Addressed.

9. Has a consultative process taken place, and has it involved all key stakeholders, and vulnerable groups, including gender considerations in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund?	Not demonstrated. The proposal states that a series of consultation exercises have taken place, including workshops with Government and non-Government stakeholders on hazards and risks and the potential impacts of climate change, a livelihoods survey of all businesses and traders in the Waterfront area, and a public consultation exercise as part of the historic Downtown Area program. However, it would be helpful to include a list of communities, agencies and organizations that participated in the consultations as well as the context within which those consultations took place, including dates. CR8	CR8: Not addressed. The public consultation exercise outlined is not for this project but for the complementary urban rehabilitation program. Hence, key issues such as inundation and climate change were not discussed in the consultation. Carrying out further consultation during preparation stages associated with this project will be critical in order to ensure that the communities fully support and feel ownership over the adaptation effort, including the measures selected. Also, climate and gender conditions need to be highlighted in future consultation/s (absent in program consultation description).
10. Is the requested financing justified on the basis of full cost of adaptation reasoning?	Yes.	
11. Is the project / program aligned with AF's results framework?	Yes.	

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12. Has the sustainability of the project/programme outcomes been taken into account when designing the project?	Not clear. The proposed actions appear to have good potential to achieve adaptation outcomes. Capacity building among the stakeholders responsible for decision-making is expected to support sustainability of the project, as will raising awareness and on-going monitoring. However, it is not clear how the local communities will be involved, nor is it clear how the upkeep and maintenance of the infrastructure, hard and soft, would be ensured, as this is also necessary to ensure sustainability beyond the implementation. CR9	CR9: Partially addressed. During preparation stages, a more elaborate plan for ensuring sustainability of the infrastructure will be critical to assessing this important aspect of the project. Given that no specific project consultation event has been conducted to date (see Question 9 comments), it is recommended that local community consultations are conducted promptly so that the project can incorporate their perspectives. This should increase the prospect of sustainable project outcomes.
13. Does the project / programme provide an overview of environmental and social impacts / risks identified, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund?	Yes. A checklist of environmental and social principles is provided in the submission. The status of the compliance condition for each principle is provided. In cases where potential adverse impacts and risks exist, further assessment and management requirements are outlined. The principles deemed most necessary for further assessment and management for the project proposal are: - Access & equity; marginalized and vulnerable groups; human rights; gender equity and women's empowerment; protection of natural habitats; physical and cultural heritage: final project proposal to be re-assessed through the IDB's ESA process. - Involuntary resettlement: Not anticipated to be significant, but processes outlined in the IDB's Livelihoods Restoration Plan. - Conservation of biological diversity: pre-construction habitat surveys to be completed. - Water resources; lands and soil conservation: Proposed project will develop a soil erosion and sediment control plan and a waste management plan.	

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		CR10: the proposal should summarize the findings of the E&S screening and provide a categorization of the project based on those findings, as per the ESP of the Fund. More generally, options for component 1 should be selected during project identification, the environmental and social risks identified and the potential impacts fully assessed.	CR10: Addressed. At the fully-developed project document stage, an Environmental and Social Management Plan should be prepared as
		At the fully-developed project document stage, an Environmental and Social Management Plan should be prepared as required. As this project stands, there is no justification for having unidentified subprojects or activities at the fully-developed proposal stage.	required, including all subprojects or activities identified during project development.
Resource Availability	Is the requested project / programme funding within the cap of the country?	Yes.	
	Is the Implementing Entity Management Fee at or below 8.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget before the fee?	Yes. The Implementing Entity Management Fee is at 8.5% of the total project budget before the fee.	
	3. Are the Project/Programme Execution Costs at or below 9.5 per cent of the total project/programme budget (including the fee)?	Yes. The Execution Costs are at 8.68% of the total project budget.	
Eligibility of IE	4. Is the project/programme submitted through an eligible Implementing Entity that has been accredited by the Board?	Yes. The Inter-America Development Bank is an eligible Implementing Entity accredited by the Board.	
Implement ation Arrangem	Is there adequate arrangement for project / programme management, in compliance with the Gender Policy of the Fund?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
ents	Are there measures for financial and project/programme risk management?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	

3.	Are there measures in place for the management of for environmental and social risks, in line with the Environmental and Social Policy and Gender Policy of the Fund?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
4.	Is a budget on the Implementing Entity Management Fee use included?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
5.	Is an explanation and a breakdown of the execution costs included?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
6.	Is a detailed budget including budget notes included?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
7.	•	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
8.	Does the M&E Framework include a break-down of how implementing entity IE fees will be utilized in the supervision of the M&E function?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
9.	Does the project/programme's results framework align with the AF's results framework? Does it include at least one core outcome indicator from the Fund's results framework?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	
10.	Is a disbursement schedule with time-bound milestones included?	Not completed in submission. (Not required at Project Concept stage)	

Technical Summary

The general objective of the proposed project is to contribute towards increasing the adaptive capacity of communities living in the Paramaribo city and adjacent metropolitan vulnerable areas to cope with observed and anticipated impacts of climate change on floods and sea level rise. The specific objectives of this Proposed Project are to generate: (i) Downtown Adaptation Measures (implementation of a group of strategic and cost-effective adaptation hard measures in the historic downtown area of the city); (ii) City Adaptation Framework and Plan (for managing knowledge and disseminating lessons learned that could be used in future resilience programs); (iii) Capacity Building (across local communities and Government of Suriname stakeholders responsible for decision making in Paramaribo to ensure strong implementation and enforcement of the Adaptation Plan); and (iv) Monitoring and Evaluation (to allow the Proposed Project to be implemented, monitored, evaluated and lessons learned disseminated). The project proposal is submitted by the Government of Suriname (the Ministry of Public Works), with support by the implementing entity, the Inter-America Development Bank.

The initial technical review found that while this is a well-conceptualized project, with the potential to generate concrete adaptation benefits to a highly important and vulnerable, flood-prone area of Suriname, and potentially benefitting a significant proportion of the country's small population, the proposal would be strengthened by clarifying a number of items, including the potential option of mangrove rehabilitation as part of the green measures proposed by the project, the lack of information related to the project beneficiaries, potential duplication, the consultation process, compliance with national technical standards, among others. A number of clarification requests (CRs) and corrective action request (CAR) were made.

The final technical review finds that while some of the requests were addressed satisfactorily, there remain a few issues that will need to be addressed when developing the fully-developed project document. The following observations are made:

- a) During project development, a more comprehensive assessment of expected beneficiaries should be provided;
- b) The fully-developed project document should elaborate on the analysis that will be carried out to make sure that biodiversity benefits are maximized, and potential impacts on local vegetation minimized;
- c) The fully-developed proposal should demonstrate that further consultation have taken place in order to ensure that the communities fully support and feel ownership over the adaptation effort, including the measures selected; the comprehensive consultation process should cover key issues that were not discussed before, such as inundation, climate change and gender;

	 d) During the fully-developed proposal preparation stage, a more elaborate plan for ensuring sustainability of infrastructure should be provided, including the perspectives from the communities consulted; 				
	e) At the fully-developed project document stage, an Environmental and Social Management Plan should be prepared as required, including all subprojects or activities identified during project development.				
Date:	19 February 2017				



REQUEST FOR PROJECT/PROGRAMME FUNDING FROM THE ADAPTATION FUND

The annexed form should be completed and transmitted to the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat by email or fax.

Please type in the responses using the template provided. The instructions attached to the form provide guidance to filling out the template.

Please note that a project/programme must be fully prepared (i.e., fully appraised for feasibility) when the request is submitted. The final project/programme document resulting from the appraisal process should be attached to this request for funding.

Complete documentation should be sent to:

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PROJECT/PROGRAMME PROPOSAL TO THE ADAPTATION FUND

PART I: PROJECT/PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Project/Programme Category: Regular

Country/ies: Suriname

Title of Project/Programme: Urban Investments for the Resilience of

Paramaribo: Building adaptive capacity of Paramaribo communities to climate changerelated floods and sea level rise through strategic urban planning and sustainable

infrastructure investments.

Type of Implementing Entity: Multilateral Implementing Agency

Implementing Entity: Inter-American Development Bank

Executing Entity/ies: Ministry of Public Works, Government of

Suriname

Amount of Financing Requested: \$9,801,619 (in U.S Dollars Equivalent)

Project / Programme Background and Context:

Provide brief information on the problem the proposed project/programme is aiming to solve. Outline the economic social, development and environmental context in which the project would operate.

INTRODUCTION

CONTEXT AND VULNERABILITY AT A NATIONAL LEVEL

1. Suriname, one of the smallest countries in South America, is located on the north-eastern coast of South America and shares borders with French Guyana (east), Brazil (south), Guyana (west) and Atlantic Ocean (north). The country has a large variety of biological species and owns natural resources that represent a total forest area of 50 million hectares. Suriname also has substantial reserves of petroleum, bauxite, gold, granite and other minerals. Approximately 400 million tons of bauxite deposits are located in Suriname and together with gold and production of crude oil represent the major economic sectors in the country (MLTDE, 2008). Mineral and energy sectors (gold, oil and alumina) account for approximately 30% of the GDP.

- 2. Suriname is a small, open, commodity-based economy that is vulnerable to external shocks. On the back of high international commodity prices, Suriname grew at a high average yearly rate (3.8% or a total real per capita income growth of 65%) over the past decade, and as a consequence was one of the Caribbean's best performing economies given its rich endowment in natural resources (World Bank 2016), Growth is driven by exports from the extractive sector (gold, oil, and bauxite), which generate 90% of foreign exchange earnings and 45% of government revenues. Suriname (in common with other small economies) relies on imports to satisfy most domestic demand for goods (imports account for more than 80% of consumption), while total trade has averaged around 145% of GDP over the past five years. The transmission mechanism of the wealth generated in the extractive sector to the rest of the economy relies highly on public spending on goods and services, infrastructure and, importantly, wages and salaries of employees in the public sector and in public enterprises. The domestic private sector, limited by the small size of the economy, is geared towards satisfying domestic demand mainly with imports. As a consequence, the private sector expands or contracts responding to changes in public spending that drive aggregate demand (IDB, 2016).
- 3. The recent historical growth in Suriname's per capita income has not translated into a significant improvement in social indicators. Suriname has a literacy rate of 94.7% and life expectancy of 71 years. The country ranks 103rd out of 186 countries in the 2015 Human Development Index (HDI), with slight improvements over the previous years. The country's HDI rank is mostly due to improvements made in income levels over the past decade, however, both the education and health indicators fall below comparable countries categorized with a high HDI. Only 45.9% of the population has a secondary education compared to 66.6% for comparable countries while there are only 9.1 physicians per 1,000 people in Suriname compared to 20 in other high HDI countries. Data on poverty and inequality are scarce but offer indications that Suriname is somewhat in line with regional averages. Conventional income-based poverty and inequality indicators are fairly outdated. while a recent household survey of the General Bureau of Statistics did not produce any new estimates due to low response rates. Although robust growth in income per capita over most of the past decade may have reduced absolute poverty, its impact on inequality in recent years is more uncertain. A 2013 United Nations inequality-adjusted human development indicator (HDI) estimated that the loss in human development due to inequality in 2006 was broadly in line with the regional average (IMF 2014). The 2015 Human Development Report published by the United Nations Development Program indicated that about 7.4% of the population lived in multidimensional poverty at end-2010, which is below the regional average of 12%. The unemployment rate in Suriname is estimated at 8.9% in 2015 (IMF 2016). Female unemployment is higher than male (about 4 percentage points). and youth unemployment is significantly higher (above 20% in 2013).
- 4. According to UNFCCC (2015) and the Environment Statistics (2016), the total population of Suriname is estimated on 558,773 habitants but it is expected that the population reach 2.5-3 million at the end of this century. The Surinamese population is presently multi-ethnical and multi-religious including ethnic groups such as Hindustani (from India), Creoles (African descent), Javanese (from Indonesia), Maroons (descendants of runaway slaves), Amerindians (the original inhabitants), Chinese, Lebanese and descendants of European settlers. The largest part of the Surinamese population is found within the Paramaribo and Wanica districts (74.4% of households). In 2004, the population density across Suriname was estimated at 3.0 people per square kilometre, making Suriname a very lowly populated country. However, the most densely populated districts are Paramaribo and Wanica with population densities of 1,335 and 194 people per square kilometre respectively, as shown in

Figure 1 (SNC, 2013). In addition, more than 90% of the diverse economic activities in production, manufacturing, horticulture, agriculture, financial and banking services, community, society and public services occur within the Paramaribo and Wanica Districts (MLTDE, 2008).

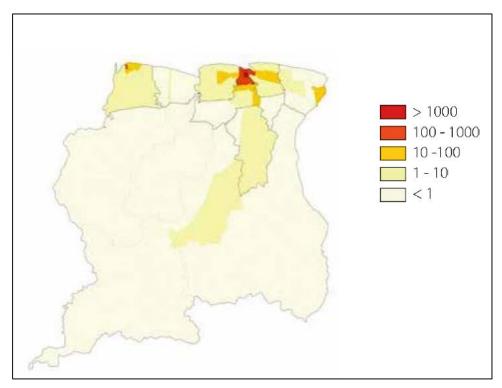


Figure 1: Population Distribution and Density per District on 2004 (Source: Figure 1.12 of SNC, 2013).

CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY CONTEXT AT A NATIONAL LEVEL

- 5. Suriname is a highly vulnerable country to the effects of climate change. Firstly, the country is exposed to a number of natural and climate change-influenced hazards. Secondly, the low-lying lands most vulnerable to these hazards also coincide with the areas of highest population density and also economic activity. And thirdly, the low income status further increases the population's vulnerability to climate change.
- 6. Suriname is susceptible to natural and climate change-related disasters, as detailed in its Second National Communication to the UNFCCC (SNC, 2013). These include flooding (both coastal and inland), drought, heat exposure, strong winds and groundwater salinization. Scientific analysis projects that temperatures will increase, sea level will rise, and the proportion of total rainfall that falls in heavy events will increase (though average rainfall will decrease). Table 1 presents the future climate change projections for Suriname based on the A2 IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) scenarios. It is projected that climate change impacts would affect over 40% of Suriname's GDP (UNFCCC, 2015). Some of the main socio-economic sectors being impacted by climate change include agriculture, livelihoods, water availability, health and biodiversity.

Table 1: Climate Change Projections for Suriname based on A2 IPCC Scenarios

Parameters	Value	Year	Source
Air Temperature overall annual mean	+2.6 °C (annual); +2.6 °C (December, January and February); +2.7 °C (March, April and May); +2.6 °C (June, July and August); +2.7 °C (September, October and November)	2050s	The Caribsave Climate Change Risk Atlas (CCCRA, 2012)
Precipitation	-6% (annual); -3% (December, January and February); -8% (March, April and May); -8% (June, July and August); -8% (September, October and November)	2050s	The Caribsave Climate Change Risk Atlas (CCCRA, 2012)
Wind Speed	+0.30 m/s (annual); +0.30 m/s (December, January and February); +0.20 m/s (March, April and May); +0.30 m/s (June, July and August);+0.30 m/s (September, October and November)	2050s	The Caribsave Climate Change Risk Atlas (CCCRA, 2012)
Weather extremes, including intensity	+8% (annual); +10% (December, January and February); +9% (March, April and May); +7% (June, July and August); +21% (September, October and November)	2050s	The Caribsave Climate Change Risk Atlas (CCCRA, 2012)
Sea Level Rise (SLR)	+0.5 meter	2050s	Estimated based on info from CCCRA, Sea Level Rise in the Caribbean and The Second National Communication.

7. Flooding and sea level rise (SLR) presents a significant threat to Suriname given this extensive low-lying coastal zone and the concentration of socioeconomic activities within this area. Suriname's vulnerability is exacerbated by the fact that its main low lying coastal areas also coincide with the main population centers and areas economic activity. Suriname possesses a significant deltaic region related to four main rivers: Suriname River, Saramacca River, Coppename River, and Nickerie River. This includes sizeable north coastal plains (low-lying coast) where over 80% of the population live and where the major economic activities and infrastructure are concentrated (SNC, 2013; UNFCCC, 2015). Figure 2 shows the low-lying flat areas at the north part of Suriname that are prone to floods (approximately 2,000 km²).

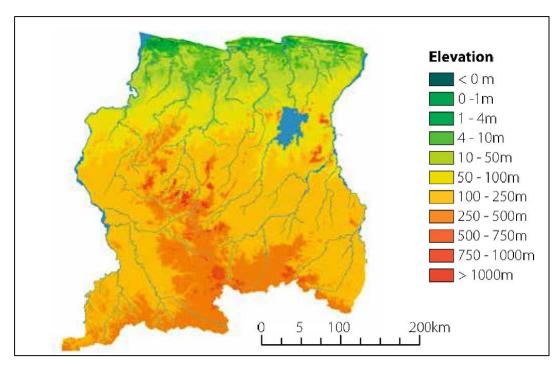


Figure 2: Topography of Suriname (Source: Figure 1.3 of SNC, 2013).

8. Even though Suriname is located outside of the hurricane area, hurricane effects are often experienced in the form of heavy rainfall. Meteorological conditions in Suriname are also influenced by climate systems including Sibibusies's (Sibi = sweep, Busie = forest), Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) and the El Niño phenomenon (Environment Statistics, 2016). Flooding occurs through a number of mechanisms including when sea level rises during spring tide, during tropical storms by impacting low-lying coastal and riverine development and/or by rainfall-induced accumulation of water due to outdated and insufficient drainage systems. As a consequence, Suriname experiences frequent flooding, particularly in the northern coastal plain and riverine areas which are generally of low elevation and flat. Table 2 shows a summary of the historical floods in Suriname between 2004 and 2015 based on information obtained from the Environment Statistics (2016).

Table 2: Historical Flooding Events in Suriname (Source: Adapted from Environment Statistics 2016 and NCCR Situation Analysis).

Date	Natural Disaster	Affected Areas	Population
9/7/2004	Floods associated with rainfall from Hurricane Ivan	Not specified	Unknown
6/5/2006	Flood due to excessive rainfall	Gran Rio and Pikin Rio rivers, Paramacaans on the Marowijne River, upper Marowijne, Tapanhony and Lawa, (Mofina) Suriname and Sipaliwini River	25,000 people
June 2006	Floods due to heavy rainfall	Villages along the upper Marowijne river and the upper Suriname River	20,000 people
2006/2007	Flood	Coropina triangle, Vier Kinderen, La Prosperite and Republiek	500 people
29/4/2007	Floods due to continuous rainfall	Paramaribo	
28/5/2007	Flood due to	Sipaliwini, Northern Marowijne,	5,000 people

Date	Natural Disaster	Affected Areas	Population
	excessive rainfall	Tapanahony River, Lawa and Curuni	
6/8/2008	Flood due excessive	Southern part of the interior: Djumu,	Unknown
	rainfall	Asidonhopo, Semoisi, Awaradam	
1/10/2009	Flood due to	Paramaribo	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
2/4/2009	Flood due to	Paramaribo	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
10/3/2009	Flood due to	Paramaribo	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
5/3/2009	Flood due to	Paramaribo	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
14/7/2010	Coastal flooding as a	Saramacca: La poule, Peperhol, north part	Unknown
	result of dam fail	of Wayambo	
24/4/2010	Flood due to	Paramaribo	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
16/4/2010	Flood due to	Paramaribo: Margarethalaan	unknown
	excessive rainfall		
22/4/2010	Flood due to	Paramaribo: Poelepantje	Unknown
	excessive rainfall	, ,	
17/5/2013	Flood due to	Saramacca: Misgusnst	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
16/5/2013	Flood due to	Commewijne: Frederikdorp	Unknown
	excessive rainfall	,	
16/5/2013	Flood due to	Para, Paramaribo, Marowijne (Cottica)	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
20/6/2013	Tail of a heavy	Paramaribo, Wanica, Saramacca,	300 people
	tropical	Marowijne (Galibi). Roof were torn away	affected
	storm/flooding (heavy	(30 houses), trees uprooted and damaged	
	rainfall)	power poles, advertising signs and Street	
		lighting	
27/12/2013	Flood due to	Paramaribo, Wanica, Saramacca	Unknown
	excessive rainfall		
6/7/2014	Storm	National: Paramaribo, Coronie,	150+
		Commewijne, Saramacca en Nickerie	
7/6/2014	Storm	Nickerie: Nieuw Nickerie	100 houses
2/5/2015	Flood	Marowijne: Alale Kondre	Unknown
18/5/2015	Persistent rainfall	Wanica: Hanna's Lust	
21/6/2015	Storm	Paramaribo: Zorg en Hoop	1 injured and
			35 homes
			affected
28/6/2015	Storm	Paramaribo	1 (death)
27/7/2015	Flood	Saramacca	unknown
16/1/2016	Hailstorm	Paramaribo and surroundings	

9. The flooding risk of local communities living in costal and/or riverine areas of Suriname is amplified when considering the vulnerability of the areas that flood. For example, as discussed above, about two thirds of the Surinamese population live and work in the Paramaribo/Wanica area, which is prone to significant flooding. A 1999 study entitled "Country Study Climate Change Suriname" (and also known as the Netherlands Climate Assistance Programme Phase 1, NCAP-1¹) identified risk zones for inundation from the sea

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 $^{^{1}\} https://www.weadapt.org/knowledge-base/nat\underline{ional-adaptation-planning/methodology-of-suriname-ncap-project}$

and rivers, as shown below in *Figure 3*, showing the current vulnerabilities of the northern coastal areas to flooding.

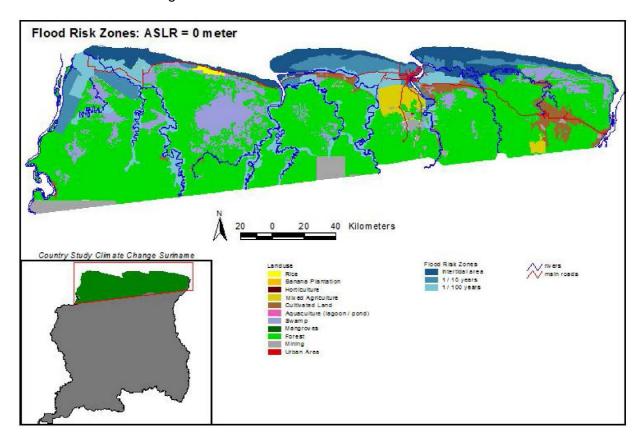


Figure 3: Flood Risk Zones for the Suriname coastal plain (Source: Figure 6-4 of Country Study Climate Change Suriname).

- 10. In a comparative analysis of the impacts of SLR on land, population, GDP, urban and agricultural extent, and wetlands in 84 developing countries, Suriname was ranked highest in Latin America and the Caribbean in terms of population and GDP impact, and was second only to Guyana and the Bahamas in terms of urban and agricultural extent (World Bank 2007 cited on IDB and IIC, 2016). At the global level, Suriname ranks among the top most affected countries overall. Suriname's entire economic zone is located within its coastal areas. Estimates of impacts of 1 meter SLR and storm surge in CARICOM member states, including Suriname, show that nearly 1,300 km² of land will be lost, over 110,000 people will be displaced, at least 149 multimillion dollar tourism resorts (including beaches) will be damaged or lost together with over 550 km of roads lost (Simpson et al, 2010). Other expected impacts include loss and damages to the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors as a result of increase ambient temperatures. Adaptation efforts so far remain insufficient and the continued impacts of climate change could further intensify the country's vulnerabilities, negatively affecting key sectors such as agriculture, water, energy, health and tourism.
- 11. The low income segments of the population are disproportionately affected by climate risks. This is mainly due to poorer quality housing in environmentally sensitive areas and generally lower coping mechanisms in the case of hazard events. Lower income households often work in agriculture or informal activities that depend on the climate and are more exposed to

communicable diseases that could become more prevalent as climate changes. Expected temperature increases, coupled with changes in rainfall patterns, will have significant impacts on human health through potential increases in the incidence of parasitic and infectious diseases (including a possible increase of vector diseases such as malaria in the interior and dengue in the coastal zone) (Government of Suriname 2013 cited on IDB and IIC, 2016). Of note in relation to these vulnerabilities is the expected disparity in impact among certain groups in society, such as women in the country's interior and farming communities (UNDP 2009 cited on IDB and IIC, 2016). Similarly, critical social infrastructure is also highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

12. Recognizing the vulnerabilities faced by Suriname to natural hazards and the additional effects of climate change, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will develop a National Adaptation Plan (NAP) in 2017 based on UNDP's Suriname National Climate Change Policy Strategy and Action Plan (NCCPSAP). While this is under development, it can be confirmed that the proposals and interventions contained in this application are aligned and consistent with the NAP / NCCPSAP and also with IDB-funded climate change vulnerability assessment for Paramaribo city.

URBAN VULNERABILITY: A FOCUS ON PARAMARIBO

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF PARAMARIBO

- 13. Paramaribo is the capital city of Suriname and is located on the banks of the Suriname River along the northern coast of the country. Paramaribo and the surrounding urban areas is the main population center of Suriname, and where more than 70% of the country's population resides. Furthermore, Paramaribo is the main commercial and economic center, and also the location for the majority offices and activities of the GoS, which as reported earlier, is a key driver of the country's economy (IDB and IIC, 2016).
- 14. Paramaribo is the business and financial center of Suriname. Even though it does not produce significant goods itself, almost all revenues from the country's main export products (minerals, oil, agriculture and forestry) are channelled through the city, where the majority of banks, insurance corporations and other financial and commercial companies are headquartered. It is estimated that approximately 75 percent of Suriname's GDP is centered in Paramaribo (IDB and IIC, 2016).
- 15. Tourism is also an increasingly important sector for Paramaribo, both as a destination in its own right, and also as a gateway to the inner country areas. Paramaribo is a former Dutch colonial town dating from the 17th and 18th centuries. The Historic Inner City of Paramaribo is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its certification is based on the following criteria:
 - Paramaribo is an exceptional example of the gradual fusion of European architecture and construction techniques with indigenous South American materials and crafts to create a new architectural idiom; and
 - Paramaribo is a unique example of the contact between the European culture of the Netherlands and the indigenous cultures and environment of South America in the years of intensive colonization of this region in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- 16. Paramaribo is therefore critical to the economic and development success of Suriname.

VULNERABILITY OF PARAMARIBO

- 17. Paramaribo sits in the lower elevation norther area of the country and is highly vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise, consistent with what has been described above. Table 2 shows the frequency with which flooding has affected Paramaribo, and this represents the principal hazard and risk facing Paramaribo.
- 18. A follow-up to the NCAP-1 study, the study "Promotion of Sustainable Livelihood within the Coastal Zone of Suriname, with Emphasis on Greater Paramaribo and in the Immediate Region", known as the Netherlands Climate Assistant Programme Phase 2 (NCAP-2) (Naipal and Tas, 2016), demonstrated that a significant part of the Paramaribo area is highly vulnerable. For example, it cites that along the riverbank of the Suriname River and also in the southern part of the Paramaribo/Wanica area, the ground level is low, varying between 1.50 to 1.80m NSP, whereas the 1 in 10 year high water in the Suriname River is 1.93m at the north of Paramaribo and 2.00m near the center and south of the city.
- 19. Paramaribo does have some existing defences and protection measures in place, however these are not always sufficient for current levels of flooding, and are insufficient when considering future implications of projected climate change (see *Figure 4*). For example, along the Suriname River from the north to the south, local protection measures in the form of earthen dams exist which aim to prevent flooding of the river at high tide. However, at locations the elevation of the top of the available structures and infrastructure is lower than the current high water levels and as a consequence, flooding occurs (NCAP-2).





Figure 4: Examples of existing Flood Defences along the left bank of the Suriname River (Source: IDB, 2016).

20. Another key contributing factor to the flooding experienced in Paramaribo is the fact that the drainage system is undersized and poorly maintained. The current system is largely based on the original drainage design from colonial times to support the former plantation network, and is therefore inappropriate for the city as it is today. Thirty five open and closed drainage canals and channels form the current drainage system of Paramaribo. The canals can be characterized as a mixed system because in addition to rainwater, they also receive discharges of domestic waste water (partially treated by septic tanks). Interviews with local experts and government officials, and site visits as part of the IDB's Emerging and

Sustainable Cities Program, revealed that flooding within Paramaribo's drainage system occurs due to a combination of poor maintenance of the existing canal network (including waste deposition), lack of maintenance of outlet structures (sluices and pumping stations), unregulated development in areas intended to support drainage such as retention areas, and additional growth of the urban area meaning drainage infrastructure may be under-sized (MOGP, 2001).

- 21. Flooding and drainage issues in Paramaribo are therefore a noted priority for the GoS², as highlighted in Suriname's National Development Plan 2012-2016. The GoS has undertaken several initiatives to address climate change adaptation challenges, including the formulation of: the Climate Action Plan for the Coastal Zone of Suriname; the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZM), which provides several recommendations on several adaptation solutions for the North Paramaribo-Wanica coastline; National Contingency Plan; and the Second National Communication to the UNFCCC (2013). Furthermore, Suriname has participated in Phases I and II of the Netherlands Climate Assistance Program and the European Union Global Climate Change Alliance Program (2011-2015). The latter has led to the formulation of the National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Action Plan of 2015 and the strengthening of the Meteorological Services, as well as training in climate modelling and vulnerability and risk assessments.
- 22. More specifically for Paramaribo, the GoS has been conducting several studies to identify appropriate adaptation measures for the city. In 2009 the GoS conducted a river protection study, which proposes the construction of a river dike to the north of Paramaribo to protect the city's historical center against flooding due to increasingly high water levels in relation to global sea-level rise. In fact, the ICZM Plan backs this proposal and further recommends the construction of dikes along the left bank of the Suriname River from Leonsberg to the Saramacca canal. Based on these recommendations and earlier studies as mentioned above, the GoS partially (incomplete due to lack of funding) built the dike and river protection (flood wall) on different parts of the Suriname River bank in 2011.
- 23. In addition, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has developed a partnership with the GoS with respect to supporting the sustainable development of Paramaribo. This includes the application of the IDB's Emerging and Sustainable Cities (ESC) assessment methodology to Paramaribo (the ESC Study). The ESC Study is a systematic approach to assessing the current baseline situation in a city with respect to a host of key topics, sectors and sustainability indicators, and to use this information through analysis and extensive engagement with city stakeholders to develop key urban sustainability priorities for a city. Climate vulnerability and risk is a critical lens of the ESC Study through which a city's sustainability challenges and opportunities are considered. In the case of Paramaribo, the IDB has commissioned a hazard and risk analysis for the greater Paramaribo area (see Figure 5) with the aim of identifying areas of vulnerability and highest risk to natural hazards, and also proposing adaptation recommendations to build resilience (ESC Risk Study). This is on-going work and will be completed by February 2016; however key findings to date have been integrated into this project proposal.

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² While administratively Paramaribo forms its own district in Suriname, it does not have its own municipal or city government. The GoS maintains governance and management over the city.

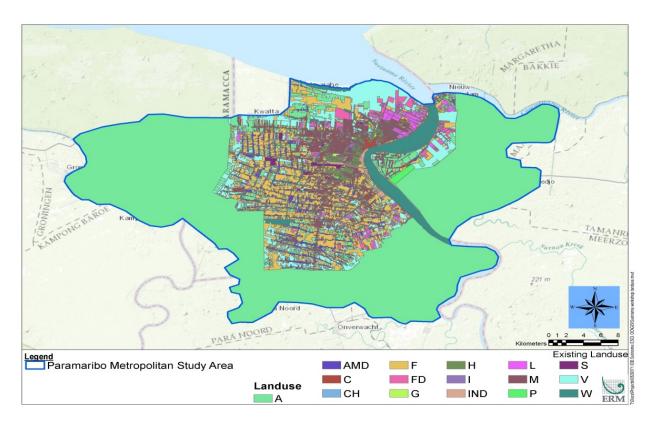


Figure 5: Paramaribo Metropolitan Study Area for the IDB's ESCI (Source: IDB, 2016).

24. In addition, the IDB is also funding a loan for the Revitalization of the Historic Centre of Paramaribo (IDB Urban Rehabilitation Program), which has been conceived to tackle the most urgent problems affecting the historical downtown and promote a sustainable urban revitalization process. This area embraces Paramaribo's UNESCO world heritage site (see *Figure 6*). The IDB also commissioned focused hazard and risk studies in this area (Downtown Risk Study).



Figure 6: Program Area (Core Zone of Paramaribo World Heritage Site)

25. The ESC and Risk studies included a focus on flooding (which was prioritized as a hazard through engagement with the city stakeholders) and used the climate change projections presented in *Table 1*). The studies modelled inland and coastal flooding hazards both for the current situation and also for the future (out to the year 2050) when considering climate change projections for a series of different return periods. These results were then used to generate hazard maps for the city, such as the one shown in *Figure 7* which presents the 1 in 100 year costal hazard map for the Paramaribo Study Area with climate change projections integrated for 2050.

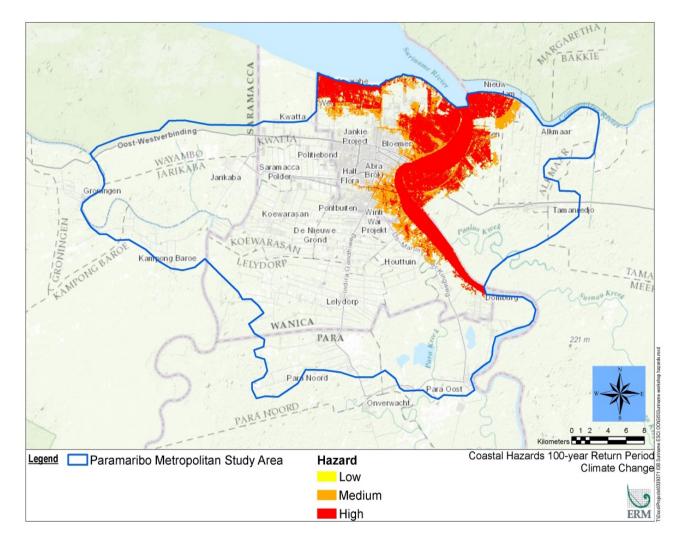


Figure 7: 100-year coastal hazard map for Paramaribo with climate change projections for 2050 horizon (Source: IDB 2016)

26. As can be seen in *Figure* 7, the modelling shows areas of high vulnerability for Paramaribo along the Suriname River and for the emerging urban areas along the northern coast. Risk maps have also been generated by linking the coastal and inland flooding hazard findings to population areas and also economic land-value. For example, *Figures* 8 and 9 show the economic and population-based risk maps created for the ESC Study area, which is the larger Paramaribo Metropolitan area. These risk maps serve as basis to identify areas of Paramaribo where climate adaptation measures are needed to increase climate resilience into the future.

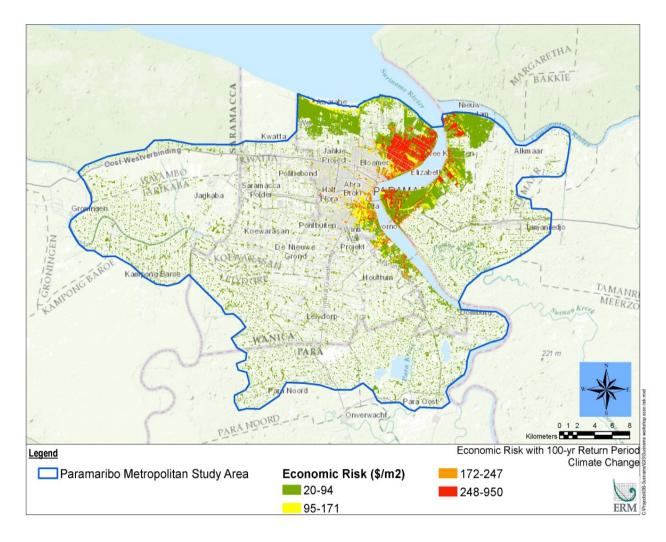


Figure 8: Paramaribo Metropolitan Economic-based risk map with Climate Change for 100-year return period (Source: IDB, 2016)³

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³ Economic-based risk refers to the level of potential asset loss due to hazards and vulnerability. The color codes refer to the economic risk of the area, where high (red) and low (green) damage costs are identified as results of natural events including climate change for a return period of 100 years.

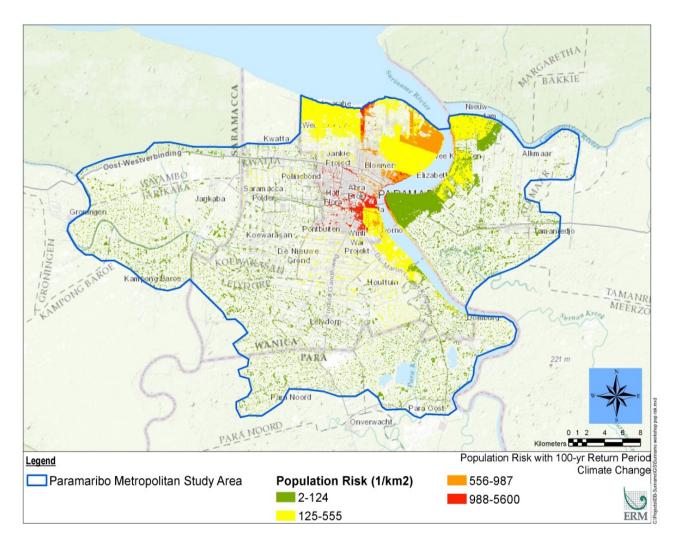


Figure 9: Paramaribo Metropolitan Population-based risk map with Climate Change for 100-year return period (Source: IDB, 2016)

- 27. Based on the information presented in *Figures 7* to *9*, Paramaribo and its broader metropolitan area has six priority areas which have higher vulnerability and risks to flooding and sea level rise including:
 - Along the east bank of the Suriname River at (i) New Amsterdam and also (ii) Meerzorg;
 - Along the west bank of the Suriname River at (iii) Noord and (iv) Downtown (the Historic Center of Paramaribo);
 - Along the northern coast following the (v) canal that serves Munder; and
 - West of the Downtown area (vi) adjacent to Tammenga.
- 28. Stakeholder discussions and workshops with GoS agencies and also non-governmental agencies have also been undertaken as part of the risk studies to understand current capacity, management plans and resources for managing and responding to natural hazards and disasters. This analysis also overlaps with the ESC Study city indicator process. While this process is ongoing, some current insights and conclusions include:
 - The GoS does not have existing risk maps for natural hazards;
 - The GoS has an emergency contingency plan, however this does not appear to be widely disseminated and is also limited in its extent due to budget and resource constraints:
 - There is only a basic infrastructure in place for an early warning system; and
 - Disaster risk management has not currently been carried through to any broader city development planning;
- 29. The above studies were performed at the metropolitan level and a summary to the final ESC Risk Study report will be appended to the final version of this project proposal for informational purposes. The Downtown Risk Study on the Revitalization of the Historic Centre of Paramaribo allowed one of the high risk areas (the Downtown area) to be studied further, and the risks are summarized in Figures 10 and 11. These economic and population based-risk maps reinforce the urgent need for the implementation of a group of adaptation measures that go from the development of capacity building activities at different government levels and local communities, to the deployment of key infrastructure to protect the coast along the waterfront of this area.

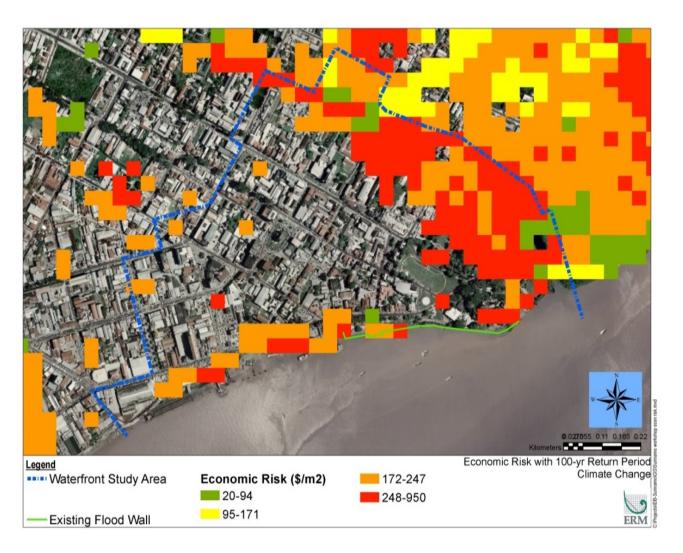


Figure 10: Waterfront Economic-based risk map with Climate Change for 100-year return period (Source: IDB, 2016)

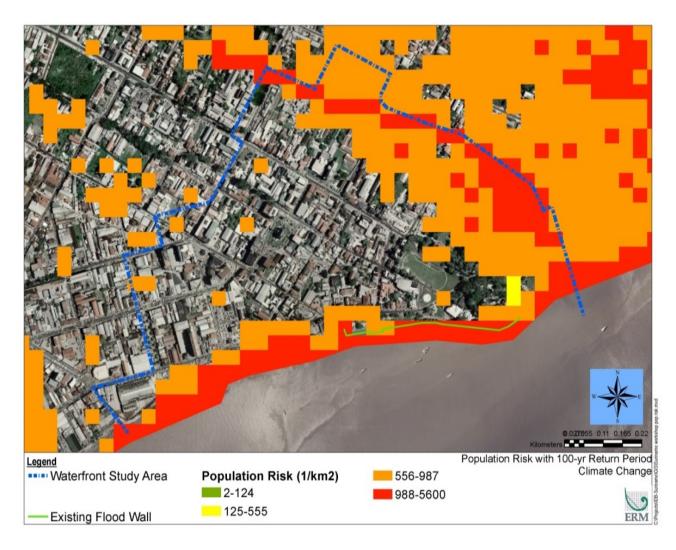


Figure 11: Waterfront Population-based risk map with Climate Change for 100-year return period (Source: IDB, 2016)

- 30. In summary, Paramaribo is highly vulnerable to climate change and natural hazards (floods), and given the prominent and integral role Paramaribo plays at the national level, Paramaribo's vulnerability has national consequences in terms of economic and social impacts. The challenges Paramaribo faces include:
 - Vulnerability (both in terms of population and economic exposure) to flood hazards which will be further compounded by projected sea level rise;
 - This vulnerability is largely in areas of the city that are important population centers and also economic hubs; in order to put in place a sustainable growth plan for the city, it is necessary to better know the river and how it would interact under new hydrological conditions posed by a changing climate- that is, additional knowledge of gradual changes to local hydrology need to be monitored, filed and analyzed.
 - There are a number of challenges that threaten Paramaribo's capacity to effectively cope with observed and anticipated effects of climate change on the frequency and magnitude of floods and sea level rise, namely limited resources; limited institutional capacity; the low-income status of much of the population limits their own ability to build resilience; and absence of a coordinated understanding and resulting action plan to build adaptive capacity.
- 31. The adaptation and resilience requirements identified through existing GoS and IDB studies suggests that over \$60 million of investment is needed to support a city-wide fully implemented adaptation strategy. It is recognized that this level of capital expenditure is not feasible given the current economic situation in Suriname. This Proposed Project therefore seeks to incrementally respond to Paramaribo's challenges and complement current efforts lead by the GoS to protect the city by initiating a first phase of adaptation measures to demonstrate the benefits to be accrued through adapting to climate change and create an enabling environment to facilitate a long term participative and dynamic adaptation process. The Proposed Project takes advantage of the existing studies and analysis performed by the IDB and GoS to date in order to implement a focused adaptation solution (specific to the Downtown area), as well as create an overarching city framework to build capacity and structure in support of further adaptation and resilience building.

Proposed Project Objectives:

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

- 32. The general objective of the proposed project is to contribute towards increasing the adaptive capacity of communities living in the Paramaribo city and adjacent metropolitan vulnerable areas to cope with observed and anticipated impacts of climate change on floods and sea level rise. The specific objectives of this Proposed Project are to generate:
 - Downtown Adaptation Measures: Implement a group of strategic and cost-effective adaptation hard measures in the historic downtown area of Paramaribo that illustrate the benefits of building climate resilience as part of a long-term planning strategy for the city and its metropolitan area;
 - ii. City Adaptation Framework and Plan: Establish a framework for managing knowledge and disseminating lessons learned that could be used in future resilience

- programs for the city of Paramaribo and that could be part of a city-level Adaptation Plan;
- iii. **Capacity Building**: Build capacity across local communities and GoS stakeholders responsible for decision making in Paramaribo to ensure strong implementation and enforcement of the Adaptation Plan; and
- iv. **Monitoring and Evaluation**: Ensure there is a robust plan and implementation structure to allow the Proposed Project to be implemented, monitored, evaluated and lessons learned disseminated.

PROPOSED PROJECT STRATEGY

33. To deliver on the identified objectives, the GoS and IDB are proposing under this Proposed Project four main components (noting the components are not necessarily sequential), as described below.

(i) DOWNTOWN ADAPTATION MEASURES

- 34. The work of IDB and the GoS undertaken in 2016 identified the key areas in Paramaribo where hard adaptation measures are needed. One of the identified priority areas is the Historic Downtown Area (HDA) which vulnerability to floods will be exacerbated by climate change anticipated impacts. This area is also the focus of GoS and IDB investments to try and reinvigorate the area both to protect its historic character and also to act to stimulate economic growth through increased vibrancy and use of the area.
- 35. Moreover, risk studies financed by IDB have assessed the vulnerability of the downtown area, consulted with key stakeholders and through this process identified an initial suite of adaptation measures that would allow the area to be protected and therefore build resilience to this historic and strategically important part of Paramaribo. These measures will include the following components:
 - a) <u>Physical Measures:</u> The major cause of identified flooding within the downtown area is the inadequate design and extent of the existing flood wall on the Suriname River when considered against current and future changes being induced through climate change. The wall does not extend long enough and in some parts is not high enough to protect against high water level events. The presence of the existing flood wall is seen by some parties as inappropriate in that it partially blocks views of the waterfront due to its height. Considering these aspects, the main focus of the proposed adaptation measures is to identify urban space solutions that build upon the existing infrastructure and planning decisions to ensure an appropriate level of flood protection accounting not only for today's events, but also future events when considering climate change. Physical measures will be considered that fulfil the same functions as a traditional floodwall but with more sustainable and aesthetic urban design considerations. These will address the need to consider the current inadequate height and extent offered by the existing flood wall. The suite of solutions being considered will:
 - Consider urban design options to maximize integration and usability within the context of the waterfront as a destination, such as use of viewing platforms and elevated walkways so that the solution becomes a feature rather than a barrier;
 - Install subtidal breakwaters and design flood protection topographies along the length of where protection is needed;

- Integrating, where possible, green infrastructure measures into the solutions (see below);
- Ensuring a full hydrological and sediment transport analysis of the Suriname River is performed that includes scour computations, geomorphic analysis and use of historical data regarding river movement. This will help determine the precise design parameters for any final solution and to also verify that it will not result in worsening of conditions downstream; and
- A complementary environmental assessment may need to be performed for the final solution, in particular to manage potential biodiversity impacts associated with the river.
- b) Complementary Green Infrastructure Measures: The flooding risk mitigation alternative proposed in (a) could be enhanced and made more sympathetic with its setting and location by integrating green measures. In particular, complementing the existing riprap protection located along the left bank of the Suriname River with vegetation will be analysed. Options such as vegetation and woody material for bank stabilization; pole plantings (or live stakes) and coir rolls will be considered. Conservation of existing mangrove remnants and restoration of habitat conditions for mangrove growth will be assessed as part of the options aimed at finding the most adequate combination of different types of green infrastructure and civil works for protection along the left bank of the Suriname river. The feasibility of this option will be analysed in light of (i) physical space availability for the successful establishment of healthy mangrove associations, ii) current status of ecological degradation and existing stressors, (iii) competing land uses and social acceptance. Along these lines, it is important to consider that, in the case of Suriname's northern coast, mangroves and mud banks together play the important role of effective wave energy-dissipaters and contribute to coastal stability at different timescales (WWF, 2015) - however, along the left bank of the Suriname river, where Paramaribo city is located; this role is significantly limited given city's current layout and the disappearance of several hectares of mangroves due to an accelerated urbanization process.

The proposal will seek to enhance biodiversity through the adoption of green solutions, including, for example, mangrove growth when feasible. To this aim an analysis will be carried out to make sure that biodiversity benefits are maximized, and potential impacts on local vegetation minimized.

b)c) Drainage Maintenance and Upgrades: The Paramaribo city area is served by an inland network open and closed drainage canals and infrastructure with a total length of over 1,450 km. As explained above, the canals can be characterized as mixed system receiving rainwater and domestic waste water. Each main canal owns outlet facility such as sluice, pumping station or a combination of these two (MOGP, 2001). The main drainage canals, which are part of the waterfront area, discharges their waters to the Suriname River near the Kleine Water Straat next to the Hotel Royal Torarica and near the southern border of the "Core area", locally known as Knuffelsgracht. Based on anecdotal comments, flooding within the area has been identified to be occurring through a combination of poor maintenance of the existing canal network (including waste deposition), lack of maintenance of outlet structures (sluices and inadequate supply of spare and replacement parts for the pumping stations), unregulated development in areas intended to support drainage such as retention areas, and additional growth of the urban area meaning drainage

infrastructure may be under-sized. The IDB recommends that a localized drainage study and survey is performed for the catchment and network serving the area, and maintenance and upgrade plan be developed taking into consideration the results of the climate change vulnerability assessment already financed by IDB.

- e)d) Management and Maintenance Measures: A drainage and management plan should be prepared and implemented for urban Paramaribo which details the management and maintenance needs for the various measures described. This will need to include roles, responsibilities and frequency of actions. It will also need to consider potential training and capacity needs in support of the government entities that will be responsible for this plan. This management plan must also be synchronized with existing and future urban development plans prepared for Paramaribo and storm water management activities and plans (e.g., MOGP) conducted and prepared by the Ministry of Public Works (Department of Hydraulics). For instance, the runoff capture within the area should be conveyed directly to the Suriname River and/or to the drainage canal. These types of designs and activities should be coordinated together with current storm water management activities conducted by the Minister of Public Work to avoid creating new flooding areas or worsen existing flooding areas.
- 36. As part of the study performed for the Downtown Risk Study, an Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA) was prepared for the IDB Urban Rehabilitation Program. While it is anticipated that said Program would have a benefit to the community, the potential exists for environmental and social impacts to occur, and this document seeks to identify these potential impacts and recommends an environmental and social management framework to be put into place to mitigate, manage, and monitor these impacts and risks for the life of the Program. The ESA considered the following potential risks and impacts:
 - A livelihoods assessment has been performed to determine whether livelihoods of local businesses and traders might be affected by the proposed Historic Downtown Program;
 - A stakeholder engagement event was held and was a useful event which allowed the Program to be presented and feedback to be solicited from stakeholders;
 - The Program is not anticipated to worsen or intensify the natural risks; however it will introduce more visitors and residents into the areas of higher risk, as well as bring new infrastructure and construction, thereby increasing the exposure profile. These negative impacts could be minimized, however, by the implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures developed in consultation with the relevant government and non-governmental stakeholders;
 - The Program is intended to positively impact the physical integrity of the city's cultural heritage, however it is also recognized that if the design and construction is unsympathetic, it could adversely affect the historic character or authenticity of individual listed monuments and/or the historic landscape as a whole; and
 - Other potential impacts such as traffic, noise, air quality and pedestrians have also been assessed.
- 37. Based upon these findings, a framework for an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) has been prepared as part of the IDB Urban Rehabilitation Program, along with outlines for a series of key management plans, namely a Livelihood Restoration Plan, a Disaster Risk Management Plan (DRMP) and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) including a grievance process.

(ii) City Adaptation Framework and Plan

- 38. This component is seen as an enabling step to ensure that decision makers and stakeholders have a robust framework to ensure investments on climate resilience are implemented in a structured manner and promote long-term adaptation in the city. The absence of such a plan will mean an on-going piece-meal approach to resilience planning, which will not be of benefit to the city or its residents. This framework and plan will be aligned to the National Adaptation Plan being prepared by the UNDP.
- 39. The studies carried out by the GoS and IDB for the city of Paramaribo to date, including recent ESC and Historic Downtown Study, provide solid foundations for a city-broad Adaptation Plan. Therefore the focus of this component will be to build consensus and agreement on the objectives, priorities, actions and responsibilities that need to be built into the Paramaribo Adaptation Framework and Plan. Key steps will include:
 - Workshops with local communities and other Paramaribo stakeholders including government officials to outline and discuss the requirements of the Adaptation Plan for the city and its metropolitan area;
 - Broader community engagement activities to build awareness and understanding of the Plan and to ask for feedback and additional input to feel in existing information gaps;
 - Establish a coordination and cooperation framework for the Plan to define main actors and ensure responsibilities for its implementation and tracking of performance are fully understood and established:
 - Build key priorities, focus areas and definition of goals for the Plan; and
 - Ensure alignment of the plan with existing planning documents and other relevant information and pre-agreed actions with local communities and city developers.

(iii) CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT:

- 40. Based upon the final structure of the Paramaribo Adaptation Plan, the requirements within the GoS and other key stakeholders for capacity building will also need to be identified and actioned. It is expected that this will fall into the following two areas:
 - Training and capacity building for the key individuals and departments tasked with specific actions and responsibilities within the Adaptation Plan – under this programme, it is expected that initial training needs will be delivered, and a broader training plan will be provided to the GoS for ongoing delivery; and
 - Institutional strengthening needs will be identified and shared with the GoS with respect to ensuring climate change and adaptation is mainstreamed into relevant policies, development planning and regulations – under this programme, the institutional strengthening will be identified and then the implementation will be a separate responsibility of the GoS;

Main activities include:

1. Prepare, organize and deliver capacity building and technical training workshops on the Paramaribo Adaptation Plan for different government bureaus, including the Ministry of Public Works and the National Environmental Coordination Unit.

- 2. Formulate a long-term training plan, along with key training materials, to facilitate continuous capacity building for technical staff of the GoS on the Adaptation Plan.
- 3. Design, organize and deliver workshops on the Adaptation Plan for the general public, focusing on gender-equality and local vulnerable communities within the metropolitan area.
- 4. Conduct an institutional evaluation to enhance the GoS capacity to mainstream climate change and adaptation practices into relevant policies and regulations.
- 41. In addition, a Knowledge Management Plan will also be developed in order to ensure that:
 - Information, data and lessons learned are captured;
 - This information is appropriately managed and stored so that it is readily accessible and understandable;
 - This information is shared among stakeholders and appropriate training sessions are delivered; and
 - A review and evaluation step is included to ensure this data management process is working effectively and also evolving as the data and information sets develop.

(iv) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- 42. Monitoring and evaluation is critical to the successful implementation of a project. A monitoring and evaluation plan will be developed as per the following:
 - Monitoring The purpose of monitoring activities will be to follow up as the Proposed Project progresses in order to ensure that it is meeting the original expectations and achieving the expected results. A Results Matrix (RM) will be developed which will enable the identification of issues and problems during execution that can be corrected in due time. The monitoring program will be based on the RM, and on the associated project plans.
 - Indicators Monitoring activities will be guided by a series of selected Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that will be defined in the RM. Each defined indicator will include a unit of measure, frequency of measurement and a means of verification.
 - Progress Reporting The required frequency of periodic monitoring reports will be defined.
 - Coordination and Monitoring The requirements for relevant administration and management requirements for the Proposed Project's monitoring activities, which will include: (i) to develop, maintain and update the data regarding monitoring indicators; (ii) coordinate the collection and processing of information on project actions and prepare progress reports; (iii) identify problems, delays and external factors affecting the project and proposing, where appropriate, remedial measures; and (iv) support monitoring meetings and program evaluation.
 - Monitoring Plan The frequency of monitoring will be defined.
 - **Evaluation** The evaluation of the Proposed Program will be done once the Proposed Program has been completed in order to determine if its objectives have been achieved based on a specified and agreed criteria.

Project / Programme Components and Financing:

Fill in the table presenting the relationships among project components, activities, expected concrete outputs, and the corresponding budgets. If necessary, please refer to the attached instructions for a detailed description of each term.

For the case of a programme, individual components are likely to refer to specific subsets of stakeholders, regions and/or sectors that can be addressed through a set of well defined interventions / projects.

The following Table presents an overview of the Project's components, outcomes, main outputs and their costs.

Project Components	Expected Concrete Outputs	Expected Outcomes	Amount (US\$)
(i) Downtown Adaptation Measures: Implement a group of strategic and cost-effective adaptation hard measures in the historic downtown area of Paramaribo that illustrate the benefits of building climate resilience as part of a long-term planning strategy for the city and its metropolitan area	Enhanced flood protection measures along the Suriname River next to the Historic Downtown area, including: (a) construction of a 350-700 meters long wall to prevent flooding and erosion along the left bank of Suriname River, (b) deployment of different alternatives of green infrastructure to complement at least 1 km of existing riprap stream bank protection along the west bank of the Suriname river, (c) improvement of approx. 5.0 km of the Historic Downtown drainage canal including the Sommeldijckse drainage canal and (d) design and implementation of a Drainage Maintenance Plan for urban Paramaribo.	Reduced flood risk exposure of communities and businesses serving the historic downtown area. A consequential outcome is that implementation will act as the enabler for the broader regeneration program proposed by the GoS and IDB.	\$7,300,000
(ii) City-level Adaptation Framework and Plan: Develop a city-broad plan to build climate resilience in the city in line with a long-term adaptation process. Said plan will guide policy makers and city planners in prioritizing investments and programs to achieve climate resilience.	City-wide Adaptation Plan developed and endorsed by city major and local vulnerable communities.	Strengthened awareness and ownership of adaptation and climate risk process by Paramaribo citizens including the metropolitan area.	\$200,000

(iv) Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitoring and Practical knowledge \$250.0	200
(iv) Monitoring and Evaluation : Develop a robust plan and implementation structure to allow the Proposed Project to be implemented, monitored and evaluated Monitoring and Evaluation plan developed Bractical knowledge about adaptation processes in cities is increased.	100
evaluated.	000
1. Total Project Cost (TPC) - Total of (i) to (iv) above \$8,250,	
2. Total Project Management (TPM) Cost (9.5% of TPC) \$783,7	
3. Project Cycle Management Fee charged by the Implementing Entity (8.5% of TPC + \$767,8	69
TPM)) Amount of Financing Requested \$9,801,	

Projected Calendar:

Indicate the dates of the following milestones for the proposed project/programme

Milestones	Expected Dates
Submission of Concept to AF	01/09/2017
Approval of the Concept by the AF Board (Estimate)	03/2017
Submission to AF of a Full Programme Proposal	10/2017
Approval of the Full Programme Proposal by the AFB (Estimate)	11/2017
Start of Project/Programme Implementation	07/2018
Mid-term Review (if planned)	07/2020
Project/Programme Closing	07/2022
Terminal Evaluation	07/2022

PART II: PROJECT / PROGRAMME JUSTIFICATION

- **A.** Describe the project / programme components, particularly focusing on the concrete adaptation activities of the project, and how these activities contribute to climate resilience. For the case of a programme, show how the combination of individual projects will contribute to the overall increase in resilience.
- 43. The table below describes the proposed project components and details how these will contribute to climate resilience.

Project Component	Description	Contribution to Climate Resilience
Downtown Adaptation Measures	Implement a group of strategic and cost-effective adaptation hard measures in the historic downtown area of Paramaribo that illustrate the benefits of building climate resilience as part of a long-term planning strategy for the city and its metropolitan area	These measures will provide (subject to the final design and construction solutions): - Flood protection through physical adaptation measures along the west bank of the Suriname River; - Erosion control measures to minimize impacts in the subtidal zone; - Data knowledge and exchange with a greater understanding and data sets regarding hydrological and sediment transport in the Suriname River; - Sympathetic flood control measures through complementary green infrastructure measures; - Drainage maintenance and upgrades to reduce inland flooding; and - A drainage and management plan.
City	Establish a framework for	-The adaptation plan will provide a framework
Adaptation	managing knowledge and	for managing, prioritizing and implementing
Framework	disseminating lessons learned that	adaptation and resilience measures along
and Plan	could be used in future resilience programs for the city of	with a standardized approach.
	Paramaribo and that could be part	-Local vulnerable communities increase their

	of a city-level Adaptation Plan	knowledge about: (i) the evolution of floods and sea level rise associated-risks under climate change in Paramaribo and metropolitan areas and (ii) potential adaptation measures to cope with observed and anticipated changes in the local hydrology.
Capacity Building	Build capacity across the GoS stakeholders responsible for decision making in Paramaribo to ensure strong implementation and enforcement of the Adaptation Plan	-Strengthened institutional capacity of GoS on adaptation; -Access to the use of materials and tools that facilitate the management, dissemination and transfer of knowledge on climate change adaptation issues for the city of Paramaribo and its metropolitan area.
Monitoring and Evaluation	Ensure there is a robust plan and implementation structure to allow the Proposed Project to be implemented, monitored and evaluated	-Stepwise methodology/procedure to monitor and evaluate the successful implementation of proposed measures while building local capacity to monitor long term effectiveness of implemented measures to cope with observed and anticipated climate change impacts on floods and sea level rise.

- **B.** Describe how the project / programme provides economic, social and environmental benefits, with particular reference to the most vulnerable communities, and vulnerable groups within communities, including gender considerations. Describe how the project / programme will avoid or mitigate negative impacts, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.
- 44. With respect to Benefits, the proposed project will provide a number of prominent social, economic and environmental benefits as follows:

Benefits	Contribution to Climate Resilience
Economic	 Prevention of damage and business interruption from flooding events; Increase interest and use of the waterfront area; and Facilitation of rehabilitation of the Downtown Historic Area which in turn will attract more visitors and residents to the area as well as investment.
Social	 Reduced flooding impacts to homes and personal wellbeing; Increased income and job opportunities in the waterfront area; Facilitation of rehabilitation of the Downtown Historic Area which will increase the protection of the country's cultural heritage; Improve safety of the waterfront area; Improved public health through maintenance of drainage systems; and The Downtown area is used by vulnerable populations such lower-income traders, and the measures will provide them with greater certainty on continuity of trading activities.
Environmental	 Protection of the Suriname River through sediment and erosion control; and Better knowledge of the dynamics and parameters of the Suriname River.

- 45. Specific to the Downtown Adaptation Measures, a livelihoods assessment has been performed by the IDB to determine whether livelihoods of local businesses and traders might be affected by the proposed Program. A total of 396 businesses, organizations and individual traders were assessed, and also local residents who live in the immediate area. The results have highlighted that in addition to the physical flooding challenges that they face, economic vulnerability is a key concern, where 84% of the area's enterprises have low incomes and make less than SRD 5,000 monthly (i.e., 686 USD). This includes 42 craft stalls/stands on Waterkant, which are mainly earmarked for indigenous, female crafters and craft vendors, of which about 20 are used on a regular basis. These craft stall traders, as well as other enterprises such as the canoe owners (34 no.), have low incomes and seen as particularly vulnerable. Businesses with a regular customer base are also vulnerable if they are unable to maintain their customer base during any physical works. All of these groups and businesses suffer business interruptions due to flooding impacts including:
 - Physical damage caused by flooding to their premises and/or goods;
 - Loss of customers who stay away from the area during flooding events; and
 - Hygiene and sanitation concerns due to the flooding that causes local sewers and toilets to overflow and also creates blockages to the drainage network.
- 45.46. They are therefore expected to benefit from the adaptation proposals, which will give them greater certainty with respect to customer base and also reduced business interruptions. The improvement in drainage will also make the area more attractive and should also create more trade through visitors and users of the waterfront. In recognition of the vulnerable status, the IDB and the Government of Suriname have developed a livelihood restoration plan for the area. The Plan describes the measures that have been established and will be used in order to avoid, and when avoidance is not possible, minimize, adverse social and economic impacts through compensation, management and full consultation and informed participation of those affected. The Plan also includes a monitoring and validation aspect that will also allow benefits to be tracked.
- 46.47. The initial safeguard screening process has been run for the proposed project. It has been classified as a Category "B", high risk project. As a result, an Environmental and Social Strategic and/or Impact Assessment will be completed on proposed adaptation measures and included in the Full Proposal.
- **C.** Describe or provide an analysis of the cost-effectiveness of the proposed project / programme.
- 47.48. Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) was estimated for two main proposed adaptation measures, namely the extension of the existing floodwall (river defence), and upgrading of the Sommeldijckse drainage canal. The CBA included the use of information from the deterministic hazard and risks assessment conducted as part of the ESC Study described above and shown in Figure 10. Annual Average Loss (AAL) was used as the risk metric and benefits of the proposed adaptation measures were estimated by taking the difference between direct and indirect losses with and without the proposed adaptation. The benefits were estimated at present value (PV) of future (recurring) benefits considering the life of the

asset that is being proposed. A discount rate of 3%⁴ was assumed as part of the CBA. The costs of adaptation were also estimated including the other costs such as structural intervention, setting up systems and recurring maintenance costs. Finally, the benefit cost ratio (BCR) was computed by taking a ratio of PV of all benefits and the total costs of the adaptation actions.

- 48.49. Extension of the existing floodwall (or river defence) is expected to benefit the infrastructure and population located within the Waterfront area. Estimated costs associated with the expansion of the flood wall considers the following activities:
 - Exiting floodwall at the Waterfront (Waterkant);
 - Steel sheet pile of a length between 15 m and 18 m with coating for the protection against salty water;
 - Placing of a pre-fabricated concrete slab on the top of the sheet pile;
 - Pile-driving from the water because of ongoing activities and buildings located near and along the shoreline;
 - the use of rock boulders on geotextile along the floodwall at riverside for erosion protection and dissipation of energy; and
 - Landscaping works at the land side including street titles and storm water drains.
- 49.50. The total cost was calculated from the length of approximately 700 m along the west bank of the Suriname River (south of the existing floodwall) and is estimated to be US\$7.28 million⁵. Benefits were estimated by assuming a loss reduction of 90% of the AAL within the left bank of Suriname River. The costs, benefits, and PV for the expansion of the floodwall (or river defence) are summarized in Table 3 below. The base case is the status quo, losses without adaptation. The results from the climate change analysis of the deterministic risk assessment were used to establish this CBA. The results from the defined beneficiary area suggest that AAL for buildings due to floods is US\$1.86 million. The PV of future flood AAL to buildings in the base case is estimated over 30 years to be US\$36.48 million.
- 50.51. **Benefit-Cost Ratio of the adaptation action:** Since the total cost for expanding the existing floodwall is estimated to be USD\$7.28 million, the total PV of the benefits with the proposed adaptation is estimated to be USD\$32.83 million. Considering these total estimated costs and PV of the benefits, the CBR for this adaptation is 5.

Table 3: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Floodwall expansion (in millions USD \$)

Particulars	Details	Base Case	Adaptation
Basis	Life (years)	30	
	Growth factor	19.6 (a discount ra	te of 3% was
		assume	d)
Flood AAL	Left bank of Suriname River within the	US\$1.86	US\$0.186

⁴ The initial reason that a 3% discount rate was selected was based on Venton's paper and other studies conducted in the Caribbean area (Haiti and Bahamas) and previous CBA conducted in Suriname (Burke and Ding, 2016) for adaptation measures. Venton suggests that a very low discount rate should be applied for environmental projects, as protecting the environment for future generations should have as much value as protecting the environmental today. We have however re-run the Cost Benefit Ratio with an assumed 12% discount rate, and both the flood wall and the upgrading of the drainage canals show favourable results. The flood wall shows a cost benefit ratio (CBR) of 2 (compared to 5 with a 3% discount rate) and the drainage canal upgrades show a CBR of 8 (compared to 19 with a 3% discount rate). (C.C. Cabot Venton, J. Siedenburg, J. Faleiro, J. Khinmaung (2010). Investing In Communities: the benefits and costs of building resilience for food security in Malawi)

⁵ Information provided by local engineering firm SUNECON.

Particulars	Details	Base Case	Adaptation
	Waterfront site		
Present Value of	Left bank of Suriname River within the	US\$36.48	US\$3.65
Future Losses	Waterfront site		
Costs	Cost of floodwall at left bank of Suriname		
	River within the Waterfront site		
	TOTAL COST		US\$7.28
Present Value of	Left bank of Suriname River within the		
Benefits	Waterfront site		
	TOTAL BENEFIT		US\$32.83
Cost Benefit	Cost Benefit Ratio		5
Ratio			

- 51.52. The proposed upgrading of the Sommeldijckse drainage canal is expected to benefit the infrastructure and population located within the Waterfront area. Estimated costs associated with upgrading the Sommeldijckse drainage considers the following activities:
 - Rehabilitation of the sluice gates and pumping stations;
 - Dredging of the canal;
 - Installing steel or concrete sheet wall for stabilization of the canal banks and protection from further erosion;
 - Backfilling with sand;
 - Lay out of the backfilled area;
 - Removal and expansion (enlarging) of some of the existing culverts; and
 - Partial change of the course of the canal (parts of the canal goes through private domains; proposed change of the course through the Cato street through construction of an enclosed strand of culverts).
- 52.53. The total costs were calculated for a length of approximately 5.0 km of the Sommeldijckse drainage canal (from Suriname River until beginning of the canal at Boerbuiten road) and is estimated to be US\$6.24 million⁶. Benefits were estimated by assuming a loss reduction of 50% of the AAL within the Waterfront site. The costs, benefits, and PV for upgrading the Sommeldijckse drainage canal within the Waterfront area are provided in Table 4 below. The base case is the status quo, losses without adaptation. The results from climate change case analysis of the deterministic risk assessment were used to establish this CBA. The results from the defined beneficiary area suggest that AAL for buildings due to floods is US\$12.35 million. The present value (PV) of future flood AAL to buildings in the base case is estimated over 30 years to be US\$242.03 million.
- 53.54. Benefit-Cost Ratio of the adaptation action: Since the total cost for upgrading and improving the Sommeldijckse drainage canal is estimated to be US\$6.24 million, the total PV of the benefits with the proposed adaptation is estimated to be US\$121.01 million. Considering these total estimated costs and PV of the benefits, the CBR for this adaptation is 19.

Table 4: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Upgrading and Improving section of the Sommeldijckse drainage canal (in millions USD \$)

Particular	Details	Base Case	Adaptation

⁶ Information provided by local engineering firm SUNECON.

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Particular	Details	Base Case	Adaptation	
Basis	Life (years)	30		
	Growth factor	19.6 (a discount ra	te of 3% was	
		assume	` assumed)	
Flood AAL	Waterfront site	US\$12.35	US\$6.17	
Present Value of	Waterfront site	US\$242.03	US\$121.01	
Future Losses				
Costs	Waterfront site			
	TOTAL COST		US\$6.24	
Present Value of	Waterfront site			
Benefits	TOTAL BENEFIT		US\$121.01	
Cost Benefit	Cost Benefit Ratio		19	
Ratio				

- 54.55. As described above, the proposed adaptation could be enhanced and made more sympathetic with its setting and location by integrating green measures such as vegetation and woody material for bank stabilization; pole plantings (or live stakes) and coir rolls. As possible, the preservation of mangrove forests along the river and creation of conditions for mangrove growth would be considered during final designing works.
- D. Describe how the project / programme is consistent with national or sub-national sustainable development strategies, including, where appropriate, national or sub-national development plans, poverty reduction strategies, national communications, or national adaptation programs of action, or other relevant instruments, where they exist.
- 55.56. This project is fully aligned with Suriname's Multi-Annual Development Plan (Nationaal Ontwikkelingsplan) of 2012-2016, which calls for action to address the negative impacts of climate change, and prioritizes the protection of Suriname's vulnerable coastal zone from sea level rise through the effective implementation of adaptation measures, as highlighted in Suriname's Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Proposed actions are also in line with priorities set forth in the National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Action Plan and Suriname's Intended National Determined Contribution (INDC).
- 56.57. As previously emphasized, downtown adaptation measures will directly reduce flooding in Paramaribo's historical center (due to rising sea level). In addition, the project will enhance the GoS' capacity to properly identify and prepare climate change adaptation projects compatible with the Multi-Annual Development Plan.
- **E.** Describe how the project / programme meets relevant national technical standards, where applicable, such as standards for environmental assessment, building codes, etc., and complies with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.
- 57.58. The Proposed Project will fully comply with the Adaptation Fund's Environmental and Social Policy Statement. As the proposed implementing entity, IDB will ensure that the Proposed Project is fully aligned with its own Environment and Safeguards Compliance Policy, which mirrors the requirements of the Adaptation Fund's Policy. IDB has already undertaken assessments as part of its wider portfolio of work to ensure the environmental and social aspects are appropriately characterized, managed and protected. For example,

IDB has categorized the Proposed Project (as part of the wider waterfront redevelopment) as a Category B project, and has also commissioned an Environmental and Social Assessment as previously described. From this work and the commitments both IDB and the GoS, the Proposed Project will not unduly harm the environment, public health or vulnerable communities, and the Proposed Project will meet the following relevant principles:

- It will be in compliance with all applicable domestic and international law;
- It will be in compliance with the national Building Act and Building Order, which will be enforced by the Ministry of Public Works;
- It will be consulted with the National Institute for Environment and Development in Suriname (NIMOS). This semi-public foundation is an advisory body to the government and companies on environment and legal affairs as the Environmental Law is not in place;
- It will be fair and equitable and respect human rights. It will not exacerbate existing inequities, particularly with respect to marginalized or vulnerable groups. The IDB has already established frameworks for a Livelihoods Restoration Plan, a Grievance Mechanism and a Stakeholder Engagement Plan. The Livelihoods Restoration Plan includes a mechanism for ensuring if limited involuntary resettlement is unavoidable, due process is observed so that displaced persons shall be informed of their rights, consulted on their options, and offered technically, economically, and socially feasible resettlement alternatives or fair and adequate compensation;
- It is not expected to involve unjustified conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats, and through the adoption of green solutions as part of the flood protection measures, it is the intent to enhance the biodiversity benefit of the Proposed Project;
- It is not anticipated to result in any significant or unjustified increase in greenhouse gas emissions or other drivers of climate change;
- It will be designed and implemented in a way that meets applicable international standards for maximizing energy efficiency and minimizing material resource use, the production of wastes, and the release of pollutants;
- It will be designed and implemented in a way that avoids potentially significant negative impacts on public health – in fact the very nature of the Proposed Project will improve public health by the minimization of flooding and improvement of the local drainage network; and
- As previously described, the Proposed Project will occur within the UNESCO designated area of Paramaribo, and will have a net benefit on the cultural heritage by supporting its protection and maintenance.
- 58.59. The Proposed Project will be implemented by IDB, which will ensure that the Proposed Project is assessed and managed through the IDB's environmental and social safeguards process. This will ensure a robust application of risk management principles throughout the Proposed Project's lifecycle by the IDB's safeguards team ensuring a commitment to reducing environmental and social risks. The IDB has already undertaken an ESA of the broader project (based on its B categorization), and it will continue to screen the Proposed Project as it evolves from design to construction to implementation to determine the extent to which it presents environmental or social risks.
- 59.60. Based on the ESA performed by the IDB, a framework for a project-level environmental and social management plan has been defined focusing on the areas of potential impact and required mitigation. This includes a Livelihoods Restoration Plan, a Grievance

Mechanism, a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, a Disaster and Risk Management Plan, as well as more general Environmental Management Plan. As per the detail of this application, a clear and robust Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation plan will also be established.

- 60.61. As described in the paragraphs below, the Proposed Project so far has been subject to a number of public disclosure and consultation exercises with key stakeholders and the public.
- **F.** Describe if there is duplication of project / programme with other funding sources, if any.
- 62. There is no duplication of projects with other funding sources. There is one complementary project; IDB's Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program (SU-L1046) which has been approved January 25, 2017. The Urban Rehabilitation Program aims to revitalize the city center and proposes the renovation of public spaces, restoration and rehabilitation of heritage buildings, creation of new housing projects to promote mixed-use, and the development of new business strategies with private sector participation. Parts of these interventions are located along the Waterfront as is the Proposed Project. The urban interventions in this Proposed Project will protect the city center, its users and residents from flooding and the effects of climate change while the Urban Rehabilitation Program focuses on spatial interventions and the reuse of heritage buildings. Close collaboration between IDB's teams responsible for the Proposed Project and the Urban Rehabilitation Program will prevent overlapping of the projects. Additionally, there are 3 IDB members participating in both teams to assure that the projects are complementary.
- **G.** If applicable, describe the learning and knowledge management component to capture and disseminate lessons learned.
- 61.63. This has been integrated into the proposed project application.
- **H.** Describe the consultative process, including the list of stakeholders consulted, undertaken during project preparation, with particular reference to vulnerable groups, including gender considerations, in compliance with the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.
- 62.64. The GoS and the IDB have undertaken a series of consultation exercises in order to assess the potential impacts, gain views and insights from stakeholders and also to get technical inputs on the likely adaptation measures. These consultation events have included:
 - Workshops with Government and non-Government stakeholders on hazards and risks and the potential impacts of climate change;
 - A livelihoods survey of all businesses and traders in the Waterfront area; and
 - A public consultation exercise as part of the Historic Downtown Area program.

A public consultation was held on October 26, 2016 to gain the public's opinion on the Paramaribo Urban Rehabilitation Program in preparation. Presented were the program components (urban interventions; promotion of residential growth and private sector

development; institutional strengthening) including the proposed interventions, similar projects in other cities and the possible social and environmental impact of the project. A total of 55 individuals attended this consultation, they were representatives from the Government of Suriname; archeological and heritage foundations; the private sector active in the city center as shops, handcraft workers/merchants, Surinamese banks, the church, architects and engineers; neighbors, and the press (Annex 1). Neighbors and local vendors raised their concern regarding existing critical situation in the center as the underground sewage system in the city that poses health risks, homeless people living on the streets who have a negative impact on local business, rain falling into the market stands, the maintenance of historic buildings, disappearing urban greenery as trees, lack of pedestrian and wheelchair friendly infrastructure and the need for better security. Small business owners had their doubts about construction activities as part of the Program affecting their business and questioned if compensation or temporary relocation would be possible. During the consultation, it was agreed that all these concerns would be taken into account in the design of the program as it was still in an early phase.

(The inundation areas and effects of climate change were not discussed during this consultation.)

Further consultations will be carried out during preparation stages associated with this project to guarantee that selected adaptation measures are approved by the benefited communities.

- **I.** Provide justification for funding requested, focusing on the full cost of adaptation reasoning.
- 63.65. As previously highlighted, Paramaribo is susceptible to natural disasters exacerbated by climate change. One of main areas that get affected by these events is its city center including the historic inner city. The historic center was designated by the UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 2002 and accommodates currently mainly governmental offices and institutes, banks, educational facilities and tourist attractions. However, the area has been undergoing physical, social, and economic deterioration, which has been a growing source of concern for the GoS, given that this area concentrates historical and cultural heritage buildings, monuments, and urban sites. In addition to the deterioration of the WHS, the area gets frequently flooded which also contributes to the decay of historic buildings, public spaces and exacerbates the accessibility from and to the city center. People residing, working in or traveling through this area experience mayor difficulties. On the latter, it's important to underline that the city center of Paramaribo is the city's mayor public transport hub.
- 64.66. As a result, the GoS asked for IDB's support to address some of these challenges and is currently negotiating a US\$20 million loan –expected for approval in early 2017-- to contribute to the revitalization of the area by means of (i) renewal of urban spaces and restoration of key heritage buildings; (ii) improvement in urban mobility; (iii) promotion of economic and residential activities; and (iv) strengthening the institutional framework for managing the area's sustainable development.
- 65.67. Therefore, funding for the adaptation measures included in this proposal is critical, as it would help deliver complementary interventions to those set forth in the IDB's Urban Rehabilitation Program for Paramaribo. In absence of funding from the Adaptation Fund, the

GoS, which is currently under macro-fiscal stress, would need to resort to other sources of funding to invest in climate change adaptation in the downtown area.

J. Describe how the sustainability of the project/programme outcomes has been taken into account when designing the project / programme.

66.68. The main identified actions that need to be enforced during project preparation and execution to guarantee sustainability of project outcomes are:

- Build capacity across the GoS stakeholders: The Proposed Project will allow the GoS stakeholders responsible for decision making in Paramaribo to develop capacity to design, implement and monitor climate change adaptation measures. This build capacity will also allow the ownership of the project by GoS and local communities. Long term sustainability of project outcomes is guaranteed as long as these are aligned with current and planned strategies to urban development plans prepared for Paramaribo metropolitan area.
- Prevent floods: The Proposed Project will minimize and in some cases eliminate flooding
 risk areas within the waterfront site representing reductions in economic losses and
 create resilience against natural hazards and climate change. Also, the proposed project
 will improve the existing physical conditions of the west bank of the Suriname River and
 the Sommeldijckse drainage canal. The proposed project includes the incorporation of
 green infrastructure that will make the hard measures being more sympathetic and
 preserve its sustainable balance.
- Reduce and monitor sources of pollution: The Proposed Project will create opportunities to reduce sources of pollution. For instance, upgrading the Sommeldijckse drainage canal will include the removal of wastes and illegal wastewater pipelines connected to the canal. These two sources contribute to contaminate the storm water captured by the canal. As part of the activities associated to the proposed project include water quality monitoring in the Suriname River. This monitoring will be part of the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) for the project to prevent any impact during construction and operation phases. Also, the monitoring activities will be used to evaluate the performance of proposed mitigation measures and propose new measures if they are needed.
- Contribute to different sectors in Paramaribo. The Proposed Project will develop a more detailed picture of the vulnerabilities to floods of the different socio-economic sectors in Paramaribo urban area, particularly within the Waterfront site. It also contributes to the national climate change policy and raise awareness of the issue of climate change among policy makers and the general public.
- Maintenance of infrastructure (drainage and protection): The central GoS has a maintenance program that provides resources to the Ministries. The Ministry of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the waterways, the dikes and river protection structures. A part of the team of the Ministry of Public Works in charge of maintenance will be trained and the Ministry will be equipped with the required machinery if special maintenance is needed.

- The involvement of the local communities: The GoS is responsible for informing and consulting the inhabitants that could be affected by large (infrastructural) constructions. Workshops, information sessions and consultation meetings are commonly used to gain ownership by the community. These events will be organized by the GoS during the preparation, design and implementation phase of the Proposed Project.
- **K.** Provide an overview of the environmental and social impacts and risks identified as being relevant to the project / programme.

67.69. The environmental and social impacts and risks of the project have been presented in the previous sections. The following table presents the environmental and social impacts and risks of the project.

Checklist of environmental and social principles	No further assessment required for compliance	Potential impacts and risks – further assessment and management required for compliance
Compliance with the Law	Will be compliant	n/a
Access and Equity	Mill be feir and equitable	
Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups	Will be fair and equitable and respectful of marginalized/vulnerable	Final Proposed Project proposals will be re-
Human Rights	groups, human rights	assessed through the IDB's ESA process
Gender Equity and Women's Empowerment	and gender	
Core Labour Rights	Will be compliant	n/a
Indigenous Peoples	No significant impacts on Indigenous Peoples	n/a
Involuntary Resettlement	Significant involuntary resettlement is not anticipated	The Livelihoods Restoration Plan drafted by the IDB includes a mechanism for ensuring if limited involuntary resettlement is unavoidable, due process is observed so that displaced persons shall be informed of their rights, consulted on their options, and offered technically, economically, and socially feasible resettlement alternatives or fair and adequate compensation
Protection of Natural Habitats	The Proposed Project is not expected to involve unjustified conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats, and through the adoption of green solutions as part of the flood protection measures, it is the intent to enhance the biodiversity benefit of the Proposed Project	Final Proposed Project proposals will be re- assessed through the IDB's ESA process, and where necessary supplemental studies will be undertaken (see below).
Conservation of Biological	Inventory of existing	Pre-construction habitat surveys in the

Diversity	species and habitats in Suriname River	Suriname River to minimize impacts on natural/aquatic habitat.
Water resources	Design and implement Environmental and Management Plans (ESMPs)	The Proposed Project will develop a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, including erosion controls such as minimizing the extent of disturbed areas and stabilizing/revegetating disturbed areas as soon as possible, and sediment controls such as hay bales, silt fences. Develop a Waste Management Plan that identifies acceptable methods for handling and disposing of solid and hazardous wastes, including any contaminated soils. Provide designated areas for fuelling and maintenance that have containment and spill control capabilities
Climate Change	No significant GHG emissions are expected	n/a
Pollution Prevention and Resource Efficiency	The project will have a net benefit through the drainage improvement measures. No impacts are expected	n/a
Public Health	The project will have a net benefit through the drainage improvement measures. No impacts are expected	n/a
Physical and Cultural Heritage	The project will have a net benefit on cultural heritage. No impacts are expected	Final Proposed Project proposals will be re- assessed through the IDB's ESA process
Lands and Soil Conservation	Design and implement Environmental and Management Plans (ESMPs)	Develop a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, including erosion controls such as minimizing the extent of disturbed areas and stabilizing/revegetating disturbed areas as soon as possible, and sediment controls such as hay bales, silt fences. Develop a Waste Management Plan that identifies acceptable methods for handling and disposing of solid and hazardous wastes, including any contaminated soils. Provide designated areas for fueling and maintenance that have containment and spill control capabilities

PART III: IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- **A.** Describe the arrangements for project / programme implementation.
- **B.** Describe the measures for financial and project / programme risk management.

C.	Describe the measures for environmental and social risk management, in line with
	the Environmental and Social Policy of the Adaptation Fund.

- **D.** Describe the monitoring and evaluation arrangements and provide a budgeted M&E plan.
- **E.** Include a results framework for the project proposal, including milestones, targets and indicators.
- **F.** Demonstrate how the project / programme aligns with the Results Framework of the Adaptation Fund

Project Objective(s) ⁷	Project Objective Indicator(s)	Fund Outcome	Fund Outcome Indicator	Grant Amount (USD)
Project Outcome(s)	Project Outcome Indicator(s)	Fund Output	Fund Output Indicator	Grant Amount (USD)

- **G.** Include a detailed budget with budget notes, a budget on the Implementing Entity management fee use, and an explanation and a breakdown of the execution costs.
- **H.** Include a disbursement schedule with time-bound milestones.

⁷ The AF utilized OECD/DAC terminology for its results framework. Project proponents may use different terminology but the overall principle should still apply

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Letter of Endorsement

NCEM/001/2017

Paramaribo, January 09, 2017

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Subject: Endorsement for Urban Investments for the Resilience of Paramaribo: Building adaptive capacity of Paramaribo communities to climate change related floods and sea level rise through strategic urban planning and sustainable infrastructure investments.

In my capacity as designated authority for the Adaptation Fund in Suriname, I confirm that the above mentioned national project/programme proposal is in accordance with the government's national and regional priorities in implementing adaptation activities to reduce adverse impacts of, and risks, posed by climate change in the Republic of Suriname.

Accordingly, I am pleased to endorse the above mentioned project/programme proposal with support from the Adaptation Fund. If approved, the project/programme will be implemented by the Inter-American Development Bank and executed by the Ministry of Public Works.

Sincerely,

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