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**Update on the OAS CooperaNet platform**

(Prepared by the Secretariat, based on information on the CooperaNet Platform

as of April 20, 2022: <https://www.oas.org/cooperanet>)

The Third Specialized Meeting of High-Level Authorities of Cooperation, held on December 2 and 3, 2021, under the theme *“Cooperation and partnerships as engines for post-COVID-19 recovery in the region,"* resulted in a series of exchanges and offers of cooperation or practical solutions to help member states in their recovery process. As part of the follow-up process, the Secretariat is working on updating the CooperaNet Platform with the offers presented at the meeting. These efforts are also aligned with the actions to strengthen cooperation in the OAS framework as proposed by the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (MB/IACD), which includes the promotion of CooperaNet as an ongoing mechanism for the Member States to engage with each other and with partners to share both needs and offers of cooperation.

From early 2022, unique accounts are being created for all Member States’ Cooperation Authorities. These accounts will be associated with institutional emails and have "focal point" level permissions, enabling them to upload offers and update their Authority's profile. This shift in the previous approach called on Cooperation Authorities to designate a technical person as a focal point that was then granted access to upload offers. The change to institutional accounts versus personal accounts will avoid alterations generated by the rotation of personnel in the cooperation authorities. To date, 5 Cooperation Authorities (15%) have designated their unique accounts, and 29 Member States (85%) have not yet established their unique accounts to work directly with the Secretariat on this initiative.

The platform served as the main information channel and repository of documents related to the [meeting in 2021](https://www.oas.org/ext/en/development/cooperanet/Cooperation-Authorities/Meetings-of-Authorities). In addition, a new "Resources" section was created featuring the updated user manual and a series of explanatory videos on the different functionalities of the platform. These videos are intended to be a self-paced training and technical support for users and complement the user manual.

Support continues, and the Secretariat has held one-on-one meetings with Cooperation Authorities and partners who have expressed interest and requested assistance. In addition, the technical cooperation team has met with SEDI's Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment (DDHEE)to explore the possibility of using the platform to share information on OAS scholarships. In addition, the team met with several partners, two of whom have registered as partners in the platform (Formato Educativo and Structuralia), and expressed interest in including offers in the platform. Furthermore, efforts are in place to promote the platform and communicate its progress through SEDI’s general communications channels.

It is important to note that, as of May 2022, CooperaNet will have a dedicated consultant assigned exclusively to the platform for the first time.

**Cooperation Exchange:**

There are currently **238 offers and needs published in the “Cooperation Exchange” section** of CooperaNet. Peru has published 124 offers at the end of 2019 (53%), and Argentina has published 102 offers (43.6%). Both countries used information available in their Cooperation Agencies' "Cooperation Catalogue." In turn, Uruguay shared two offers specifically related to COVID response and recovery in 2021. Finally, the 8 "Needs" currently featured in the exchange relate to Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) projects in the Bahamas, Barbados, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Uruguay.

“Offers” shared through CooperaNet may refer to a project in execution or concluded, representing a good practice based on institutional capacities, which could serve as an example to design cooperation projects or activities with other countries.

It is worth noting that the most significant challenge in this section is for Cooperation Authorities to identify their offers or good practices, which is a task that has already been undertaken by many countries and has been systematized in cooperation catalogues. In this regard, the Secretariat has contacted several Focal Points who have expressed interest in uploading information to CooperaNet but indicated that their catalogues are currently being updated and will do so as information becomes available.

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| **Type** |  |
| Offer - Member States | 229 |
| Offer - Partners | 1 |
| Needs - Member States | 8 |
| **Total** | **238** |

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| **Offering/Requesting Country** | **#** | **%** |
| Argentina | 102 | 42,9% |
| Bahamas | 1 | 0,4% |
| Barbados | 1 | 0,4% |
| Chile | 1 | 0,4% |
| Costa Rica | 1 | 0,4% |
| El Salvador | 1 | 0,4% |
| Honduras | 1 | 0,4% |
| Panamá | 1 | 0,4% |
| Peru | 124 | 52,1% |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 1 | 0,4% |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 1 | 0,4% |
| Uruguay | 1 | 1,3% |
| **Total** | **238** | **100%** |

As for the **“Areas of Focus**," which are based on the mandates given by the Member States to the OAS in the field of development, **nearly 38% of shared Offers are in the area of "Sustainable Development and Environment**," including areas such as Disaster Risk Management, Responsible consumption, and production, Clean Water and Sanitation, among others. 33% are in “Other” areas, such as Security, Justice and Human Rights, Innovation in Public Management, and Health.

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| **Area of Focus** | **#** | **%** |
| Education and Human Development | 16 | 6% |
| Economic Development and Competitiveness | 16 | 6% |
| Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) | 4 | 1% |
| Research and Development | 1 | 0% |
| Innovation and Technology | 12 | 4% |
| Sustainable Tourism Development | 13 | 5% |
| Sustainable Development and Environment | 107 | 38% |
| Social Development | 20 | 0% |
| Productive Employment | 0 | 7% |
| Culture | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 91 | 33% |
| **Total** | **275** | **100%** |

Regarding the SDGs, **25% of featured Offers are aligned with SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals**. It is worth noting that the total number of projects related to all SDGs is greater than the total number of projects, as one project may be simultaneously aligned with two or more Goals.

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| **Sustainable Development Goal** | **#** | **%** |
| Goal 01: No Poverty | 8 | 2% |
| Goal 02: Zero Hunger | 33 | 8% |
| Goal 03: Good Health and Well-Being | 15 | 4% |
| Goal 04: Quality Education | 17 | 4% |
| Goal 05: Gender Equality | 5 | 1% |
| Goal 06: Clean Water and Sanitation | 10 | 2% |
| Goal 07: Affordable and Clean Energy | 2 | 0% |
| Goal 08: Decent Work and Economic Growth | 19 | 4% |
| Goal 09: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure | 18 | 4% |
| Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities | 11 | 3% |
| Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities | 34 | 8% |
| Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption | 35 | 8% |
| Goal 13: Climate Action | 27 | 6% |
| Goal 14: Life Below Water | 26 | 6% |
| Goal 15: Life on Land | 20 | 5% |
| Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions | 40 | 9% |
| Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals | 106 | 25% |
| **Total** | **427** | **100%** |

The Secretariat will continue to work with the Member States to support the process of populating CooperaNet, as to realize its underlying potential. To this end, greater participation and involvement by the Member States is encouraged.

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