



Suriname requests a payment deferral from its 2023 and 2026 Bondholders

The Surinamese authorities are making significant progress in their debt management strategy as reflected in the announcement made on October 26th that the government will use its 30 day grace period for the 2026 bond interest payment.

As a follow up, the Ministry of Finance has launched a consent solicitation for holders of both the 2023 and the 2026 bonds amounting to USD 675 million in aggregate in accordance with the terms of the bond documentation.

Assuming Suriname obtains the approval for the requests specified in the consent solicitation, there will be a deferral of certain interest and principal payments otherwise falling due in 2020 as specified in such consent solicitation.

Such debt service suspension will meet multiple objectives:

It will provide the necessary breathing space for the country to adopt and start implementing the required measures to stabilize the macro-framework while working towards an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a funded program.

It will also help in creating the appropriate conditions to initiate debt relief discussions with certain foreign currency creditors on terms that would put the debt trajectory on a sustainable path and comply with the objectives to be defined with the IMF.

Furthermore, it will give the authorities the means to preserve foreign exchange to help manage the economic, social and humanitarian fallout of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

You can find the announcement of the consent solicitation with more details on the adopted approach at the following link: <https://www.bourse.lu/issuer/Suriname/83360#fiche-title-notices>.