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**STATUS OF THE THREE-YEAR MINISTERIAL CYCLE** **OF THE**

**SECTOR OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROCESS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE**

(Approved during the regular meeting held October 25, 2022)

The three-year ministerial cycle for science and technology has been delayed from the deadlines set in the “General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of CIDI” (CIDI/doc.228/17).

This is due to the delay in the elections of the authorities of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) as a result of the time it took to coordinate the agendas of the different ministries interested in presenting their candidacies for the COMCYT.

The COMCYT authorities were elected at the meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) held on August 30, 2022. The Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Science and Technology Ministerial Process, which should have been held in March 2022, three months after the Ministerial Meeting of December 7-8, 2021, was therefore delayed due to the aforementioned circumstances. It is now planned to be held virtually on November 2, 2022.

Taking into account that the general provisions of the General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of CIDI establish that “in case of unforeseen circumstances, on the advice of the Secretariat, CIDI will have the prerogative to approve changes to a particular ministerial cycle on an exceptional basis and taking into consideration the logistical, budgetary, and organizational implications of the proposed change,” the following update to the three-year schedule of the ministerial process is approved by CIDI:

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| **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE THREE-YEAR MINISTERIAL CYCLE** **OF THE**  **SECTOR OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROCESS** | | | | |
| DATE | | | BODY RESPONSIBLE | ACTIVITY |
| August 2022 | | 30 | Regular Meeting of CIDI | * Election of the COMCYT Authorities |
| November 2022 | | 2 | COMCYT Authorities and Members of the Troika | * Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Ministerial Process. Expected outcomes: A detailed Work Plan with activities, timetable and expected results, which will be in line with the Organization's Comprehensive Strategic Plan |
| November/December 2022 or January 2023 | |  | CIDI’s Committee on Partnership for Development Policies | * Presentation of the Work Plan * Inputs from the member states * Approval of the Work Plan by CIDI’s Committee on Partnership for Development Policies |
| Third Quarter of 2023 | |  | Tenth Meeting of the COMCYT | * Assessing the progress and implementation of ministerial mandates (implementation of the Work Plan) * Analyzing regional and world trends on science and technology * Presentation of the topic(s) for the next Ministerial meeting * Guidelines provided to the Secretariat for drafting the Preliminary Annotated Agenda * Reception of formal announcements to host the next Ministerial meeting (announcement to be forwarded to CIDI for its formal approval and convocation). If no formal announcement is received, the Committee may request CIDI to convene the Ministerial meeting at the OAS headquarters |
| March or April 2024 |  | | Regular Meeting of CIDI | * To formally table in CIDI the proposals for documents for the next Ministerial (draft preliminary agenda, draft preliminary annotated agenda, draft preliminary declaration and draft preliminary plan of action) prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the guidelines given by the COMCYT and in consultation with the authorities of the ministerial process |
| April or May 2024 |  | | Regular Meeting of CIDI | * Approval of the Draft Agenda and Draft Annotated Agenda * Presentation of the Draft Provisional List of Observers and Special Guests |
| May or June 2024 |  | | Regular Meeting of CIDI | * Approval of the Provisional List of Observers and Special Guests |
| June/July 2024 |  | | Host country/ Informal Meetings | * To help finalize negotiations of the proposals for documents (Draft Preliminary Declaration and Draft Preliminary Plan of Action) for the Ministerial meeting |
| August or  September 2024 |  | | Formal Preparatory Meeting | * To finalize negotiations of the proposals for documents (Draft Preliminary Declaration and Draft Preliminary Plan of Action) for the Ministerial meeting |
| August or September 2024 |  | | Regular Meeting of CIDI | * CIDI establishes the order of precedence |
| Oct. or Nov. 2024 | | | **Seventh Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology** | |

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