



VACANCY NOTICE - BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to climate change and taking climate resilient actions. Achieving low-carbon, climate-resilient development is not an option for The Virgin Islands – it is necessary for our very survival for generations yet unborn.

The severity of the impacts of Climate Change dictates early action on this issue to reduce our inherent vulnerability to natural disasters and external shocks, improve environmental management and the physical planning process and encourage the diversification of our tourism sector and energy portfolio, ultimately increasing our security and long-term viability. As such the Government seeks to reconstitute the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board.

VIRGIN ISLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE TRUST FUND BOARD

The Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board serves to facilitate links between domestic and international climate change finance sources; serves as a catalyst to attract investments to implement priority climate change adaptation and mitigation actions; and serves as the National Implementing Entity to receive direct financing from any external sources to carry out climate change adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees are primarily responsible for providing the organisation with sound governance, fiduciary and strategic oversight, and direction. Oversee the operations of the organisation, ensuring that the public's trust is upheld, the mission addresses the climate resilient strategic actions for the Virgin Islands, the practices are ethical, and legal requirements are met. The board is responsible for assuring the financial integrity and solvency of the organisation and establishing procedures to safeguard the organisation from fraud and risk.

COMPETENCIES

A total of six (6) non-government applicants or nominations with the following required competencies:

- (i) a private sector representative of the tourism industry;
- (ii) a private sector representative of the financial services sector;
- (iii) a private sector representative of any sector responsible for making contributions to the Fund, responsible for making contributions to the Fund, not already represented on the Board; not already represented on the Board;

- (iv) a representative from an academic or research organisation ordinarily resident in the Territory;
- (v) a representative from a non-governmental organisation or community-based organisation ordinarily resident in the Territory; and,
- (vi) an individual ordinarily resident in the Territory, who may possess relevant knowledge, expertise or experience related to the purposes of the Climate Change Trust Act.

QUALIFICATIONS

Tenderers are required to furnish the following:

- experience and involvement in the sector for which they seek appointment;
- must have no conflict of interest in regards to their position on the Board, including related to political affiliation;
- possess the capacity to do one or more of the following:
 - (i) attract financial support for the Trust;
 - (ii) ensure effective financial management of the Trust;
 - (iii) provide sound and effective decision-making leading to the attainment of identified functions of the Trust; and
 - (iv) provide effective leadership and direction to the Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- establish and administer the governance, fiduciary management and administrative arrangements of the Trust;
- set annual funding priorities;
- facilitate finance innovative climate change initiatives;
- support capacity building, education, research and studies related to the incremental costs of climate change;
- raise public knowledge, appreciation and understanding of climate change impacts affecting the Virgin Islands;
- support measures related to disaster risk reduction and response to natural disasters associated with climate change;
- support actions to build ecosystem resilience to the impacts of climate change;

- provide support to reduce the vulnerability of the most vulnerable groups, communities and sectors which may be impacted by climate change;
- provide financial support, during periods of disaster response and recovery and rehabilitation;
- provide financial support to climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation projects and programmes; and
- perform other related duties as the Trust consider expedient or necessary in carrying out the purpose of the Act.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION OF APPLICANT(S)

- (i) three references;
- (ii) a recent police report attesting to whether the applicant or the nominee has any criminal record;
- (iii) if the applicant or the nominee is a person who belongs to the Virgin Islands, proof of Belonger status; and
- (iv) the nomination or a letter of support from a registered organisation operating in the relevant sector referred to in section 12 (2)(d).

In accordance with Section 13 (1) of the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Act, 2015, the public is also afforded the opportunity to nominate candidates for appointment to the Board.

In accordance with Section 13(2)(f) - Nomination shall not be accepted unless the nominee's written consent to the nomination is forwarded with the nomination.

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