**INTER-AMERICAN AGENCY FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (IACD)**

**MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD** OEA/Ser.W/XX.2

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DECISIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

(Adopted at its meeting held on November 2, 2021)

 The meeting of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (JD/IACD) was held virtually on November 2, 2021.

Participants:

 The following members of the Management Board participated in the meeting:

Ambassador Luz Elena Baños Rivas, Permanent Representative of Mexico, Chair of the Management Board;

Members of the Management Board

* Guido Pierri, Alernate Representative of Argentina
* Felipe Aravena, Alternate Representative of Chile
* Alvaro Calderón Ponce de León, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Relations of Colombia
* Karla de Palma, Director General of the Salvadoran Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO)
* Christina Bruff, Alternate Representative of the United States of America
* Maria Fernanda Pineda, Alternate Representative of Honduras
* Socorro Jorge Cholula, Alternate Representative of Mexico
* Ana Gabriela Vasquez, Alternate Representative of Peru
* Omari Williams, Alternate Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, as well as the delegations of The Bahamas, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela as observers. The Cooperation Authorities of the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, and Paraguay also participated.

The meeting began with the approval of the draft order of business (document AICD/JD/OD-65/21 [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=65&lang=s) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=65&lang=e).)

1. Third Specialized CIDI Meeting of High-Level Authorities of Cooperation, 2021:
* Presentation by the Secretariat on preparations for the meeting, document CIDI/RES.350/21 [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=350&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=350&lang=e)

In opening discussion of this agenda item, the Chair gave the floor to the Executive Secretary for Integral Development, who gave a presentation on the objectives and anticipated outcomes of the Third Specialized CIDI Meeting of High-Level Authorities of Cooperation scheduled for December 2-3, 2021. She also discussed the documents approved by CIDI and other documents developed by the Secretariat in preparation for the meeting. The Executive Secretary also spoke to the goals of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) and its role in furthering a partnership for development within the OAS.

The Chair then stressed that the success of the meeting will depend on the commitment of each of the members of Management Board and the combined efforts of the Cooperation Authorities in all of the member states. Members of the Management Board took the floor to say how pleased they were with the preparations for the meeting, and that they would consult on them.

1. Development Cooperation Fund (DCF):
* Consideration of an extension of the deadline for member states to make their pledges and contributions to the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) from October 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

(Document AICD/JD/doc.192/21-[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=192&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=192&lang=s))

* Consideration of the proposal by the Secretariat that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines be a beneficiary of the 2021-2024 programming cycle of the FCD, in response to the decision of the Management Board, and request that appropriate steps be taken

(Documents AICD/JD/doc.191/21 [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=191&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=191&lang=s)

AICD/JD/INF.78/21 - [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF&classNum=78&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF&classNum=78&lang=s)).

On the first item, the Chair submitted for the consideration of the Management Board a proposal that the deadline for member states to make their pledges and contributions to the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) be extended to March 31, 2022. Her request was based on the provisions of Article 16 of the Statutes of the DCF that allow for an extension of the deadline in exceptional cases and given the challenges that member states were facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other unforeseen events.

The second item referred to the Secretariat’s proposal that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines be included as a beneficiary of the 2021-2024 programming cycle of the DCF, in response to the decision of the Management Board and request that appropriate steps be taken.

As provided in Article 13 of the Statutes of the Development Cooperation Fund (document CIDI/doc.99/14 rev. 1 [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=99&lang=s) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=99&lang=e)), the Management Board decided to approve the request from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines that it be included in the list of countries that are beneficiaries of the 2021- 2024 programming cycle. To implement this, the Secretariat proposed to the Management Board that it add US$100,000 to the approved seed fund of US$1.7 million, for a total of US$1.8 million for the 2021-2024 programming cycle.

The Management Board decided as follows with regard to the topics considered under this agenda item:

Decision No. 1: To approve the extension of the deadline for member states to make their pledges and contributions to the Development Cooperation Fund from October 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Decision No. 2: To approve the disbursement of US$100,000 from the Development Cooperation Fund to be added to the approved seed fund of US$1.7 million, for a total of US$1.8 million for the 2021-2024 programming cycle.

1. Election of officers of the Management Board for the 2021-2022 term of office

The Chair included this item in the order of business in compliance with Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of the IACD, which provides that the Management Board shall elect annually a chair and vice chair at the first meeting following the CIDI meeting at which members of the Board were elected. The Management Board decided as follows:

Decision No. 3: To elect by acclamation the following officers for the 2021-2022 term of office:

 Chair: The delegation of El Salvador, represented by Ms. Karla de Palma, Director General of the Salvadoran Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO), and

 Vice Chair: The delegation of the United States, represented by Ms. Christina E. Bruff, Development Counselor, Alternate Representative

1. Other business

Before asking the participants whether they wished to bring forward any other business for the attention of the Management Board, the Chair expressed her thanks to the members of the Board, the Executive Secretariy and her team; as well as her own team in the Permanent Mission of Mexico for their hard work and for the results achieved during her two terms of office as chair. The Executive Secretary and members of the Management Board offered their thanks to Ambassador Baños.

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