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DECISIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

(Adopted at the meeting of September 21, 2020)

The meeting of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) was held virtually on September 21, 2020.

Participants:

The meeting was attended by the following members of the Management Board:

Miguel Ángel Guerrero Lechón, Alternate Representative of Mexico, representing the Chair of the Management Board.

Members of the Management Board

* Alexis Damian Elias Am, Alternate Representative of Argentina
* Iesha Eyvette Deveaux, Alternate Representative of The Bahamas
* Maria Clara De Paula Tusco, Alternate Representative of Brazil
* Laura Pizarro, Alternate Representative of Costa Rica
* Jenny Caicedo, Alternate Representative of Ecuador
* Alex Campos Mejia, Alternate Representative of El Salvador
* Miguel Ángel Guerrero Lechón, Alternate Representative of Mexico
* Gina Castro, Alternate Representative of Panama

Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, and the delegations of Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela, as observers.

Also in attendance were the following Cooperation Authorities: Gabriela Sánchez of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, José Ignacio Mancia of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, and Yill Otero of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama.

The meeting began with the adoption of the draft order of business:

Document (AICD/JD/OD-62/20 corr. 2), [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=62&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=62&lang=e) – [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=62&lang=f) – [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=62&lang=p).

1. Development Cooperation Fund (DCF):

* Consideration of the Draft Proposal Area of Action and Programs for the 2021–2024 Programming Cycle of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) (document AICD/JD/doc-180/20 rev. 1, [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=180&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=180&lang=e))

The Chair submitted to the Board’s consideration the Draft Proposal Area of Action and Programs for the 2021–2024 DCF Programming Cycle, which was amended in line with the comments made by the delegations of the member states. Some Board members spoke of the completed status of the document and said they were prepared to approve it with some minor adjustments proposed during the meeting. Accordingly, the Management Board adopted the following:

Decision No. 1: a. To approve the Draft Proposal Area of Action and Programs for the 2021–2024 DCF Programming Cycle (document AICD/JD/doc-180/20 rev. 2, [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=180&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=180&lang=e)), with the changes proposed by the meeting.

b. To submit the proposal for consideration by CIDI, so the Council can approve the Area of Action and Programs for the 2021–2024 DCF Programming Cycle in accordance with the guidelines set out in the DCF Statutes.

c. To thank and congratulate the Secretariat for preparing this proposal in conjunction with the delegations of the member countries and with the support of the SEDI Technical Section.

* Eligibility and proposed budget for the OAS Development Cooperation Fund 2021–2024 Programming Cycle for consideration by the Management Board (document AICD/JD/doc-183/20, [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=183&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=183&lang=e))

At its meeting of June 16, 2020, the IACD Management Board recommended the action area “Inclusive Resilience for an Effective Recovery, with a Focus on Science and Technology,” for the 2021–2024 programming cycle of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF/OAS) (document AICD/JD/DE-125/20, [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/DE&classNum=125&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/DE&classNum=125&lang=e)). Additionally, the procedures state that “MB/IACD shall confirm the amount of seed funding available for the programming cycle by no later than April 30.”

To that end, the Secretariat prepared the document “Eligibility and Proposed Budget for the OAS Development Cooperation Fund 2021–2024 Programming Cycle” (document AICD/JD/doc-183/20, [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=183&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=183&lang=e)), which was distributed on September 17.

When the document was submitted to the Management Board for consideration, some delegations stated that they needed more time to examine it and to consult with their capitals, and they therefore proposed that the document be considered at the next meeting of the Board. The delegation of Panama also proposed the possibility of holding an informal meeting before the next Board meeting, in order to discuss the financial issues in greater depth and make decisions regarding the Secretariat’s proposal. On this point, the Executive Secretary explained that the proposal on eligibility and funding was based on the decisions adopted previously and the number of countries participating in the Fund. In addition, the Secretariat had exhausted its efforts to get countries to present the contributions they had offered.

The Chair then turned to the document containing the “Development Cooperation Fund Balances and Payments of DCF Contributions” (document AICD/JD/doc-184/20, [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=184&lang=e)).

After hearing comments from Board members on the issues of eligibility and the proposed budget for the 2021–2024 DCF programming cycle, and on the Fund balances and contribution payments, the Management Board adopted the following decision:

Decision No. 2: Hold an informal Management Board meeting prior to the next formal meeting of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF), to discuss financial issues in greater depth and make decisions on eligibility and funding amounts for the Fund’s 2021–2024 cycle.

1. Update on the status of the CooperaNet platform:

Under the last item on the meeting’s agenda, the Chair explained that one of the actions set out in the 2020–2021 Work Plan of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) was “Launching, Populating, and Promoting the CooperaNet Platform,” in which the member states underscored the timeliness, great potential, and low cost of creating an online center that would allow greater interactions and exchanges of knowledge and experiences among the Cooperation Authorities, particularly at a time as challenging as the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery process.

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To follow up on the proposed action, the Secretariat prepared a report on the information available through the CooperaNet platform as of September 10, 2020 (document AICD/JD/doc.182/20, [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=182&lang=s) – [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=182&lang=e), distributed on September 16). After responding to the concerns expressed by some delegations, the Executive Secretary urged those delegations that had not yet done so to contact the Secretariat so they could share in the benefits of CooperaNet and to submit information on their countries’ focal points. Before concluding this item, the Chair and the delegations acknowledged the Secretariat’s efforts and expressed their appreciation for the report it had prepared.

The Chair concluded the meeting of the Management Board by reminding the delegations that the election of Board members for the 2020–2022 term will be held at the last meeting of CIDI before the General Assembly and that those interested in standing should submit their candidacies to the Secretariat. The Chair thanked the participants and declared the meeting adjourned.

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| Miguel Ángel Guerrero Lechón  Alternate Representative of Mexico | Kim Osborne  Executive Secretary for Integral Development |