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INTRODUCTION

The activities to be carried out under this Work Plan will focus on following up on the mandates adopted through General Assembly resolutions AG/RES. 2952 (L-O/20), AG/RES.2955 (L-O/20) and AG/RES.2956 (L-O/20) and other resolutions of relevance to integral development, and they will be framed by the terms of Article 56 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regular and Special Meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), which stipulate that the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies has the following functions:

1. To prepare, at the request of the regular meetings of CIDI, the draft strategic plan and draft inter-American programs using, when appropriate, any technical inputs to those drafts that may arise from sectoral or specialized meetings on the corresponding thematic subject.
2. To monitor implementation of the substantive aspects of the inter-American programs and make recommendations necessary to ensure coherence between cooperation policies and the projects and activities undertaken by the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development and other pertinent areas of the General Secretariat.
3. To prepare the draft yearly schedule of meetings held within the framework of CIDI: sectoral or specialized at ministerial or equivalent level, inter-American committees, and other high-level policy and technical meetings.
4. To analyze the annual work plans and semiannual progress reports of the pertinent areas of the General Secretariat as well as the reports of the IACD, and submit to the regular meetings of CIDI the recommendations that it deems appropriate.
5. To take up other matters within its sphere of competence that regular or special meetings of CIDI assign to it.

As provided for in that article, the Committee is to receive technical support from the areas of the General Secretariat responsible for following up on the corresponding topics.

1. AUTHORITIES

In keeping with its regulations, at its regular meeting held December 8, 2020, CIDI elected, by acclamation, Mr. Jovan Reid, Alternate Representative of Barbados, to serve as Chair of the Committee. During the meeting held February 16, 2021, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Laura Raquel Pizarro Viales, Alternate Representative of Costa Rica, as Vice Chair.

1. COMMITTEE MANDATES

The mandates to be addressed by the Committee are those adopted by the General Assembly through resolutions AG/RES. 2952 (L-O/20) “Advancing the Hemispheric Response to climate change in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic,” AG/RES. 2955 (XLIX-O/19), “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,” and AG/RES.2956 (L-O/20) “The challenges to Food Security and Nutrition in the Americas in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic under the framework on the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019” and those relevant resolutions that deal with integral development. The mandates of these resolutions are listed in Annex 1.

The Committee is also responsible for following up on the matters entrusted to it by the ministerial-level sectoral process cycle in the framework of CIDI, which are defined in document “General Guidelines for Ministerial- Level Sectoral Processes within the Framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development” (documents CIDI/doc.228/17 and CIDI/doc.228/17 add. 1).

In this regard, the Chair wishes to propose that the Committee reexamine the topic related to improving the ministerial meetings process, considering that during the current year there are five (5) sectoral meetings of CIDI programmed at ministerial level. The Chair further proposes that the Committee should examine the institutional response to climate change and make policy recommendations to improve SEDI's capacity on climate cooperation.

1. MECHANISM

In order to deal with the Committee’s responsibilities and the mandates assigned to it, both formal and informal meetings will be held between the months of February and November 2021, at which:

* The technical areas will present reports on the implementation of the mandates and on the execution of the Organization’s Strategic Plan, inter-American programs, and sectoral work plans.
* The three-year ministerial cycle will be followed up on.
* Discussions will take place for preparing the draft resolution that CIDI is to present for consideration by the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

The Committee will use the following working mechanism:

1. In order to ensure the efficient use of resources, as many as feasible informal meetings will be held with the Secretariat so the technical areas can present reports and answer the delegations’ questions.
2. Informal meetings will be scheduled to review the recommendations to be presented to CIDI.
3. Formal meetings will be held to approve the recommendations.

This Work Plan will serve as the general framework for the Committee’s work over the year 2021 period. It is a flexible document that will incorporate the modifications that the Committee agrees on in order to update it as and when specific proposals are made for dealing with any urgent, unforeseen, or important issues that may arise. In particular, the Committee will focus on meeting the triennial cycle adopted for the CIDI ministerial meeting process and examining the response to climate change.

The Chair is grateful for the member states’ suggestions and for the support given by the delegations in discharging these tasks.

Jovan Reid

Alternate Representative of Barbados to the OAS

Chair of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies

**ANNEX 1**

**MANDATES ARISING FROM THE**

**FIFTY REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. Mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 2952 (L-O/20), “Advancing the Hemispheric Response to climate change in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic”

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| **AG/RES. 2952 (L-O/20)** | **MANDATES** | **RESPONSIBILITY** |
| **Operative paragraph 1** | To call on all Member States to take robust and integrated action to prevent and address the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, drive growth, and build resilience in their economic response to the pandemic, while making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, and respecting human rights of individuals in situations of vulnerability. | Member States |
| **Operative paragraph 2** | To call on those OAS Member States thatare party to the Paris Agreement on climate change to continue the momentum of climate action in the Americas. | Member States |
| **Operative paragraph 3** | To invite Member States, as they consider appropriate, to engage Permanent Observers in consultation with the General Secretariat, as well as to request the General Secretariat to engage donors, to advance and promote funding for, *inter alia*, capacity building, enhancing technology development and voluntary transfer on mutually-agreed terms, taking into account the expressed needs of Member States, in order to assist those States to implement their environmental objectives, explore the potential of ecosystem-based approaches and nature-based solutions to address climate change, as well as to support their domestic policy responses to drive economic growth. | Member states  Permanent observers  General Secretariat |
| **Operative paragraph 4** | To request the General Secretariat to use its good offices to advocate for new and accelerated financing solutions, and enhance access to existing technical and financial support mechanisms, where appropriate, to advance the hemispheric response to the crises of COVID-19 pandemic as well as climate change. | General Secretariat |

1. Mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20), “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience ”

| **AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20)** | **MANDATES** | **RESPONSIBILITY** |
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| * **Strategic line: “Promoting Inclusive and Competitive Economies”** | 3. To urge member states, through the exchange of good practices, experiences, training opportunities, and technical assistance to strengthen the Virtual Group of Experts within the framework of Prospecta Americas of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCyT) with the purpose of addressing development imperatives in the Americas, including those arising as a consequence of COVID-19. Likewise, member states with interest and existing capacities in transformative technologies are encouraged to join the COMCyT network of inter-American centers of excellence in technological foresight in order to complement regional resources and capacities, carry out studies, develop lines research, and other collaborative activities to address strategic challenges in the Americas, and support economic recovery by bringing technologies, knowledge, jobs, and growth to the countries of the region. The contributions should not be interpreted as mandates that presuppose or promote financial disbursements as a condition of participation.  4. Instruct the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to continue to support the work of COMCyT, including the second edition of the Prospecta Americas Seminar in Hidalgo, Mexico, as well as the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC) and the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE), and to encourage the fullest participation of the member states at the highest level possible.  5. Instruct SEDI to continue supporting all Member States during the 2019-2022 triennium in the implementation of the OAS MSMEs Digitization Program, which is designed to allow micro, small and medium enterprises to become digitalized through training processes and technical support that allow them to create free websites, among other technological tools that are necessary for their survival and successful economic development. Preliminary results will be shared at the VII Inter-American Dialogue of High Authorities of MSMEs to be held in Chile in 2021. Additionally, SEDI will continue to promote and support, to the extent that resourcesallow, the strengthening of capacities and technical support for the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program in the region, to help member states improve the resilience, competitiveness and internationalization of MSMEs and to adequately respond to the needs of local economies after the pandemic of COVID-19.  6. To instruct SEDI, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR), in keeping with the provisions of the Declarations of Lima and Georgetown and the CITUR Work Plan and taking into account the context of each country, to continue to support the efforts of member states within the CITUR framework, to strengthen tourism sector recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue working to create a Sustainable Rural Community Tourism Development Management Model for the Americas, taking into account existing national and international models and initiatives, such as, the recommendations emanating from the World Tourism Organization, in the framework of the year 2020, whose declared theme is “Tourism and Rural Development.  7. To instruct SEDI, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR), to continue supporting the activities and initiatives undertaken to meet the challenge of the COVID 19 pandemic and encourage Member States to support the efforts of CITUR on the conceptualization of a tourism agenda with a 2050 vision for of the Americas.  8. To instruct SEDI, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC) and in keeping with the provisions of the Declaration of Bridgetown and the CIC Work Plan, to continue supporting the Working Group on Culture Satellite Accounts in its exchange of experience for strengthening the capacity of member states to measure the contribution of culture and the creative economy, and to request SEDI, with the support of CIC, to share country experiences regarding efforts to sustain and promote culture and the creative economy in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath. | Member states  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI |
| * **Strategic line: “Strengthening the implementation of sustainable development goals in accordance with the PIDS 2016–2021”** | 9. To encourage member states to incorporate disaster preparedness, recovery and reconstruction planning, in the framework of disaster risk reduction’s management, in their development plans and financial strategies.  10. To instruct SEDI to continue facilitating the exchange of experiences and best practices among member states in community emergency preparedness and response.  11. To instruct SEDI to continue developing and presenting training, targeting youth towards providing them with knowledge and tools in the area of sustainable communities under an integral approach, including through the Educational Portal of the Americas.  12. To instruct SEDI to continue to assist ECPA in its efforts to support member states to develop renewable energy and natural gas, as well as some possible options for building cross-cutting and cross-border energy infrastructure and energy services, diversifying sources and geographic distribution for power generation and protecting communities from power grid failures caused by disasters.  13. To instruct SEDI to, continue providing support for the promotion or development as appropriate, of comprehensive water management policies, as well as on water security, which include provisions for the mitigation and adaptation to the effects of climate change, such as extreme droughts and floods, in particular for water-stressed countries and Regions at risk.  14. To instruct the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) to continue its work to implement programs that promote environmental sustainability in member states, including pollution reduction in the framework of the Port Incentive Program to Reduce GreenHouse Gas (GHG) emissions from cargo ships.  18. To endorse the recommendations of CIDI contained in document CIDI/CPD/doc.200/20 rev.3, on the tools and entities of the inter-American system to address natural disaster response and to task CIDI, in coordination with the Committee on Hemispheric Security (CHS), with overseeing the implementation of those mandates entrusted to the General Secretariat. | Member states  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  CIDI/HS |
| * **Strategic line: “Promoting Education and Human Development in the Americas”** | 21. To instruct the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to continue to support the 2019-2022 Work Plan of the CIE and its goal of sharing concrete initiatives for the implementation of the Inter-American Education Agenda (IEA); to deepen synergies among global, hemispheric, and subregional educational initiatives; and to promote inter-sectoral cooperation and cooperation with other social actors in order to help achieve the goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contribute to reducing the inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic.  22. To instruct SEDI to support the Ministries of Education and institutions in charge of education of the Region in promoting the Hemispheric Action Plan for the Continuity of Education under the effects of the coronavirus pandemic (PHACE).  23. To instruct SEDI, through the coordination it carries out as Technical Secretariat of the CIE, to encourage and promote spaces for dialogue among the authorities of the working groups and other member states interested in the implementation of programs that contribute to the achievement of the mandates contained in the Plan of Action of Antigua and Barbuda (PAAB) 2019.  24. To instruct SEDI that, in compliance with mandates emanated from the Tenth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education and the Twentieth Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, in consultation with member states, of calling a joint meeting of both sectors within a period of time to be determined.  26. To instruct SEDI, as the Technical Secretariat of the CIE, to begin the planning of the second phase of the Inter-American Education Agenda by proposing guidelines for the next five-year period (2022-2027).  27. To support member states in achieving their goals for the development and consolidation of human capital through the strengthening of the OAS Scholarship OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, which include strategic alliances with academic institutions, the private sector and civil society organizations, in order to support member states in achieving their integral development goals, including by contributing to the development of relevant skills to access and remain in employment within the post-COVID context. Instruct SEDI to promote and support the Educational Portal of the Americas and the Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN) as tools for training and human development, stimulating the continuity of efforts to ensure the efficiency, impact and sustainability of these programs in the region, with attention to technological innovation, education and/or virtual training.  28. Reiterate the instruction for SEDI to promote and expand the OAS Consortium of Universities with a focus on national/state universities, technical and vocational institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean.  29. To instruct the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) to continue working, in line with the CIP Mexico City Plan of Action 2018-2020 and in collaboration with its members and strategic partners on offering professional development and capacity-building opportunities offered in all four languages of the OAS, whenever possible, for officials in the port sector in the Americas, contributing to the strengthening of existing partnerships in the sector. | SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  SEDI  Member states  SEDI  SEDI  CIP |
| * **Strategic line: “Promoting decent, dignified, and productive work for all”** | 31. To instruct the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to continue supporting the 2018-2020 Work Plan of the IACML and its objective of achieving decent, dignified and productive employment for all, through regional and bilateral cooperation initiatives including for the institutional strengthening of the ministries of labor, and to continue providing technical advice on the priority issues identified by its Working Groups and the labor market impacts generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.  32. To instruct SEDI to support member states through the RIAL in the sharing of experiences on measures to promote decent work, and productive employment, including on issues such as youth employment, the strengthening of social protection systems and the promotion of dignified aging.  33. Encourage member states to develop policies and programs that allow for economic recovery and promote decent work and productive employment, particularly for workers who lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. | SEDI  SEDI  Member states |
| * **Strategic line: “Fostering Social Inclusion with Equity to contribute to Sustainable Development in the Americas”** | * 1. To encourage member states, permanent observers, and other donors to contribute to the Fund for the Implementation of the Guatemala Action Plan 2019 to the extent of their possibilities, in order to ensure funding for the activities of the Plan.   52. To encourage member states to strengthen their social protection systems, and take into account the needs of the poor and vulnerable populations that have been particularly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Similarly, to streamline and update their social protection databases, as appropriate, in order to achieve social inclusion consistent with the new reality.   1. To recognize the strategic importance of partnership for development as a tool to support the efforts of member states to overcome poverty and inequality and tackle the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of the promotion of sustainable development. In that regard, to urge member states to support and strengthen the work of the Inter-American Social Protection Network (RIPSO) as the hemispheric mechanism for cooperation on social development to strengthen the institutions and agencies responsible for social policies in member states through the exchange of knowledge, lessons learned and experience, technical assistance, mutual learning, and technical cooperation among countries. 2. To continue providing technical assistance to member states upon request, for their formulation and implementation of policies to ensure the full integral development of all children and adolescents, within the overarching framework of the current Comprehensive Strategic Plan of the Organization; and to encourage member states, as appropriate, to continue investing in this area, in accordance with their legislation, national priorities, and available resources. | Member states  Member states  Member states  Member states  SEDI  DSI/SARE |

1. Mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 2956 (L-O/20), “The challenges to Food Security and Nutrition in the Americas in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic under the framework on the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019”

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| **AG/RES. 2956 (L-O/20)** | **MANDATES** | **RESPONSIBILITY** |
| **Operative paragraph 1** | To request the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) to promote, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) making use of the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN) to strengthen national social development institutions, in collaboration with international organizations, growth, development, and prosperity experts, civil society, the private sector, and academia responsible for combating poverty, reducing inequality with integral focus, expanding social protection and promoting social programs to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in the fight against food insecurity, through actions aimed at dialogue, capacity building, and the exchange of knowledge and lessons learned, as well as technical assistance and monitoring of indicators related to these issues. | SEDI/SARE |
| **Operative paragraph 2** | To encourage member states to actively participate in the three working groups included in the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019 and in the activities organized by the Secretariat for Access to Right and Equity to implement the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019, prioritizing on the agenda of the Working Groups the issues of food security and nutrition and the reduction of poverty and inequality, among others. | Member states |
| **Operative paragraph 3** | Encourage Member States to keep value chains open and connected so that international markets can continue to function, supporting the flow of agricultural products and inputs, which play a key role in avoiding food shortages and thus achieving global food security and nutrition, as well as that the emergency measures related to agriculture and agri-food products designed to confront COVID-19 are specific, proportionate, transparent and temporary, and do not create unnecessary barriers to trade or interrupt supply chains for agriculture and agri-food products. We resolve to limit any unjustified restrictive measures on agricultural commodities or food supply. | Member states |
| **Operative paragraph 4** | To invite Member States, Permanent Observers, and other donors to contribute to the “Fund for the implementation of the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019”, to the extent of their capacities, with the aim of securing resources in the shortest term, to finance cooperation and technical assistance for activities in support of the efforts of Member States, to respond to the serious consequences of hunger and malnutrition in the Americas, which is now being aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic. | Member States  Permanent Observers |
| **Operative paragraph 5** | To encourage the General Secretariat to support the efforts of small island and low-lying coastal developing states, among others, to request technical and, where appropriate financial assistance from International Financial Institutions and Development Agencies, combined with domestic reforms and policies to facilitate new and emerging agricultural technology, including climate-smart agriculture and capacity building support. This is in light of their limited areas of arable land, poor water supply, in some countries, and the importance of improving food security and nutrition of small and medium size family farming, school farming, subsistence farming and fishing, and farming by women and youth in rural areas. | General Secretariat |
| **Operative paragraph 6** | To request the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE), in coordination with the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES), and in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) and other relevant Secretariats, to implement this resolution with the purpose of facilitating and strengthening dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of experiences capacity building and technical assistance that | CIDES  SEDI  SARE |
| **Operative paragraph 7** | To encourage the General Secretariat, through the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) and, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), and other relevant Secretariats, and in coordination with the Joint Summit Working Group, the Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI), the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) and with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others, to develop and strengthen cooperation projects to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the issues in this resolution. | SEDI  SARE |
| **Operative paragraph 8** | Request that the General Secretariat, through the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE), and in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) and other relevant Secretariats, prepare and present in a joint session of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and the Permanent Council a follow-up report on best practices and lessons learned by the Member States, as well as to recommend lines of action within the remit of this resolution. | CIDI/CP  SEDI  SARE |

**ANNEX 2**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS[[1]](#footnote-1)/**

**OF THE COMMITTEE FOR FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER 2021**

This schedule of meetings may be amended as required by the follow-up of the topics contained in this Work Plan, and to deal with any other business that may be assigned for the Committee’s consideration, as provided for in Article 56 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI.

| **Date and time** | **Topics** |
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| Tuesday  February 16  2:30 – 2:45 p.m. | * Nominations for Vice Chair * Other business |
| Tuesday  February 16  2:45 – 5:30 p.m. | * Election of the Vice Chair * Presentation on the draft work plan of the Committee * Presentation on the status of work in the thematic areas of the CIDI:   + - * + Labor         + Science and Technology         + Social Development * Other business |
| Wednesday  March 17  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Approval of the draft work plan of the Committee * Review of the CIDI ministerial meetings process * Review of SEDI’s response to climate change and sustainable development * Presentation on the status of work in the thematic area of the CIDI:   + - * + Sustainable Development         + Presentation of the draft work plan of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) * Other business |
| Wednesday  April 13  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Review of mandates on Food Security and Nutrition * Review and adoption of the draft work plan of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) * Presentation on the status of work in the thematic areas of the CIDI:   + - * + Tourism * Other business |
| Thursday  May 13  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Presentation on the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) * Presentation on the status of work in the thematic areas of the CIDI:   + - * + Education         + Culture * Other business |
| Tuesday  May 25  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Review of the CIDI ministerial meetings process   - Review of ways to improve the ministerial meetings  - Review of the three-year ministerial cycle   * Report on the XII Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports * Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations of CIDI contained in document CIDI/CPD/doc.200/20 rev.3, on the tools and entities of the inter-American system to address natural disaster response and to task CIDI * Considerations on the method for preparing draft resolution(s) * Proposed format for the CIDI draft omnibus resolution * Other business |
| Tuesday  June 29  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Report of the Secretariat on compliance with mandates under the strategic line “Promoting inclusive and competitive economies” of resolution AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20): * MSMEs * Prospecta Americas * Agreement on the method for preparing draft resolution(s) * Agreement on the format for draft resolution(s) * Other business |
| Tuesday  July 27  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Review of the schedule of ministerial meetings/new schedule * Presentation of the draft omnibus resolution * Presentation of member states’ proposed texts * Other business |
| Tuesday  August 31  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Negotiation of draft resolution * Presentation of member states’ proposed texts * Other business |
| Tuesday  September 28  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Follow-up on the CIDI ministerial meetings process * Negotiation of draft resolution * Other business |
| Tuesday  October 19  2:30 – 5:30 p.m. | * Agreement on the draft resolution to be presented to CIDI * Other business |
| Tuesday  November 2  10:00 a.m. – 100 p.m | * Any pending matter for the General Assembly |

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1. . Where warranted, additional formal or informal meetings not envisaged in this plan may be convened. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)