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**STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIENNAL MINISTERIAL CYCLE FOR THE SECTORAL PROCESS ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS**

(Approved by CIDI during the regular meeting held February 22, 2022)

As previously reported in meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and its committees in which the Technical Secretariat of the Ministerial Process for Social Development (SARE/DSI) has participated, the three-year ministerial cycle on social development has had a delay according to the terms established in the “General Guidelines for Sectoral Processes at the Ministerial level within the framework of CIDI” (CIDI/doc.228/17).

This delay is due to the following reasons, among others:

Firstly, the COVID-19 global pandemic, declared as such by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March 2020, caused significant pressures on the response capacity of government institutions and, in particular, of those dealing with this ministerial process (Ministries of Social Development). These institutions had to prioritize the implementation of urgent social protection measures at the national level and experienced an overload of demands, thus affecting their possibilities of advancing in the implementation of the stages of the ministerial cycle within the defined periods.

Secondly, the establishment of the Working Groups for the implementation of the Plan of Action of Guatemala took time since it required an extensive and important work of socializing its contents among member states as well as of inviting them to join. In particular, this was mainly due to the fact that the Plan of Action of Guatemala is the first Plan of Action for Social Development that has ever been approved within the scope of the Organization of American States. In this regard, it was necessary to carry out several efforts to socialize its contents among the sectoral authorities of social development and encourage the authorities to be part of and assume the leadership of these Groups. The two Working Groups[[1]](#footnote-1)/ were formally established at the end of 2019.

Despite these obstacles, the Authorities of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) and the Troika, composed of Paraguay, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the Plan of Action of Guatemala and held multiple virtual meetings in which they developed a Work Plan. This Work Plan was approved in April 2021 (CIDI/CIDES/RPA/doc.3/21 rev.1).

Since then, the Working Groups have maintained an active participation, meeting periodically since 2021. They have also been active in designing and carrying out activities for the implementation of the "2019 Guatemala Plan of Action" (CIDI/REMDES/doc.6/19 rev.3).

For these reasons, acknowledging the commitment of the Dominican Republic as host country of the Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of Social Development and taking into account that the General Guidelines for Sectoral Processes at the Ministerial level within the framework of CIDI state that “(...) in the event of unforeseen circumstances, CIDI, with the advice of the Secretariat, shall have the prerogative to approve changes to a ministerial cycle on an exceptional basis and taking into account the logistical, budgetary and organizational aspects of the proposed change,” CIDI approves the following adjustments to the calendar of the triennial ministerial process that would allow the ministerial meeting to take place on the originally proposed dates:

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| **V REMDES CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**  (November 17 – 18, 2022) | | | |
| DATE  Year 2022 | | ORGAN | ACTIVITIY |
| February | 22 | CIDI Regular Meeting | * Approval by CIDI of resolution convening the meeting * Convening of the IV CIDES Regular Meeting, to take place March 22, 2022 |
| March | 22 | IV Regular Meeting of the Interamerican Committee on Social Development (CIDES) | * To assess progress, review documents and status of implementation of ministerial mandates * Presentation of draft documents: draft agenda, draft declaration, draft plan of action, and preliminary list of participants and observers |
| April | 26 | CIDI Regular Meeting | * Presentation of draft documents: draft agenda, draft annotated agenda, draft declaration and draft plan of action * Consideration and approval of the preliminary list of participants and observers |
| April | | CIDES | * Informal negotiations of draft documents start * Invitations to member states and observers sent |
| May | 31 | CIDI Regular Meeting | * Approval of the draft agenda by CIDI |
| July | 28 | Preparatory Meeting | * To finalize the draft agenda and negotiations on the draft declaration and plan of action to be considered during the ministerial meeting * Presentation of the draft agenda, and * Consideration of other issues related to the ministerial meeting: the election of the president; the establishment of the Style Committee; the composition of commissions and working groups; the agreement on the deadline to present proposals; the duration of the meeting. |
| October | 4 | Secretariat | * SEDI sends member states the draft agenda approved by CIDI |
| October | 25 | CIDI Regular Meeting | * CIDI establishes the order of precedence of member states delegations and of Permanent Observers |
| November | 17 & 18 | **V Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities in Social Development** | |

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1. . Working Group 1: (GT1) “Measurements of multidimensional poverty and the design of public policies intended to guarantee the well-being and the enjoyment of a good quality of life: Chair, Ministry of Welfare of Mexico; Vice Chair, Canada, Department of Employment and Social Development of Canada; Other members: Ministry of Social Development of Guatemala and Ministry of Social Development of Paraguay and Working Group 2: “Social protection systems that lead to social development through the reduction of poverty and inequality and expand social protection with a comprehensive approach”: Chair, Social Policy Coordination Cabinet of the Dominican Republic; Vice Chair, Ministry of Human Development and Social Inclusion of Costa Rica; Other members: Ministry of Social Development of Guatemala, Ministry of Social Development of Paraguay, Ministry of Social Development and Inclusion of Peru, and the Ministry of Social Development of Uruguay. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)