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ELIGIBILITY AND BUDGET FOR THE OAS DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FUND (OAS/DCF) PROGRAMMING CYCLE 2021-2024

(Approved by the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development by decision AICD/JD/DE-127/20 on December 3, 2020)

The procedures for programming under the Development Cooperation Fund requires CIDI’s approval of the Area of Action for each programming Cycle. On September 21, 2020 the MB/IACD approved the “*Inclusive Resilience for an Effective Recovery, with a Focus on Science and Technology”* as an Area of Action for the programming cycle of the OAS Development Cooperation Fund (OAS/DCF) 2021-2024 ([AICD/JD/DE-126/20](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/DE&classNum=126&lang=e)). Additionally, the procedures state that “The MB/IACD shall confirm the amount of seed funding available for the programming cycle, by no later than April 30.” To this end, the Secretariat has prepared the following for the consideration and subsequent approval of the MB/IACD.

The Program Themes approved under the Area of Action: “Inclusive Resilience for an Effective Recovery, with a Focus on Science and Technology” are:

1. Retooling MSMEs through innovation and technology
2. Innovative Reskilling for Tourism sector recovery and regional economies
3. Scientific and technological innovation for building resilience
4. Science for decision making in disaster risk planning

The total amount of seed funding available for programming is $3,048,780.96 A total of 17 countries are eligible for participation in the 2021-2024 Cycle under four recommended program themes.

Based on the above, the Management Board of the AICD confirmes that the programming cycle 2021-2024 a total of $1.7 million in seed funding be assigned. Funds will be distributed in accordance with article (g) of the Criteria for Eligibility and Evaluation of DCF funds (CIDI/doc.100/14 - [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=100&lang=e) - [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=100&lang=s)) which states that “Funding for the programs will be distributed proportional to the size of the program taking into consideration the activities, and number of participating countries”.

It is important to note that in accordance with the criteria governing progam development (articles (e) and (j) **see detailed criteria for programs below**) of the the approved DCF structure, additional sources of funding should be pursued to complement the available seed funding. Pursuant to the above and in keeping with the requirement to work collaboratively with member states, the Technical Cooperation Section will work with member states to ensure that additional resources are sought.

The Secretariat will present a detailed budget inclusive of counterpart and other contributions in cash and in-kind at the time of presentation of the programmatic framework for the 2021-2024 cycle, to the Management Board for its final approval.

**Member State Eligibility for Participation in the 2021-2024 Program Cycle**

Article 13 of the [Statutes of the OAS Development Cooperation Fund](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=99&lang=e) (OAS/DCF) establishes the criteria for participation by member states in the DCF programmatic cycle:

“a. They must have made a pledge of a contribution before the deadline specified in paragraph a) of Article 17 of these Statutes and, b. They must have paid in full their pledged contribution prior to the deadline specified in paragraph b) of Article 17 of these Statutes”.

Based on the above article, the list of eligible Member States for the 2021-2024 DCF Programming Cycle are:

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| **COUNTRY** | **ELIGIBLE** |
| Antigua and Barbuda |  |
| Argentina | X |
| Bahamas | X |
| Barbados  | X |
| Belize |  |
| Bolivia |  |
| Brazil |  |
| Canada |  |
| Chile |  |
| Colombia |  |
| Costa Rica  | X |
| Dominica | X |
| Dominican Republic | X |
| Ecuador  | X |
| El Salvador | X |
| Grenada |  |
| Guatemala |  |
| Guyana | X |
| Haiti |  |
| Honduras  | X |
| Jamaica | X |
| Mexico |  |
| Nicaragua | X |
| Panama | X |
| Paraguay |  |
| Peru | X |
| St. Kitts and Nevis | X |
| St. Lucia | X |
| St. Vincent and Grenadines |  |
| Suriname |  |
| Trinidad and Tobago |  |
| United States |  |
| Uruguay | X |
| Venezuela  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **17** |

The following requirements from the document “Criteria for the Eligibility and Evaluation of the OAS Development Cooperation Fund (OAS/DCF) forPartnership for Development Activities” will guide program development:

Each program should abide by the following criteria:

1. A clearly defined objective based on the thematic area.
2. Support for solving a national or regional problem faced by governments and/or communities.
3. Facilitate or promote transfers or exchanges of experiences, knowledge, good practices, techniques, and technologies of an international nature if possible, or build on those that already exist at the national and/or regional levels. Promote triangular, south–south, and horizontal forms of cooperation, and others, to the extent that is possible.
4. Increase opportunities for coordinating and mobilizing national joint funding and funding from a range of sources, including donors and the private sector.
5. Contribute to the use and development of local capacities and thereby to an expansion of human capital.
6. Direct the programs toward strengthening institutions and on training human resources, with operating expenses preferably covered through counterpart funding.
7. Avoid duplication of efforts in resource allocation, with actions similar to others already carried out or under execution in the respective countries.
8. Ensure the sustainability of the programs’ results, so that the executing agency is able to replicate and continue on its own with the achievements obtained, once program funding comes to an end.
9. Combine the resources and experiences of the corresponding partners in the public and private sectors–corporations, foundations, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), universities, local businesses, diaspora groups, observer members–to take maximum advantage of their capital and investments.
10. Give consideration to the areas of education and science and technology in the structuring of the programs as crosscutting elements within each OAS/DCF programming cycle.
11. Include an initial draft of a monitoring and evaluation plan. The final version must be submitted within 90 days following the signature of the agreement.
12. Show innovation in its approach and the sustainability of its results/impacts.

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