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FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (CIDI)

This report summarizes the activities carried out by the Inter-American Council for Integral Development Integral (CIDI), for the period between the forty-ninth and fiftieth regular sessions of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) held June 26-28, 2019 and October 20-21, 2020, respectively.

1. CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF CIDI

Amendment of the Charter of the Organization of American States through the Protocol of Managua in 1996 created the Inter-American Council for Integral Development as the main policy-making organ with responsibility for formulating, promoting, and implementing guidelines for technical cooperation at the ministerial level in the hemisphere.

Under Article 3 of its Statutes, CIDI has the following functions and powers:

1. To formulate and recommend the Strategic Plan to the General Assembly.
2. To formulate proposals for strengthening inter-American dialogue on integral development.
3. To promote, coordinate and oversee the execution of the Strategic Plan.
4. To convene regular meetings of the Council at the ministerial or equivalent level; regular monthly meetings; special meetings; and sectoral or specialized meetings.
5. To propose to the General Assembly the holding of specialized conferences in their respective areas of competence to deal with special technical matters or to develop specific aspects of inter-American cooperation; to convene them in urgent cases, in accordance with the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 85 (O/72); and to coordinate, when appropriate, the holding of these specialized conferences in the framework of specialized or sectoral meetings of CIDI.
6. To promote cooperative relations with the corresponding United Nations agencies and with other national and international bodies, particularly as regards coordination of the inter-American technical cooperation programs.
7. To adopt the policies and general guidelines which the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) should follow in carrying out the cooperation activities of the IACD.
8. To convene high-level meetings and seminars to study problems related to development and identify efforts that could be undertaken in the CIDI framework, including those resulting from the application of Article 37 of the Charter of the Organization of American States.
9. To periodically evaluate the execution of cooperation activities with a view to adopting decisions it finds appropriate for their improvement and for the most efficient use of funds, and report to the General Assembly
10. To coordinate and organize the activities of the subsidiary bodies of CIDI.
11. To establish mechanisms for consultation and dialogue between CIDI’s regular and special meetings and the inter-American committees.
12. To receive, analyze, and take action on the reports and recommendations of its subsidiary bodies, as well as on the reports of other organs entrusted with the execution of CIDI projects.
13. To elect the members of the Management Board of the IACD.
14. To adopt criteria for the allocation of additional resources mobilized by the IACD, for which the donor has not specified purposes and limitations.
15. To approve the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of the IACD and amendments thereto.
16. To approve guidelines, policies, and priorities, on its own initiative or as recommended by the IACD, for the preparation, adoption, and execution of the program budget of the IACD.
17. To consider and, as appropriate, approve the annual budget of the IACD proposed by the Management Board.
18. To participate in the preparation of the program-budget of the Organization in the area of cooperation.
19. To instruct the General Secretariat and SEDI regarding the execution of tasks and support activities for the fulfillment of the mandates and functions assigned to CIDI.
20. To approve or refer to other organs, as appropriate, proposals from the IACD for amending the rules and regulations relating to the personnel, budget, operations, and administration of the IACD.
21. To authorize special budgetary appropriations from the Special Multilateral Fund of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (FEMCIDI) to address unforeseen situations or activities, and identify the source of the necessary resources, in accordance with Article 96 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat.
22. To fulfill, in addition to the functions established by these Statutes, such other functions as may be entrusted to it by the Charter of the OAS, other inter-American instruments, the General Assembly, and the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as envisaged at Article 70 of the Charter, and to make recommendations in its area of authority.

CIDI is composed of all the OAS member states, whose delegates represent them at the CIDI meetings envisaged in Article 96 of the Charter and Articles 19 to 21 of its Statutes.

In addition, CIDI has the following subsidiary bodies as established in Article 5 of its Statutes:

1. Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICD)
2. Nonpermanent Specialized Committees (CENPES)
3. Inter-American committees
4. Permanent committees of CIDI
5. Other subsidiary bodies and agencies created by the Council
6. ACTIVITIES OF CIDI AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES
   * 1. MONTHLY REGULAR MEETINGS OF CIDI AND JOINT MEETINGS WITH THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

Regular and special meetings and joint meetings with the Permanent Council, as well as meetings of the special committees were conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for CIDI regular and special meetings, document CIDI/doc.257/18: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=e) [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=p)

Officers (July-December 2019)

Chair: Ambassador Rita Claverie de Sciolli, Permanent Representative of Guatemala

Vice Chair: Ambassador Luz Elena Baños Rivas, Permanent Representative of Mexico

Officers (January-June 2020)

Chair: Ambassador Riyad Insanally, Permanent Representative of Guyana

Vice Chair: Ambassador P. Marks, Permanent Representative of Jamaica

Officers (July-December 2020)

Chair: Ambassador Leon Charles, Permanent Representative of Haiti

Vice Chair: Ambassador Luis Fernando Cordero Montoya, Permanent Representative of Honduras

In the period covered by this report, CIDI, in its capacity as the principal forum for OAS policy dialogue on integral development, held regular meetings that facilitated interaction among the member states and experts from civil society, the private sector, and academia regarding issues related to the strategic lines of action of the Organization’s Strategic Plan.

The second half of 2019 began with the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Sandra Erica Jovel Polanco, who referred to the economic growth situation in many countries due to the social challenges still faced by OAS member states, particularly those posed by climate change and other economic forces, reflecting the day-to-day reality that millions of the region’s citizens must confront in order to improve their living conditions and gain access to basic services, decent work, quality education, and health services.

CIDI devoted a meeting to consideration of public-private partnerships (Concept note CIDI/INF.318/19 corr. 1: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=e) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=p)) and the digitization of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs); these are fundamental for alleviating poverty and creating jobs and are considered essential for achieving more inclusive development and growth. The meeting analyzed the advantages and difficulties of MSMEs’ adoption of digital tools to increase their productivity and their connection with markets and provided updated information on progress made by the countries that have begun to execute the 2019-2022 MSME Digitization Plan being executed by the OAS and supported by the digital platform of KOLAU Marketing, a Google strategic partner.

CIDI also reviewed the status of public-private partnerships and international trade facilitation, considering that paperwork and bureaucratic procedures represent a burden on cross-border movement of goods. Meeting participants included Messrs. Mario Kafati, Undersecretary in the Office of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Businesses and the Social Sector of the Economy (MIPYME-SSE) of the Secretariat of Economic Development of Honduras; Edgar Colman, Director of the National Entrepreneurship Directorate (DINAEM) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Paraguay; Danny Sánchez-Mola, General Director of KOLAU, and Gonzalo Mórtola, Comptroller of the General Ports Administration of Argentina.

At the CIDI meeting on de-carbonizing development in the Americas (Concept note CIDI/INF.324/19: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=324&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=324&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=324&lang=f) ||[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=324&lang=p)), representatives from the member states and invited experts discussed the initial soundings from the climate science community indicating that concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are rising steadily. Thus, the meeting considered options for facilitating knowledge-sharing on the challenges and possible benefits associated with de-carbonizing development in the OAS member states.

The meeting included presentations by the Honorable Senator Matthew Samuda of Jamaica and Ambassador Olger Gonzalez of Costa Rica and the participation of Mrs. Jessica Jacob, Country Dialogue Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Green Climate Fund; Mr. Vinicio Cerezo, Secretary General of the Central American Integration System; Mr. Mark Lambrides, Director, Global Energy and Infrastructure for The Nature Conservancy*;* and Dr.Camron Gorguinpour, of the World Resources Institute*.*

On the occasion of the meeting devoted to the topic of competitiveness (Concept note CIDI/INF.318/19 corr. 1: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=318&lang=p)), with the understanding that in addition to the challenges or poverty and inequality, the region is facing emerging problems that could significantly impact economic growth and development, such as revolutionary technological changes, new demographic trends, and the recurring threat of disasters, to which the productivity lag should be added, the OAS member states considered aspects related to the transition to greater productivity, which will necessitate improving institutional operations, infrastructure quality, and the allocation of the factors of production and strengthening the basis of aptitudes, technology, and innovation in order to fully insert the region in the fourth industrial revolution, with new products and the adoption and development of new technologies to sustainably increase productivity.

In an initiative intended to ensure that competitiveness policies address current and future challenges and adapt to local conditions promoting competitiveness, the Secretariat presented a new tool to support the member states in their efforts to design and prioritize competitiveness policies intended to contribute to growth through simulation models and methodologies with innovative data-driven instruments.

The meeting’s participants included Mr. John Fleming, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development of the United States; the Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. Luis Almagro; Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Mrs. Kim Osborne; Mr. Luis Porto, Strategic Advisor to the OAS Secretary General; Mr. Luis Felipe Beltrán Morales, Coordinator of Linkage, Innovation, and Knowledge Transfer to Society; and the experts Gonzálo Rivas, Chief of the Competitiveness, Technology, and Innovation Division of the Inter-American Development Bank; Martin Rama, World Bank Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean; and Ernesto Stein, Principal Economist of the Research Department of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Bearing in mind that the OAS member states are committed to achieving the sustainable development goals and most of them have decided to guarantee food as a human right, CIDI held a meeting the main purpose of which was to identify initiatives, programs, and policies that have been effective for reducing childhood malnutrition in the region as well as identify some lines of regional cooperation that the OAS member states recognize as priorities for implementing horizontal cooperation projects enabling countries to transfer information, experiences, knowledge, and practices for achieving SDG 2 “Zero Hunger” of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Concept note CIDI/INF.333/19: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=333&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=333&lang=e)| [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=333&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=333&lang=p)). The meeting also highlighted the role of the private sector in strategies for combating malnutrition and its active participation under the concept of corporate social responsibility.

During the meeting, presentations were made by Mr. Gastão Alves de Toledo, OAS Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity; Mrs. Laura Elisa Pérez Gómez, independent expert of the Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador; Leo Nederveen, of the Pan American Health Organization; Patricia Palma, Advisor on Food and Nutrition Security of the Central American Integration System; Laura Elisa Pérez, independent expert of the Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador; and Yolanda Mayora, Sustainability Director, Guatemalan Exporters Association.

Given that water is an indispensable element for human life and the life of ecosystems and essential for maintaining health, growing crops, producing energy, generating new employment opportunities, and protecting the environment, CIDI devoted a session in late 2019 to the topic of the Water and Sanitation Crisis and its Effects on Human Health (Concept note CIDI/INF.335/19:*-*[Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=335&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=335&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=335&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/inf.&classNum=335&lang=p))

The member states considered the various factors causing the water crisis such as floods, contamination due to the presence of microorganisms and chemical substances affecting health; the lack of access to safe sources of water and non-existent, insufficient, or improperly managed sanitation systems that also expose the population to risks to their health that may be preventable, for the purpose of generating awareness regarding one of the most invisible aspects of the international water agenda.

Presentations during the meeting were provided by Dr. Daniel Buss, Advisor on Climate Change and Health, Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health, Pan American Health Organization; and Mr. Henry Charrabé, Managing Director & CEO of Fluence Corporation.

The first CIDI meeting in 2020 dealt with promoting resilient and sustainable energy infrastructure in the Americas and the role of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) in preparation for the Fourth Ministerial Meeting convening ministers of energy of the Americas in Montego Bay, Jamaica, February 27-28, 2020 (Concept note CIDI/INF.351/20 [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=351&lang=e) |[Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=351&lang=s) |[French](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=351&lang=f) |[Portuguese](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=351&lang=p)).

Considering that the main challenges to development in the Americas spring from the social, economic, and environmental vulnerability of most countries in the region to a variety of internal and external events, from a perspective of building competitiveness and maintaining foreign exchange, shifting to a resilient energy infrastructure seems to make sense. The challenge for the region’s countries is to create resilient energy sources, distribution lines, and storage systems. In this regard, ECPA provides a regional platform for growth and prosperity.

Presenters at this meeting included Dr. Gary Jackson, Executive Director of the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency*;* Mr. Wells Griffith of the United States International Finance Corporation; Mrs. Neha Mukh of the World Bank; and Mrs. Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development.

In a session devoted to this topic, CIDI considered addressing the technology gaps in the Americas (Concept paper CIDI/INF.353/20: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=353&lang=e) |[Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=353&lang=s) | [French](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=353&lang=f) |[Portuguese](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=353&lang=p)), developing a dialogue with the officers of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT), with particular reference to Prospecta Américas, a regional initiative of COMCYT intended to build the capabilities of the OAS member states to leverage the impact of transformative technologies in their development agendas. The purpose of the meeting was to examine achievement of the CIDI mandates in the fields of science and technology, particularly those related to transformative technologies and *Prospecta Américas*, and to encourage all the member states to disseminate recommendations and opportunities for collaboration in the area of transformative technologies in preparation for the Fourth Meeting of Ministers of Science and Technology to be held in Jamaica in 2021.

Participants in the discussions included Dr. Mabel Gisela Torres Torres, Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation of Colombia and Chair of COMCYT; Dr. Paola Vega Castillo, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Telecommunications of Costa Rica, Vice Chair of the COMCYT Working Group on Innovation; professor Errol Morrison, Director General, National Commission of Science and Technology of Jamaica; Mr. Laman Carranza Ramírez, Head of the Planning and Prospective Unit of the Government of the State of Hidalgo, Mexico; and Mrs. Kim Osborne, Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.

In April 2020, when the pandemic caused by COVID-19 had been declared and considering the essential role to be assumed by CIDI in supporting the member states in combating the pandemic and the shutdown imposed to reduce transmission of the virus, CIDI agreed to conduct its regular and special meetings and those of its subsidiary bodies virtually; to do so, it approved resolution CIDI/RES. 340 (C-O/20): [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=340&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=340&lang=e)  |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=340&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=340&lang=p).

Also during the meeting, the Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Mrs. Kim Osborne, presented the SEDI work plan (document CIDI/INF.366/20: [Textual](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=366&lang=t)) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which focused on: i) adapting the existing project portfolio to support the member states in their efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; ii) exploring new projects that could be implemented rapidly; iii) dissemination to multilateral partners to supplement the efforts of the member states and the Secretariat.

In recent years, many OAS member states have suffered the worst disasters in their history. The challenges posed by these disasters have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an overwhelming deterioration in the region’s socioeconomic conditions and it is imperative for the OAS community to find common solutions to mitigate the impact of various internal and external shocks. Thus, in the second half of 2020, CIDI focused its discussions on cooperation for the creation of resilience in the Hemisphere, and specifically on laying the foundations for cooperation and establishing partnerships for creating resilience among the member states (Concept note CIDI/INF.373/20 [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=373&lang=e%20–) |[Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=373&lang=s%20–) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=373&lang=f%20–) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=373&lang=p%20–)).

CIDI devoted a meeting to considering resilience in education, when in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, educational systems worldwide have been disrupted, leaving 1.5 billion students and 80 million teachers without their classrooms and suddenly requiring them to adopt virtual teaching methods, thus exacerbating the inequities in access to education and exposing flaws in systems that already showed signs of serious problems. The presentations made by Dr. Vijay Kumar, Executive Director of J-WEL and Associate Dean of Open Learning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, guided the discussions on this topic.

Despite the multiple efforts made by the governments of the region and some advances made in reducing poverty and hunger, the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic could help to submerge millions of people in Latin America and the Caribbean in extreme poverty in 2020, which could also entail a considerable rise in hunger levels due to the difficulties these people would face in accessing food.

The many causes for increased hunger include the contraction of economic activity the region is experiencing, food supply disruptions, the lack of income due to loss of livelihoods and remittances as a result of the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has highlighted as well the need to strengthen the agricultural sector, particularly small-scale producers.

Given this scenario, CIDI held a meeting on combating food and nutritional insecurity in the Americas (Concept note CIDI/INF.381/20: [**Español**](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=381&lang=s) |[**English**](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=381&lang=e) **|** [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=381&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=381&lang=p)) to ensure that the topic of food security would continue to hold a priority position within its agenda. The cooperation and solidarity of organizations and specialized bodies are fundamental to addressing this crisis.

Meeting participants included Mrs. Jessy Menos, Minister Delegate to the Primer Minister in Charge of Human Rights in Haiti; Mr. Mario Domingo Morales Mateo, Under Secretary of the Secretariat of Food and Nutritional Security of the Office of the President of the Republic of Guatemala; Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen, Chief Economist of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; Mrs. Patricia Palma de Fulladolsa, Director of the Food and Nutritional Security Programs of the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System; Mr. Harmel Cazeau, National Coordinator, National Food Security Coordination Unit of Haiti; and Mrs.Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion at the OAS. The meeting concluded with the observations of Mr. Luis Almagro, OAS Secretary General.

In that Latin America and the Caribbean are among the five most disaster-prone regions in the world, CIDI held a meeting devoted to environmental resilience: building back better: the key to resilient recovery (Concept note CIDI/INF.384/20: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=384&lang=e) **|** [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=384&lang=s)|[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=384&lang=f)| [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=384&lang=p)). During the past decade (2000-2019), 152 million people in the region were affected by numerous disasters, including floods, storms, earthquakes, droughts, landslides, wildfires, etc.

A major lesson from the region’s experience with unrelenting disasters is that “building back better” – defined as a multidimensional approach to disaster resilience that leads to improvements above and beyond the pre-disaster status quo – is more important than the short-term emergency response. In this regard, designing and implementing effective resilience policies and strategies requires a sound, evidence-based decision-making framework, to include attention to strengthening the role of citizens and communities in promoting resilience.

During the meeting, international experts shared lessons with the member states on “building back better” based on the community’s experience with disasters and in order to facilitate cooperation.

The discussion participants included Mrs. Laura Seraydarian, Executive Director of the Boulder Center for Resilience; Mr. Jason Averill, Chief of the Materials and Structural Systems Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)*;* Dr.Marcos Regis da Silva, Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI); and Mr. Cletus Springer, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development of the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.

During the period covered by this report, two joint meetings were held with the Permanent Council. The first, on November 6, 2019, was held to “understand the need for multisectoral action to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases (NCD) in the Americas,” given that these diseases, particularly cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases, are the leading cause of the death of 5.5 million people each year in the Americas, 39% of which occur prematurely in persons between the ages of 30 and 70. NCDs lead to people’s impoverishment due to treatment and the cost of long-term care, the loss of household income, and lost productivity for the countries’ economies, so that NCDs become a factor contributing to poverty and threatening development.

The member states are aware that coherent policies are fundamental in the approach to dealing with NCDs so as to allow countries the opportunity to achieve the development goals. The Permanent Council and CIDI, understanding that the response to NCDs does not just represent a public health concern but a political and development priority, held the meeting to seek an intensified, sustained, and comprehensive response to NCDs.

Meeting presenters included Ambassador Rita Claverie Díaz de Sciolli, Chair of the Permanent Council; Dr. Anselm Hennis, Director of the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health of the Pan American Health Organization; Dr. Fabio Da Silva Gomes, Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisor of the Department of Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health of the Pan American Health Organization.

The second joint session was held on June 17, 2020 to address the topic of building resilience in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that unleashed a series of unprecedented upheavals for society, health systems, economies, and governmental systems throughout the world. The decision made by many governments to impose closures and isolation to slow the transmission rate of the virus and prevent the overloading of health systems, although necessary, has had a high cost and recovering from it will take a long time. It is estimated that Latin America and the Caribbean will suffer the worst recessions in its history, imperiling the development advances made over the last two decades. The pandemic has also exacerbated the region’s inequities due to its disproportionate impact on the poorest and most vulnerable population.

In addition to this, projections for the 2020 hurricane season in the Atlantic may be 60% more severe than usual, heightening the compounded challenges that will result from a combined response to the pandemic and other disasters such as an earthquake or a hurricane. The economic impact of the pandemic will negatively impact the response and recovery if the countries suffer a climate-related disaster.

Given this scenario, the purpose of the joint meeting of the Permanent Council and CIDI was to facilitate dialogue among the member states and receive experts’ advice on strategies that may be used to support the work of recovery following COVID-19, while increasing resilience for dealing with future upheavals.

The panel of presenters included Ambassador Riyad Insanally, Guyana’s Permanent Representative to the OAS and Chair of CIDI; Dr. Justin Ram, independent economist and Executive President and General Director of GSec and Justin Ram Advisory Services*;* Dr. George Alleyne, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization; Mr. Manuel Otero, Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture; Miguel Barreto, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations World Food Programme; and Mrs. Elizabeth Riley, Acting Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency.

CIDI also received reports and followed up the preparations for ministerial meetings and inter-American committee meetings and other procedural matters. Thus: 1) based on a recommendation from the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (JD/AICD), CIDI approved payment corresponding to costs for the external audit of the Cooperation Fund for Development (CFD) for fiscal years 2019-2021; 2) it postponed the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Ports Commission (IAPC) through resolution CIDI/RES. 341 (CII-O/20): [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=341&lang=s%20–) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=341&lang=e%20–) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=341&lang=f%20–) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=341&lang=p%20–); 3) approved, *ad referendum* of the General Assembly, the “Amendments to the Statutes of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) and to the Statutes of the Committee of the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs through resolution CIDI/RES. 342 (CIII-O/20) [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=342&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=342&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=342&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=342&lang=p); 4) approved the 2019 SEDI Annual Report and the SEDI 2020 Work Plan; 5) received the Work Plan of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC); 6) convened the Twenty-First Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor through resolution CIDI/RES. 343 (CIII-O/20): [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=343&lang=s%20–) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=343&lang=e%20–) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=343&lang=f%20–) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=343&lang=p%20–); 7) during the meeting held on September 29, 2020, it took note of the report from the Chair of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies on analysis of the document “Study on Tools and Entities of the Inter-American System to Address Natural Disaster Response,” document CIDI/CPD/doc.202/20 rev. 1: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=e) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=p), and adopted the recommendations contained in document CIDI/CPD/doc.200/20 rev. 3: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=e) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=p); 8) received the report from the Committee on Migration Issues on Follow-up to the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and their Families, in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16), document CIDI/CAM/doc.80/20 - [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=80&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=80&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=80&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=80&lang=p); 9) in preparation for the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly, it agreed on the draft resolutions “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience” and “Challenges to Food and Nutrition Security in the Americas in the Face of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Framework of the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2019.”

The daily tasks of CIDI were carried out through its three permanent committees: the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies; the Committee on Program, Budget, and Evaluation; and the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM). The work done by these bodies, as well as other remaining CIDI bodies, the inter-American committees, the Board of Directors of the AICD, and the non-permanent specialized committees are detailed below.

* + 1. SECTORAL AND SPECIALZED MEETINGS OF CIDI

Education

The Tenth Inter-American Meeting of Minister of Education, held July 8-9, 2019 in Washington, D.C., adopted the Plan of Action of Antigua and Barbuda: document CIDI/RME/doc.6/19: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.13.1%20CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=3&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.13.1%20CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=6&lang=e). The meeting focused on: sharing concrete initiatives for the implementation of the Inter-American Education Agenda; reinforcing synergies among global, hemispheric, and sub-regional education strategies; and promoting intersectoral cooperation with social actors in order to help achieve the goals presented by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The final report appears in document CIDI/REMDES/ doc.9/20”: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.4%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=9&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.4%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=9&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.4%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=9&lang=f) [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.4%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=9&lang=p).

Culture

Participants at the Eighth Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities in the CIDI framework, held in Barbados, September 19-20, 2019**,** included ministers and high-level officials from 22 member states. The discussions focused on “Strengthening the creative economy and culture sector: Repositioning the culture sector to secure sustainable development.” The final report appears in document CIDI/REMIC-VIII/doc.11/20: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.8%20cidi/REMIC-VIII/doc&classNum=11&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.8%20cidi/REMIC-VIII/doc&classNum=11&lang=e) |[Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.8%20cidi/REMIC-VIII/doc&classNum=11&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.8%20cidi/REMIC-VIII/doc&classNum=11&lang=p).

Energy:

The Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), held in Montego Bay, Jamaica brought together energy ministers and other high-level officials from 29 countries to discuss “Energy Resilience and Investment Opportunities.” Over the course of two days, February 27 and 28, delegations discussed topics regional energy integration, resilient infrastructure, and the role of natural gas at a time when renewable energy is on the rise. Other topics on the table included gender and energy, electric mobility, sustainable energy, and energy efficiency. For the first time in the series of ECPA ministerial meetings, the agenda also included a plenary session with representatives of the private sector, who talked about how governments can lay a strong foundation for investment and innovation in energy. The World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank presented innovative financing options available to countries that may want to upgrade their energy systems but have limited borrowing capacity. “Changing the energy paradigm to address the growing environmental and social demands for clean and affordable energy gives us a unique opportunity to strengthen the region’s resilience to energy price shocks and to build an energy future based on indigenous resources,” said OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro.

* + 1. ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF CIDI

A summary of work done by the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development, the inter-American committees, as well as the permanent committees and working groups of CIDI is presented below.

1. Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development

The Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) is the subsidiary body of CIDI created to promote, coordinate, manage, and facilitate the planning and execution of programs, projects, and activities within the scope of the OAS Charter and, in particular, the framework of CIDI’s Strategic Plan for Partnership for Integral Development. IACD Statute (document CIDI/doc.201/16) [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=201&lang=s) [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=201&lang=e) [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=201&lang=f) [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=201&lang=p)

The IACD has the following functions:

1. The administration, evaluation, and supervision of the partnership for development activities established within the framework of the CIDI Strategic Plan and its Inter-American Programs approved by CIDI.
2. The administration and supervision of the fellowship, scholarship and training programs of the OAS.
3. The development and establishment of cooperative relations with Permanent Observers, other states, and national and international organizations, regarding partnership for development activities.
4. Manage and account for the resources of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF/OAS) and other funds raised by and entrusted to the IACD.
5. The mobilization of financial, technical, and other resources in order to strengthen partnership for development activities. The approval, in accordance with Article 9 of these Statutes and of the program and policy guidelines approved by CIDI, of the method of implementation of partnership for development activities and the determination of their level of financing, endeavoring to target the most pressing needs of the member states, especially the relatively less-developed countries and those with smaller economies.

The Management Board of the IACD consists of nine member states elected by CIDI, observing, in accordance with the provisions of Article 77 of the Charter, the criteria of rotation and equitable geographic representations and guaranteeing that no member states shall be excluded from the opportunity for election to the Board and that every region shall have the opportunity to be represented at all times. Rules of Procedure of the IACD Management Board document CIDI/Doc.202/16 corr. 1) [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=202&lang=s) [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=202&lang=e) [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=202&lang=f) [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=202&lang=p)

Chair: Ambassador Luz Elena Baños Rivas, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the OAS

Vice Chair: Engineer Verónica Olivares, Director General of Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador

Members: Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, United States, Mexico, and Panama

The IACD Management Board held three (3) formal meetings and one (1) informal meeting during the course of the year. The principal issues addressed and decisions made include the following:

Development Cooperation:

1. Technical Meeting on Development Cooperation: Follow-up to the Second Specialized Meeting of High-Level Authorities on Cooperation, held   
   October 31-November 1, 2019. Executive summary document AICD/JD/doc.174/20:  [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=174&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=174&lang=e)

The discussion was intended to provide technical guidance and define the next steps to be taken to implement the recommendations made during the High-Level Meeting held in September 2018.

Delegations from 27 member states participated, including representatives from the cooperation agencies of eight member states, who presented specific goals such as the search for partnerships in accordance with the standards established by the member states and the development of a concrete and flexible frame of reference for developing multi-actor partnerships to enhance OAS positioning within the region.

Some concrete actions proposed include the generation, in collaboration with the member states, of mechanisms and principles to frame cooperation with the private sector, the definition of direct points of contact with the private sector through chambers of commerce, SME agencies, trade promotion agencies, etc., as well as coordination with other actors/entities associated with the OAS, including the Strategic Council, PADF, the Trust for the Americas, sharing the framework developed internally throughout the entire OAS and developing internal capacity to explore innovative partnerships, and collection of funds, through internal training and linkage with specialized consultants, as necessary.

1. Approval of the 2020-2021 work plan of the IACD

At its meeting held on June 16, 2020, the Management Board of the IACD approved the IACD 2020-2021 work plan, document AICD/JD/doc-177/20 rev. 2: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=177&lang=e) |[Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=177&lang=s). That work plan presents prioritized actions, specific tasks, objectives, deliverable/indicator, and expected result. It also includes a detailed schedule of activities and a budget specifying estimated costs and financing source(s). The results of the 2020-2021 work plan will be reported at the next meeting of High-Level Cooperation Authorities planned for 2021.

Development Cooperation Fund

DCF Statute (document CIDI/Doc.99/14) [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) [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=99&lang=f) [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=99&lang=p)

Extended deadlines:

* Heeding the request from some delegations, the Management Board agreed to extend the deadline to March 31, 2020 to allow the member states to make their pledges and contributions to the Development Cooperation Fund.
* In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and due to the need to allow additional time for implementing programs, the Management Board made the decision to approve the extension with the proviso that this would not delay the start of the upcoming 2021-2024 programming cycle.

Approval of Costs for External Audit of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) for 2019, 2020, and 2021:

The General Secretariat requires that each of the funds managed by the Organization pay costs for the external audit of those funds. In this regard, as in prior years, the Management Board, based on Article 10 (d) of the DCF Statute, regarding the dispersal of other funds for developed partnerships financed by the DCF to be recommended to the CIDI, approved the payment corresponding to costs for the external audit of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) for fiscal years 2019-2021 with the understanding that payment for 2019 will be made immediately and payment for the next two years will be made upon the start of the audit corresponding to each fiscal year 2020 and 2021. Said costs will be covered by the balance under the DCF budget line heading “reimbursements for amounts not paid during the 2014-2017 programming cycle.”

Reports submitted by the Secretariat:

The Management Board of the IACD received the following reports from the Secretariat on the execution status of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF):

* Pledges and contributions received from the 2019 Programming Cycle of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF/OAS) as of March 2, 2020;
* Mid-term assessment report on 2019 implementation of the programs of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF), 2017-2021 programming cycle;
* Balance sheets of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) and payments of contributions to the DCF as of September 16, 2020.

Area of action of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) for the 2021-2024 cooperation cycle:

At the meeting of the IACD Management Board held on June 16, 2020, the delegations emphasized the Board’s responsibility for aligning its work with the member states’ urgent needs in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the post-pandemic period. Following interventions and deliberations, the members of the Management Board approved the area of action “Inclusive resilience for an effective recovery with a focus on science and technology” for the 2021-2024 DCF programming cycle, by means of decision ([AICD/JD/DE-126/20](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/DE&classNum=126&lang=e)).

In accordance with the OAS Strategic Plan, programs financed and supported by the DCF will be aligned with framework instruments such as the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, among other instruments signed by the member states.

Pursuant to the above, the Management Board approved the following program themes for discussions and agreements among the member states: a) Strengthening MSMEs through innovation and technology; b) Innovative reskilling for recovery of the tourism sector and regional economies; c) Scientific and technological innovation for building resilience; d) Science for decision-making in disaster risk management (document AICD/JD/doc-180/20 rev. 2: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=180&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=180&lang=e)

OAS Scholarships and Training Program:

Approval of the budget allocated for the year 2020

The members of the Management Board and the delegations held discussions on the need to approve the budget allocated for the administration of scholarships for the year 2020 as well as the need to reduce costs, on account of which consideration was being given to forgoing the services provided by the company LASPAU Academic & Professional Programs for the Americas, Inc., which supports scholarship recipients in processing their visas and medical insurance, among other formalities, and transferring these additional responsibilities directly to the recipients.

The Management Board approved the budget allocated for the administration of scholarships in 2020 according to forecasts adopted in resolution CIDI/RES. 337 (LXXXVIII-O/19), with the inclusion of an updated table in accordance with the amount executed in 2019 and the forecasts for the following years.

b) Specialized Committees

The Nonpermanent Specialized Committees (CENPES) are technical bodies supporting the CIDI in addressing specialized matters or developing specific aspects of inter-American cooperation in the priority cooperation areas approved by the General Assembly. The functions and composition of the CENPES are defined in Articles 13 to 16 of the CIDI Statutes.

As the principal task of the CENPES to date has been evaluating FEMCIDI projects, during the period covered by this report no new CENPES have been created nor have the existing ones met.

1. Inter-American Committees

The inter-American committees are CIDI bodies established in accordance with Article 17 of the CIDI Statues and Article 77 of the OAS Charter, in order to lend continuity to sectoral partnership discussions and follow up the Summits of the Americas mandates in a specific sector, as well as identify and promote multilateral cooperation initiatives. Committee members are the political-technical sector authorities accredited by each member state.

Labor

The Meeting of the Working Groups for the Twentieth Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, (IACML) held December 3-5, 2019 in Quito, Ecuador, with delegations from 20 labor ministries, as well as workers and employers, ILO specialists, the World Bank, IOM, OAS, and CIM, to debate and share experiences on priority topics in labor management, such as the platform economy, gender equity, workforce inclusion of vulnerable populations, labor mobility, prevention and eradication of child labor, et al.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, an additional meeting of the Working Groups of the IACML was held on September 10 and 15, 2020 in order to analyze and provide recommendations on the Ministries of Labor responses to the pandemic, considering issues such as telework and the platform economy, professional training and re-skilling, occupational safety and health, and social protection. Delegations from 27 Ministries of Labor of the OAS Member States, as well as workers and employers, and specialists from ILO, IDB, and PAHO, attended the meeting virtually

Science and Technology

The Ninth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) was held at OAS headquarters, December 11-12, 2019 to review progress made and the implementation of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology during the period 2018-2020 (COMCYT). It shared 15 good practices in science, technology, and innovation of the members of the COMCYT and strategic partners, and discussed the topic and the guidelines for the upcoming Ministerial Meeting scheduled for November 2020 and now postponed until 2021. Twenty-one countries attended the meeting. The COMCYT work plan was extended until the end of 2021 at a Virtual Planning Meeting of the COMCYT Authorities held on July 15, 2020. Additional activities were added to help the OAS member states in their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Culture

A Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC) was held at OAS Secretariat headquarters, March 5-6, 2020. The main objective of the meeting was to review and agree on the CIC Work Plan for the period 2020-2022, within the framework of the Declaration of Bridgetown mandate. Participants in attendance represented 22 member countries. On May 27, 2020 a virtual meeting was held to follow up the Planning Meeting of CIC Authorities. The meeting was convened to finalize pending details related to the CIC Work Plan, as well as to address issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Culture and Creative Economy sector. Participants in attendance represented 24 member states.

Tourism

The Second Special Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR) was held virtually on August 14, 2020, in the context of unprecedented declines in the tourism and hotel sectors due to sequelae of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants attending the meeting were tourism ministers and high-level authorities from 31 member states. The meeting was held to facilitate the exchange of ideas and promote dialogue among the member states as they were taking account of the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on the tourism sector. The meeting also allowed for discussions among the member states for planning a reopening of the sector in the countries.

1. Permanent Committees
   * 1. Committee on Partnership for Development Policies

Chair: Lilia A. Sánchez de Morehead, Alternate Representative of the Dominican Republic to the OAS

Vice Chair: José Marcos Rodríguez, Alternate Representative of Peru to the OAS

Under Article 56 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI, 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; and
5. To take up other matters within its sphere of competence that regular or special meetings of CIDI assign to it.

The Committee held twenty-six (24) formal meetings and sixteen (16) informal meetings. The main tasks carried out during this period were as follows:

1. Follow-up and monitoring of the implementation of the Triennial Ministerial Cycle, with reports from the technical secretariat of the ministerial process on progress made and difficulties encountered in applying the guidelines and following up ministerial decisions.
2. Support for preparations related to the ministerial meetings of the inter-American committees, considering, *ad referendum* from CIDI, relevant procedural issues, such as preliminary proposals for the agenda.
3. Consideration and approval of the 2019-2022 Work Plan of the Inter-American Committee on Education, document CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.9/20 rev. 3: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/spanish/hist_20/cided00212s02.docx) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_20/cided00212e02.docx); the 2020-2022 Work Plan of the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC), document CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc.89/20 rev. 2 [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=89&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=89&lang=e); the 2020-2022 Work Plan of the Inter-American Committee on Culture, document CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc.89/20 rev. 3: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=89&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=89&lang=e).
4. At the instruction of CIDI, it analyzed the document “Study on tools and entities of the inter-American system to address natural disaster response.” and submitted its report, document CIDI/CPD/doc.202/20 rev. 1: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=e) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=f) | [Portugués](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=202&lang=p) and recommendations, document CIDI/CPD/ doc.200/20 rev.3: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=e) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=200&lang=p) during the regular meeting held on September 29, 2020.
5. In preparing for the next regular session of the General Assembly, the committee held meetings with the support of the technical areas of the Secretariat in order to develop the draft omnibus resolution “Promoting Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,” to be submitted for consideration by the General Assembly at its fiftieth regular session. Negotiations regarding the draft resolution concluded on October 13, 2020.
6. It also considered the draft resolution on “Challenges for food and nutritional security in the Americas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic within the framework of the Guatemala 2019 Action Plan” submitted by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, and co-sponsored by the delegations from Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela to be transmitted for consideration by the General Assembly at its fiftieth regular session.
   * 1. Committee on Program, Budget, and Evaluation

Chair: Michael Pointer, Alternative Representative of the United States to the OAS

Vice Chair: Jean Bernard Henry, Alternate Representative of Haiti to the OAS

Under Article 57 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI, the Committee on Migration Issues has the following functions:

* 1. To analyze the budget execution of partnership-for-development activities approved by the governing bodies and monitor the results, impact, and sustainability of those activities on the basis of the reports submitted by the General Secretariat and the IACD Management Board;
  2. When appropriate, to identify and propose to regular meetings of CIDI arrangements, procedures, and sources of financing for programs approved by the member states;
  3. To examine and make recommendations to regular meetings of CIDI regarding all matters in the Organization’s program-budget having to do with partnership for development;
  4. To take up other matters within its sphere of competence that regular or special meetings of CIDI assign to it;

The committee held one (1) informal meeting and one (1) formal meeting during the period. During the formal meeting held on March 12, 2020, the Executive Secretariat presented a summary on budgetary aspects of the work of SEDI and the OAS Scholarships and Training Program; presentations were also received from staff of the Department of Planning and Evaluation and the Department of Foreign and Institutional Relations of the OAS, for the purpose of providing general information to the delegations on the working method for supporting missions/donors in the implementation of projects.

* + 1. Committee on Migration Issues (CAM):

Chair: Jesica Fonseca, Alternate Representative of Peru to the OAS

Vice Chair: Álvaro Calderón Ponce de León, Alternate Representative of Colombia to the OAS

Under Article 58 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI, the Committee on Migration Issues has the following functions:

1. To serve as the principal forum in the Organization responsible for migration issues, adopting a comprehensive, balanced, and technical approach that takes into consideration the contributions and challenges represented by migration for countries of origin, transit, destination, and/or return, as well as incorporating a gender approach and perspective;
2. To promote dialogue, cooperation, and exchanges of experience, lessons learned, and best practices in migration matters at the international, regional, subregional, and bilateral level, within a framework of respect for human rights, fostering recognition of the important contribution of migrants to integral development in the Hemisphere;
3. To review, implement, and monitor such migration matters as the General Assembly or CIDI may entrust to it; and
4. To promote linkages and exchanges of information with other international agencies and subregional consultative processes that have mandates in this area.

The CAM held eight (8) formal meetings and four (4) informal meetings to carry out the activities approved in its work plan during the period 2019-2020. Most of the main activities carried out during the period were those established in the 2019-2020 work plan (document CIDI/CAM/doc.65/19: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=65&lang=s) |[English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=65&lang=e) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=65&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=65&lang=p)), the objective of which is to address migration issues in the Americas on a multidimensional basis, with a focus on rights, covering the social and economic dimensions from a national and regional perspective:

Sessions were conducted on international and inter-American standards on the subject of protecting migrant workers and their families; the contribution of migrants to the host countries – in commemoration of the International Day of the Migrant; challenges in the area of migration for the Caribbean nations, particularly small island states; responses of the international community to handle the humanitarian response and the socioeconomic integration of migrant populations in the region; and public policies and best practices in the region for combating discrimination, xenophobia, and racism.

Due to the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the CAM amended its schedule of activities in the second half of the period, in order to hold a thematic meeting on the “Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrants in the Americas” (CIDI/CAM/doc.78/20) - [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=78&lang=s) [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=78&lang=e). This meeting provided the opportunity to reflect on the different challenges the region’s countries have faced during the current health emergency, as well as their responses, and included presenters from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) through its Department of Social Inclusion.

In preparation for the General Assembly, the CAM held formal and informal meetings in order to examine and negotiate the paragraphs to be included in the omnibus resolution on “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,” which were agreed to on September 24, 2020 (document CIDI/CAM/doc.81/20 rev. 4) - [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=81&lang=s) [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=81&lang=e) [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=81&lang=f) [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=81&lang=p)

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (SEDI) (2019 - 2020)

The Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), as the development arm of the Organization, supports, facilitates and fosters integral development through the promotion of inter-sectoral dialogue, public-private partnerships, and consensus-building in the integration of government policies on sustainable development. Its activities and programs strengthen democracy, multidimensional security, and the promotion of human rights in the member states of the Organization.

2019 represented a significant period of achievement for the Secretariat in its efforts to support sustainable and inclusive developmental work in member states. It effectively strengthened synergies within and across subject areas and reinforced the link between policy discussion and programmatic action. Additionally, the current capacity was utilized to leverage partnerships for development and focused positioning helped to brand the area as an effective hub for South-South and triangular cooperation. Over the course of the last eight months, the Secretariat has formed new alliance and partnerships, and repositioned existing programs and initiatives to meet the emergent needs of member states in their response to the complex challenges occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Strategic Line 1: Promote Inclusive and Competitive Economies**

The recently launched Facebook and WhatsApp Business initiatives, as well as the Caribbean Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) program, have provided MSMEs and policy makers with capacity building opportunities and business tools to aid their response, recovery and resilience building. Additionally, six (6) special editions of the OAS MSME Newsletter have supported knowledge sharing on measures adopted by the member states to mitigate the pandemic's economic impact on MSMEs. Other initiatives, such as the OAS-MSME Chile Fellowship Program, and the OAS-MSME Chile Fellowship Program, and the MSME Clearinghouse, have continued strengthening the MSME ecosystem in member states.

* **The Caribbean Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program**
  + Implemented virtual technical assistance sessions for over 1200 Caribbean MSMEs to strengthen resilience and recovery from the pandemic.
  + Economic impact: 411 new business started; over 684 jobs created and 11,963 jobs supported through SBDC interventions; $33,952,247 in sales revenue and $2,770,307in profit generated; 96 business expansions; and $1,121,028.60in Capital Infusion leveraged through loans and equity in six Caribbean member states.
  + Launched the Network of Caribbean SBDCs to foster high-level policy dialogue, cooperation, the exchange of best practices, and the adoption of initiatives among SBDCS and MSME Authorities in the CARICOM region.
* **OAS MSME Digitization Program**
* Delivered customized virtual training programs directly to MSMEs and a train-the-trainer program for MSME authorities/centers through WhatsApp Business Initiative to strengthen resilience and recovery from the pandemic.
* Launched joint initiative with WhatApps Business to deliver customized virtual training programs directly to MSMEs and a train-the-trainer program for MSME authorities/centers to strengthen resilience and recovery from the pandemic.
* Digitized over 60,000 MSMEs in 10 Member States to increase their visibility, access, profitability, and resilience.
* **OAS-MSME Chile Fellowship Program**
  + Engaged senior SBDC professionals from 17 member states in technical visits to Chilean SBDCs in December 2019 through the Technical Corporation Service of Chile (SERCOTEC) for the sharing of innovative practices on MSME development.
* **OAS Foreign Trade Information System SICE**
  + Launched MSME Online Clearinghouse and OAS MSME Newsletter to enhance the sharing of good practices, horizontal cooperation initiatives, policies, programs, and projects that support the MSME sector in OAS member states.
    - Produced six special edition (English and Spanish) OAS MSME Newsletter on measures adopted by Member States to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on MSMEs.
* **Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)**
  + Shared 15 national strategies, experiences, and good practices on STI in response to the pandemic in two regional ministerial dialogues of the Inter-American Commission of Science and Technology (COMCYT) and a meeting of COMCYT authorities.
  + Launched *Prospecta Americas* program, in collaboration with CONCYTEC of Peru and MINCIENCIAS of Colombia, to share good practices and establish Inter-American Foresight Centers of Excellence on ten (10) transformative technologies and provide sustainable development solutions to member states.
* **The Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC*)***
  + Shared over 220 initiatives from 23 countries in the RIAC COVID-19 Ideas Accelerator on tech-driven tools, health solutions, business support initiatives, and economic response and recovery plans being implemented by member states in response to the pandemic.
* **The Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE*)***
  + Twenty (20) good practices shared by innovation hubs, research centers, and tech-driven industry clusters in Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile, hosts of the ACE 12 program, which resulted in more than 30 collaborations between 33 leaders from the private sector, academia, and governments of 20 OAS member states.
* **Culture and Tourism** 
  + Developed, in partnership with the *Convenio Andrés Bello* Organization, a Methodological Guide for the implementation of Culture Satellite Accounts in the CARICOM region to support the measurement of culture's contribution to the economy data-driven policy decision- making.
  + Established National Registrars of Heritage places in Jamaica and Barbados to promote Heritage places as viable economic resources, through the introduction of an efficient system of documentation of these places as well as training in good practices in the marketing and promotion of the Heritage places under the framework of the project “Enhancing the Framework for the Development of a Heritage Economy in the Caribbean*.*”
* **The OAS Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP)**
  + 492 scholarships and sponsorships valued at $734,283 awarded to port officials from 31 Member States for study in certified professional development courses on management, intermodal transportation, logistics, trade, digitalization, security, and legislation.
  + Facilitated the signature of two (2) agreements between CIP Associate Member, RightShip, and the National Port Authorities of Argentina and Panama for the implementation of a Port Incentive Program to reduce shipping-related Greenhouse Gas Emissions and encourage increased visitation of environmentally-friendly vessels to the region's ports.

**Strategic Line 2: Strengthen the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Accordance with the 2016-2021 Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development**

In the area of Sustainable Development, the OAS mobilized new sources of funding for projects in the Plata River Basin, delivered technical assistance to energy directors in 22 member states to encourage the use of reliable, scientific and empirical data in energy management, renewable energy development, and air quality monitoring. SEDI initiatives also provided post disaster assistance to the Bahamas following the passage of Hurricane Dorian and health care to displaced person in the Venezuela-Colombia border region.

* **The Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA)**
  + Delivered technical assistance to energy directors in 30 member states through workshops, exchange missions, and targeted expert advice to encourage the use of reliable, scientific, and empirical data in energy management, renewable energy development, and air quality monitoring.
* **Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)**
  + Developed project proposal for COVID-19 prevention and containment program to be implemented in the rural area of the Trifinio Region in Honduras in November 2020.
  + Commenced execution of the La Plata River Basin project, developed through $2M of funding secured through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP), to accelerate actions in the priority areas of water security, climate resilience and ecosystem health.
* **Disaster Risk Management and Adaptation to Climate Change**
  + Provided post-disaster assistance to the Bahamas in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Dorian through the OAS-Amazon Web Services (AWS) Agreement, and medical care to displaced persons in the Cucuta, Colombia (Venezuela-Colombia border) through the OAS-White Helmets Program.
* **Strengthening institutional capacity for sustainable development**
  + Supported the implementation and monitoring (through RBM indicators) of the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) signed in the framework of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR).
  + Provided administrative and technical assistance to the Secretariat for Submissions on Environmental Enforcement Matters under the U.S. – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (U.S. – Peru TPA)," to receive and process public submissions regarding failures of a Party to effectively enforce its environmental laws.”

**Strategic Line 3: Promote Education and Human Development in the Americas**

The COVID-19 pandemic, which has created the largest disruption of education systems in history, is exacerbating pre-existing education disparities by reducing opportunities for many of the most vulnerable children, youth, and adults. This includes persons living in poor or rural areas, girls, refugees, persons with disabilities and forcibly displaced persons. As distance learning solutions were implemented, these most vulnerable learners were disadvantaged by, among other things, poor digital skills, and low levels of access to the required hardware and connectivity. SEDI programs and initiatives under the Inter-American Education Agenda have helped member states respond to the crisis and provide access to quality, inclusive, and equitable education for citizens of the Americas

* **The Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN)**
  + Improved the capacity of over 86,500 educators from 34 member states to provide quality STEM education through the webinar series “COVID-19: Teaching STEM in Quarantine.”

* + Launched the First Hemispheric International Fellowship for STEM Teachers and provided initial Cohort of 36 classroom teachers with opportunities to improve their instructional practice, leadership skills, and contribute to international education policy development.
* **The Educational Portal of the Americas**
  + Provided technological equipment to 92 primary schools and trained over 1,200 teachers in digital content integrated to the local curriculum for over 23,000 children in vulnerable environments in 5 Caribbean member states under the ProFuturo Educational Program.
  + Expanded the ProFuturo Educational Program to over 3,400 teachers from 26 member states to enable their participation in teacher training programs aimed at improving the capacity of teachers to deliver quality education virtually within the contexts of the pandemic.
  + Signed “Global Classroom Project” agreement with the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) of the state of Virginia to promote the establishment of collaborative relationships between schools in Latin America and the Caribbean, and provide professional development opportunities for teachers related to SDG 4.
* **The OAS Scholarship and Training Programs and the Rowe Fund**
  + 5,983 needs-based scholarships and interest-free loans awarded to citizens in 34 member states.
  + 51 emergency scholarships totaling $102,000 granted to international students in the U.S. to offset the financial challenges created by the pandemic and initiated fundraising campaign to provide additional emergency scholarships in 2021.
  + Trained 1,066 CARICOM nationals in areas of emerging need areas in related to the pandemic, through the expanded Chilean Agency for International Development Cooperation (AGCID) Scholarship program.

**Strategic Line 4: Promote Decent, Dignified and Productive Work for all**

In 2019, SEDI programs and initiatives in this area focused on the challenges and opportunities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) as they shape the future of work and accelerate changes in the labor market. Following the onset of the pandemic, SEDI´s work on labor and employment has focused on helping member states to address the labor impacts, including disrupted labor markets and worsened unemployment and labor conditions, while creating conditions for a sustainable recovery.

* **The Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML*)***
  + Launched RIAL website and shared over 300 measures adopted by the ministries of labor of member states to protect workers, employment, and income in response to the pandemic.
  + Published “Repository of Deconfinement and Return to Work Guides and Protocols” on the RIAL website to provide ministries of labor of the Americas with information on the actions taken by countries within and outside the region to ease confinement measures, return to the workplace, and ensure the safety and health of workers.
  + Convened Ministries of Labor, social actors, and international organizations to analyze policy recommendations and exchange experiences on key areas of labor administration, in the framework of the IACML Working Groups meetings, and following the pandemic, critical issues such as telework and the platform economy, the gender dimension of the crisis, expanding social protection coverage, reinforcing social dialogue, and upholding occupational health and safety.

**Strategic Line 5: Foster Development Cooperation and Establish Partnerships**

* **The OAS Development Cooperation Fund (DCF)**

Implementation of the 17 DCF programs across the region in the three priority areas of the Inter-American Education Agenda (IEA) was disrupted to varying degrees with the onset of the pandemic. As member states have put in place response mechanisms, the implementation deadline has been extended to December 31, 2021 and the programs adapted to reflect the local conditions and align with emerging national priorities. To date, over 5,000 citizens have been impacted by these DCF programs.

* **The Inter-American Cooperation Network (CooperaNet)**

The Inter-American Cooperation Network (CooperaNet), SEDI’s online platform for development cooperation launched in 2020, has provided a consolidated space for the optimization of partnerships, building of alliances and networks, leveraging of development assistance, and meeting the need for more demand-driven technical cooperation in the Americas, while also facilitating the regional attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The platform is also serving as an online hub for increased interaction and sharing of knowledge and experiences among cooperation authorities in the response of member states to the pandemic.

* + Published 226 cooperation offers related to development focus areas and 8 cooperation needs in the “Cooperation Exchange” from programs in execution in the framework of the DCF.
  + Published “Open Call for COVID-19 Offers and Needs” on platform to increase knowledge sharing cooperation related to the pandemic.

In addition, during 2019-2020, SEDI provided support to several meetings of ministers and high-level authorities:

* Tenth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education within the CIDI framework, held in Washington, D.C., July 8-9, 2019;
* Twentieth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CECIP), held on the island of Roatán, July 17, 2019;
* Eighth Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities in the CIDI framework, held in Bridgetown, Barbados, September 19-20, 2019;
* Meeting of the Working Groups of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, held in Quito, Ecuador, December 305, 2019;
* Twelfth Americas Exchange for Competitiveness held in Santiago, Chile, October 6-10, 2019;
* Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), held in Kingstown, Jamaica, February 27-28, 2020; and
* Second Special Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR) held virtually on August 14, 2020

SEDI has also been providing support for holding the upcoming meetings of ministers and high-level authorities within the CIDI framework:

* Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, postponed until the second half of 2021;
* Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP), to be held in the city of Buenos Aires, August 5-7, 2020;
* Prospecta Americas, to be held in Mexico;
* Sixth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Science and Technology within the CIDI framework, postponed until 2021;
* Twenty-first Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (CIMT), to be held in September 2021;
* Eleventh Americas Competitiveness Forum, to be held in April 2021**;**
* Twenty-fifth Inter-American Congress of Tourism Ministers, planned for 2021;
* Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Social Development, planned for 2021;
* Seventh Inter-American Dialogue of High-Level MSME Authorities, planned for 2021;

The websites of the executing departments report on current initiatives and additional results from concluded programs.

1. ANNEXES

Annex I Annual Report of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development 2019

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Annex II Contributions to the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) 2014-2020

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FUND (DCF))

(As of September 16, 2020)

| **COUNTRY** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Antigua and Barbuda | $ 6,988.00 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $2,500.00 |  |  |
| Argentina | $ 58,784.16 | $ 10,078.41 | $ 9,870.13 | $20,000.00 | $2,565.91 | $ 2,565.91 |  |
| Bahamas |  | $ 20,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 |  | $20,000.00 | $ 20,000.00 |  |
| Barbados | $ 16,400.00 | $ 16,400.00 | $ 16,400.00 | $16,400.00 |  | $ 16,400.00 |  |
| Belize | $ 8,000.00 | $ 8,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bolivia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brazil |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | $- | $- | $- | $- |  |  |  |
| Chile | $113,000.00 | $ 30,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colombia | $ 50,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Costa Rica | $ 29,462.04 | $ 30,000.00 | $ 30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $ 30,000.00 | $30,000.00 |
| Dominica | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 |  |
| Dominican Republic | $ 10,000.00 | $- | $- | $9,919.04 |  | $ 10,008.38 |  |
| Ecuador\* | $ 8,340.00 | $ 6,000.00 | $ 16,680.00 |  |  |  |  |
| El Salvador | $ 32,100.00 | $ 32,100.00 | $ 32,100.00 | $32,100.00 | $32,100.00 | $ 32,100.00 |  |
| Grenada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guatemala | $ 10,693.92 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guyana | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $6,745.76 | $6,745.76 | $ 6,681.06 |  |
| Haiti | $- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Honduras | $ 7,000.00 | $ 7,000.00 | $ 7,000.00 | $6,999.00 | $7,000.00 | $ 6,999.00 |  |
| Jamaica | $ 10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 | $10,000.00 |
| Mexico | $100,000.00 | $100,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nicaragua | $ 6,000.00 | $6,000.00 | $ 6,000.00 | $6,000.00 | $7,000.00 | $ 7,000.00 |  |
| Panama | $ 39,600.00 | $ 39,600.00 | $ 39,600.00 | $39,600.00 | $39,600.00 | $ 39,600.00 |  |
| Paraguay | $- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peru | $ 70,113.31 | $ 62,500.00 | $ 59,593.68 | $60,091.05 | $14,771.05 | $ 44,139.60 | $44,035.41 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 |  |
| Saint Lucia | $ 7,570.00 | $ 7,570.00 | $ 7,600.00 | $ 7,600.00 | $ 7,600.00 | $ 7,583.50 |  |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |  | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 |  | $ 5,100.00 |  |  |
| Suriname |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trinidad and Tobago |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | $- |  | $- |  |  |  |  |
| Uruguay | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 |  |
| Venezuela | $ 25,980.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **$640,331.43** | **$421,648.41** | **$286,243.81** | **$271,654.85** | **$210,182.72** | **$258,277.45** | **$84,035.41** |

\*Note: Ecuador made a contribution pledge of $20,000 for 2018 and 2019 on July 2019. However, Ecuador has not made the payment of its voluntary contribution to the Fund as indicated in the Diplomatic Note No. 4-2-225/2019 for 2018 and 2019.

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