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ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE

**TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE**

**ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Washington, D.C., May 5, 2023

(Approved by CIDI at the regular meeting held April 25, 2023)

1. **Background**

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedures for the Inter-American Committees of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), the purpose of the Inter-American Committees of CIDI is to coordinate the implementation of inter-American ministerial dialogue in their respective areas of competence by following up on the agreements entered into at the meetings of ministers and/or high-level authorities of their sector, identify relevant multilateral initiatives, and contribute to the execution of policies of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the area of partnership for development in accordance with the Comprehensive Strategic Plan of the Organization.

The General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of CIDI provide that the purpose of the Inter-American Committee Meetings are to “(i) Assess progress and implementation of ministerial mandates (implementation of Action Plan and Work Plan); (ii) analyze regional and world trends on the topic, and assesses the pertinence of OAS work in the areas of focus; (iii) agree on the topic(s) for the next Ministerial meeting and give the Secretariat guidelines for the drafting of the preliminary Annotated Agenda; and, to (iv) receive formal announcements to host the next Ministerial meeting…”

1. **Purpose of the Meeting**

The purpose of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology ( X COMCYT) is to: (i) Assess progress and implementation of ministerial mandates of the Declaration of Jamaica (2021) and the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024; (ii) Gather input from member states, similarly mandated international organizations, academia, and relevant private sector partners to analyze regional and world trends on science and technology and assesses the pertinence of OAS work in the areas of focus; (iii) Give the Secretariat input and guidelines for drafting a white paper, an informative document emanating from the inputs and consultations, which in turn will inform the next ministerial meeting theme and agenda; iv) Receive guidance and recommendations from member states to adjust the COMCYT 2022-2024 Work Plan, if necessary; and, v) Receive any formal announcements to host the next ministerial meeting.

1. **PROPOSED TOPICS**

The proposed topics for the draft agenda for the X COMCYT are the following:

1. **Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Schedule of the Meeting**. According to Article 24 of Rules of Procedures for the Inter-American Committees of CIDI, a Draft Agenda and Draft Schedule to organize the sessions and deliberation of the meeting will be considered for approval .

**2. Duration of the Meeting.** Member states will consider for approval the hours allocated for the meeting.

**3**. **Progress report on the implementation of the mandates and commitments of the Declaration of Jamaica** **and the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024**.

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Rules of Procedures for the Inter-American Committees of CIDI, the General Secretariat of the OAS will provide support to the COMCYT as Technical Secretariat.

The Technical Secretariat of the COMCYT will present a report of the results and progress on the implementation of the Declaration of Jamaica “**Harnessing the Power of Transformative Science and Technologies to Drive our Communities Forward”** adopted at the Sixth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology held on December 7-8, 2021, and the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024, approved by the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies on February 2, 2023.

**4. Sharing of knowledge and good practices on topics of interest and priorities identified by the Member States and reflected in the Declaration of Jamaica and the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024.**

Member States and COMCYT partners will share information, good practices and proposals undertaken as part of the implementation of the Declaration of Jamaica and the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024. The topics include the following:

* 1. Science History and Diplomacy: Strengthening Regional Cooperation in R&D through Multidisciplinary and Plurilingual Approaches
  2. Youth: Improving Skills and Readiness for Industry 4.0 (OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies)
  3. Technology Foresight as Input for Public Policy Decisions (Prospecta Americas and the OAS Centers of Excellence on Transformative Technologies)
  4. Use Cases of Transformative Technologies for the Sustainable Development of the Americas
  5. Quality Infrastructure and Transformative Technologies
  6. Innovative Technologies and Solutions for Resilient, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth. Innovative Collaborative Actions from Government, Academia and the Private Sector
  7. Connectivity and Engineering Initiatives in the Americas

**5. Summary of input and guidelines to the Secretariat for drafting a white paper to inform the next ministerial meeting theme and agenda.**

Member states will provide recommendations to the Secretariat for drafting a white paper to inform the next ministerial meeting theme and agenda.

**6. Other matters**

Delegations can raise any other issues for consideration of the meeting or share announcements as relevant.

1. **EXPECTED RESULTS**

It is expected that the X COMCYT will provide a space to gather information on regional and world trends on the science and technology, identifying sectoral challenges, gaps, and opportunities to be addressed by ministers. Specifically: (i) topics for the next ministerial meeting and guidance to the Secretariat for the preparation of the white paper; (ii) analysis of progress on the implementation of ministerial mandates and recommendations to adjust the Work Plan, if necessary; (ii) and receive any proposal to host the next ministerial meeting.

**E. STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING**

The X COMCYT will convene sectoral authorities ­of science and technology represented at the technical level and/or permanent missions to the OAS. Other relevant organizations and stakeholders of the COMCYT will be invited to provide input in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Inter-American Committees of CIDI. The meeting will be conducted in plenary session with the participation of delegations from all OAS member states.

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