**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 the meeting of September 19, 2022)

 The meeting of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) was held virtually on September 19, 2022.

Participants:

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

Karla de Palma, Director General of the El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO), Chair of the Management Board;

Members of the Management Board

* Ruben Alejo Perie, Alternate Representative of Argentina
* Felipe Aravena, Alternate Representative of Chile
* German Enrique Herrera, Alternate Representative of Colombia
* Gertrudis Ernestina Reyes, Alternate Representative of El Salvador
* Socorro Guadalupe Jorge Cholula, Alternate Representative of Mexico
* Bruno Sotomayor Villanueva, Directorate for Policies and Programs, Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation
* Omari Seitu Williams, Deputy Permanent Representative and Alternate Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development; together with the delegations of the Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela as observers. Cooperation authorities from the member states also attended, including representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay.

1. The meeting began with the approval of the draft agenda.

Document AICD/JD/OD-69/22: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=69&lang=s) – [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/od&classNum=69&lang=e)

1. Authorization for the transfer of unspent 2021 scholarship funds to the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Program, in keeping with the budget resolution [AG/RES. 2971 (LI/O-21): ANNEX II – Renewal of operative paragraphs for budget cycle 2022, item 4.f)].
* Presentation by the Secretariat for Administration and Finance (SAF)

This agenda item was devoted to the transfer of unspent 2021 scholarship funds to the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Program, in accordance with the budget resolution [AG/RES. 2971 (LI/O-21)]. Annex II of that resolution refers to the resolution adopted by the General Assembly in 2020 [AG/RES. 2957 (L-O/20)], which specifies that “To authorize the General Secretariat to deposit in the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, in accordance with Article 18 of the Statutes of the IACD, any unused or deobligated scholarship funds under Object 3, to the extent permitted under Article 105 of the General Standards. In implementing this mandate, the General Secretariat shall consult with CIDI through the IACD Management Board and obtain approval from the Permanent Council through the CAAP.”

In opening the discussion on this agenda item, the Chair spoke of the importance of the scholarships and training program for the member states’ development. She then gave the floor to the representative of the Financial Services Department of the Secretariat for Administration and Finance (SAF), who provided the participants with a more detailed explanation by means of a presentation (document AICD/JD/INF.88/22: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF&classNum=88&lang=s) – [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF&classNum=88&lang=e)).

After addressing the meeting’s comments and queries on the subject, the Chair thanked the representative of the Secretariat of Administration and Finance. The Management Board of the IACD then adopted the following decision:

Decision No. 1: To authorize the deposit of unused or deobligated 2021 scholarship funds into the Capital Fund for OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, in accordance with the Organization’s program-budget resolution [AG-RES. 2971 (LI-O-21)].

1. Examination of the paragraphs proposed for inclusion in the draft CIDI omnibus resolution, for consideration at the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly.

This agenda item dealt with the proposed paragraphs prepared by the IACD Management Board’s three Working Groups for inclusion in the draft CIDI omnibus resolution for consideration at the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly. Most of the paragraphs had been discussed at previous meetings, in order for them to be submitted for consideration by the IACD Management Board at its formal meeting. At the end of the discussion on the proposed paragraphs, the Chair and the Executive Secretary for Integral Development acknowledged the work and efforts of the Working Groups in strengthening the IACD and developing partnership activities for the member states’ benefit. The Management Board then adopted the following decision:

Decision No. 2: To agree on the proposed paragraphs contained in the attached document (AICD/JD/doc.203/22 rev. 2: English –Español), based on the discussions held at this meeting of the Management Board, with the participation of the working groups, delegations of the member states, and cooperation authorities. The paragraphs will be conveyed to CIDI for inclusion in the omnibus resolution that is to be considered at the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly.

At the conclusion of the discussions on this last item on the agenda and having attended to other matters, the Chair thanked the participants and declared the meeting adjourned.

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| Karla Majano de Palma Director General of the El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO) | Kim OsborneExecutive Secretary for Integral Development |
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ANNEX I

 **INTER-AMERICAN AGENCY FOR** OEA/Ser.W

**COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT** AICD/JD/doc.203/22 rev. 2

**MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD** 19 September 2022

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PARAGRAPHS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CIDI DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION:

ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC INITIATIVES ON INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT:

PROMOTING RESILIENCE

(Agreed upon by the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) under decision (AICD/JD/DE-135/22), at the meeting held on

 September 19, 2022)

 REGARDING THE STRATEGIC LINE: “FOSTER COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS”

1. Request the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) that, with the support of the cooperation authorities and in accordance with article 9 of the statutes the IACD to consolidate a proposal to strengthen the cooperation management structure in the framework of the IACD, including tools for planning, resource mobilization, partnerships, execution, monitoring and evaluation.
2. Entrust the Management Board of the IACD with the task of promoting full alignment of sectoral cooperation priorities with OAS ministerial processes.
3. Entrust the Management Board of the IACD, with the support of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) and in consultation with the cooperation authorities, to prepare normative proposals aimed at strengthening the IACD, for submission and consideration of the CIDI and its subsequent presentation to the General Assembly.
4. To ensure better governance of cooperation programs, projects and activities, transfer the responsibility of the oversight and management of such programs and activities for technical cooperation projects, from the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies to the IACD.
5. To amend, ad referendum of the General Assembly, the Statutes of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) to include in Article 3, “Functions,” and in Article 9, “Functions of the Management Board,” the additional function of promoting private sector participation in accordance with the proposal made by Working Group No. 2 of the IACD Management Board under objective No. 3 of its work plan: “Promote the participation of the IACD in multilateral organizations, platforms, and venues that promote private sector engagement in international cooperation”. The IACD Statute is to be amended as follows:
* Chapter II, Article 3.3: The development and establishment of cooperative relations with Permanent Observers, other states, national and international organizations, and the private sector, regarding partnership for development activities.
* Chapter III, Article 9.12: Approve, within the framework of policies established by CIDI and for the purposes of enhancing resources, guidelines for the IACD to foster cooperative relations with Permanent Observers, other states, national and international organizations, the private sector, and other entities and persons.
1. To instruct the Management Board of the IACD to explore potential funding mechanisms for the Development Cooperation Fund, beyond voluntary funds, including but not limited to the possibility of a dedicated 501c.3 vehicle for private sector contributions, and report on related proposals and recommendations to the CIDI by the second quarter of 2023.
2. To instruct the Management Board of the IACD to analyze the impact of the ICR and Cost Recovery System Methodology on the DCF and make recommendations on any related reforms by the second quarter of 2023 for the consideration of the CIDI and relevant competent authorities of the OAS.
3. To entrust the IACD in coordination with the cooperation authorities to strengthen ties with other global, regional, subregional and international cooperation organizations. Additionally, to take advantage of the existing cooperation offers and resources to develop a pilot work plan to establish coordination with diverse mechanisms such as the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) (particularly with its Affiliated Programs, Initiatives, and Projects -PIPA-) and with the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) and other mechanisms in which the member states of the Inter-American System participate. Likewise, with the cooperation authorities, establish guidelines to regulate relations with other global, regional, and subregional organizations related to development cooperation.
4. Instruct the IACD to present more concise and specific internal reports, improving the communication channels and instruments and visibility of the cooperation actions between the member states, aimed at the general public and external partners to the OAS, to achieve a better positioning of the Organization at an international level. Additionally, the IACD is urged to request the support from the cooperation authorities with the designing of innovative and effective communication tools and renewing existing ones, by creating a group specialized in communications issues.
5. Request the IACD to carry out a campaign to promote and socialize the CooperaNet platform to strengthen this tool as an effective identification model and match supply and demand for cooperation opportunities from the member states.
6. To instruct the Management Board of the IACD to authorize the use of the Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP) to develop a language proficiency training and certification program in the four languages of the OAS, which will be accessible to citizens of all member states and make any necessary adjustments to the Manual of Procedures of the Scholarships and Training Programs in order to facilitate this mandate.