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INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (CIDI)

This report contains a summary of the activities carried out by the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and its subsidiary bodies during the period between the fifty-second and fifty-third regular sessions of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held on October 5-7, 2022, and June 21-23, 2023, respectively. It also includes a summary of the activities carried out by the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) from January to December 2022.

1. CONSTITUTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CIDI

With the entry into force of the reforms to the Charter of the Organization of American States through the Protocol of Managua in 1996, the Inter-American Council for Integral Development was created as the main policy-making body responsible for formulating, promoting, and implementing guidelines for technical cooperation at the ministerial level in the Hemisphere. CIDI reports directly to the General Assembly and has decision-making power in matters of partnership for integral development.

In accordance with Article 3 of the CIDI Statutes (CIDI/doc. 38/13: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=38&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=38&lang=s)| [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=38&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=38&lang=p)), the functions and powers of CIDI are as follows:

a) To formulate and recommend the Strategic Plan to the General Assembly;

b) To formulate proposals for strengthening inter-American dialogue on integral development;

c) To promote, coordinate and oversee execution of the Strategic Plan;

d) To convene regular meetings of the Council, at the ministerial or equivalent level; regular monthly meetings; special meetings; and sectoral or specialized meetings;

e) 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 (II-O/72); and to coordinate, when appropriate, the holding of these specialized conferences in the framework of specialized or sectoral meetings of CIDI;

f) To promote cooperative relations with the corresponding United Nations agencies and with other national and international bodies, particularly as regards coordination of inter-American technical cooperation programs;

g) 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;

h) 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;

i) 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;

j) To coordinate and organize the activities of the subsidiary bodies of CIDI;

k) To establish mechanisms for consultation and dialogue between CIDI’s regular and special meetings and the inter-American committees;

l) 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;

m) To elect the members of the Management Board of the IACD;

n) To adopt criteria for the allocation of additional resources mobilized by the IACD for which the donor has not specified purposes and limitations;

o) To approve the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of the IACD and amendments thereto;

p) 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;

q) To consider and, as appropriate, approve the annual budget of the IACD proposed by the Management Board;

r) To participate in the preparation of the program-budget of the Organization in the area of cooperation;

s) 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;

t) 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;

u) 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; and

v) 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 Organization of American States and other inter-American instruments, the General Assembly, and the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as envisaged in its Article 70, and to make recommendations in its area of authority.

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

Article 5 of the CIDI Statutes also establishes that CIDI shall have the following subsidiary bodies:

1. Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD)
2. Nonpermanent specialized committees (CENPES)
3. Inter-American committees
4. Permanent committees of CIDI
5. Other subsidiary bodies and agencies created by the Council

CIDI Officers

* July to December 2022

Vice Chair Acting as Chair: Ambassador Yolande Yvonne Smith, Permanent Representative of Grenada

* January to June 2023

Chair: Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru

Vice Chair: Ambassador Agustín Vásquez Gómez, Permanent Representative of El Salvador

1. ACTIVITIES OF CIDI AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES
   1. MEETINGS

Regular Meetings

The regular monthly meetings, special meeting, and the meetings of the permanent committees were held in accordance with the rules established in the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (document CIDI/doc.257/18: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=257&lang=s) | [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)).

During the reporting period, CIDI, as the principal forum for OAS policy dialogue on integral development, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, held regular monthly meetings that facilitated interaction between member states and experts from civil society, the private sector, and academia on issues related to the strategic lines of the Organization's Strategic Plan, to identify policies and priorities critical to alleviating poverty and eliminating inequality in the Hemisphere. The regular meetings held during the first half of 2023 focused on the consideration of critical issues affecting the member states in relation to climate change, given that all are affected by climate change and the threats it poses to their sustainable development. This was to shape the agenda of issues to be considered during the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, scheduled to take place in The Bahamas in October 2023. CIDI also addressed procedural matters under its responsibility and held a joint meeting with the OAS Permanent Council.

October 2022

On October 25, 2022 (CIDI/OD-128/22 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=128&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=128&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=128&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=128&lang=p)), under the chairmanship of Ambassador Yolande Yvonne Smith, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the OAS, CIDI considered the topic of artificial intelligence (AI) and digital transformation for a sustainability agenda in the Americas, with emphasis on public policies and ethical considerations to promote sustainable development and tackle climate change (Concept Note: CIDI/INF. 524/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=524&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=524&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=524&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=524&lang=p)).

During the meeting, member states discussed the importance of artificial intelligence to integral development, as well as the impacts and opportunities of digital transformation for sustainability in the region from a public policy standpoint, including potential opportunities for collaboration, as well as concerns and ethical questions arising from the development and application of AI technologies in different sectors. Member states also shared good practices on how their governments are creating policy frameworks and programs to develop human and institutional capabilities in artificial intelligence, promote sustainable development, and undertake climate action by harnessing the power of transformative technologies. Participants in the meeting included Mr. Ryan Hagemann, Co-Director of the IBM Policy Lab*,* Ms. Eliana Ulate Brenes, International Cooperation Coordinator of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica, and Ms. Angélica Díaz, researcher at the Alexander von Humboldt Research Institute on Biological Resources in Colombia. Mr. Mark Lambrides, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development of SEDI, made a presentation on behalf of the OAS Secretariat.

During the same meeting, CIDI approved the list of special guests and observers (CIDI/doc. 363/22 rev.3: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=363&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=363&lang=s)) for the Ninth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities, held in Guatemala in October 2022; established the order of precedence of the delegations of the member states (first: Guatemala) and the permanent observers (first: Italy) for the Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development, held in the Dominican Republic in November 2022; and approved changes to the schedule of the three-year ministerial cycle for the science and technology sector so as to hold the Planning Meeting of the Authorities, virtually, on November 2, 2022 (CIDI/doc.370/22 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=370&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=370&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=370&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=370&lang=p))

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

[http://scm.oas.org/audios/2022/DCMM/CIDI\_OD-128-10-25-2022 .zip](http://scm.oas.org/audios/2022/DCMM/CIDI_OD-128-10-25-2022%20.zip)

December 2022

On December 13, 2022 (CIDI/OD-129/22 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=129&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=129&lang=s) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=129&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=129&lang=p)), CIDI concluded its activities for the year under the chairmanship of Ambassador Yolande Yvonne Smith, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the OAS, with a panel/discussion on the Transformation of the World of Work in the Digital Economy: Policy Imperatives (Concept Note: CIDI/INF. 530/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=530&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=530&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=530&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=530&lang=p)).

Understanding that the world of work has been radically transformed in recent decades, mainly as a result of technological breakthroughs, the fourth industrial revolution, and the digital economy, CIDI analyzed the transformations that are being fueled by the digital economy and are driving changes in jobs, employment levels and prospects, skills, and labor relations.

CIDI examined the skills required by the productive sector and the need for training to adapt to changing environments and engage in lifelong learning, as well as the skills gap in the region and the shortage of digital and technological skills. Transformations in the world of work pose an enormous challenge and offer great opportunities for the region’s governments on at least on two fronts: public policies, particularly in education and training; and public policies that respond to changes in employment and new spheres of action by ensuring protection and respect for workers' rights and promoting the sustainability of enterprises.

Presentations were made during the meeting by Ms. María Claudia Camacho, Chief of the Labor and Employment Section of the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of SEDI (OAS); Ms. Raquel Kismer de Olmos, Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina and Chair of the XXI Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML); Mr. Pablo Dragún, Director of the Study Center of the Argentine Industrial Organization, on behalf of the Business Technical Advisory Committee on Labor Matters (CEATAL); Ms. Marta Pujadas, President of the Trade Union Technical Advisory Council of the Argentine Industrial Organization (COSATE); and Ms. Claudia Coenjaerts, interim Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Labour Organization (ILO). The presentations are contained in document CIDI/INF.533/22: [TEXTUAL](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/INF.&classNum=533&lang=t).

During the meeting, CIDI elected, by acclamation, Mr. Mikhail Bullard, Permanent Representative of The Bahamas to the OAS, as Chair of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies, and Ms. Sandra Lucía Mikan Venegas, Alternate Representative of Colombia to the OAS, as Chair of the Committee on Migration Issues.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2022/DCMM/CIDI_OD_129-12-13-2022.zip>

February 2023

* On February 2, 2023 (CIDI/OD-130/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=130&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=130&lang=s) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=130&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=130&lang=p)), CIDI began its work for 2023, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Harold Forsyth, Permanent Representative of Peru to the OAS, with the presentation and consideration of CIDI's Draft Work Plan for January to June 2023. The approved Work Plan (CIDI/doc. 372/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=372&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=372&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=372&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=372&lang=p)) focuses on the consideration of issues related to climate change and is consistent with the importance assigned to sustainable development by the governments of the Americas, especially at the Ninth Summit of the Americas, when the Heads of State agreed to pursue "Our Sustainable Green Future."

During the meeting, the Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Ms. Kim Osborne, presented SEDI's 2022 Annual Report to CIDI (CIDI/doc. 371/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=p)), which was approved without comment.

Reports were also received on the following ministerial-level meetings held in 2022:

* Ninth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities (CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc.12/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=12&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=12&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=12&lang=f) |[Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=12&lang=p)), presented by the Vice Minister of Culture and Sports of Guatemala, Mr. Christian Neftalí Calderón Santizo*,* as representative of the host country.
* Eleventh Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education CIDI/RME/doc.12/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=p)), presented by the National Director for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Education of Argentina, Ms. Marina Larrea.
* Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development (CIDI/REMDES/doc.12/22:  [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=e) |  [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=p)), presented by the Technical Director of the Social Policy Coordination Cabinet of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Van Elder Espinal, on behalf of the host country.

Among other procedural matters, during this meeting CIDI, through resolution CIDI/RES. 357 (CXXX-O/23) ( [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=357&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=357&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=357&lang=f)| [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=357&lang=p)), convened the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development for October 2023 and the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) for March 2023. CIDI also convened the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) for June 7-9, 2023, in Roatán, Honduras, in accordance with resolution CIDI/RES. 358 (CXXX-O/23):  [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=358&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=358&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=358&lang=f)| [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=358&lang=p). CIDI also approved the draft agenda for the CIP meeting, document CIDI/doc.375/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=375&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=375&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=375&lang=f)| [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=375&lang=p).

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2022/DCMM/CIDI_02-02-2023.mp3>

On February 28, 2023, CIDI held another regular meeting (CIDI/OD-130/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=131&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=131&lang=s) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=131&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=131&lang=p)), under the leadership of Ambassador Agustín Vázquez Gómez, Permanent Representative of El Salvador, who in his capacity as Vice Chair stepped in to serve as Chair after Ambassador Harold Forsyth, Permanent Representative of Peru and Chair of CIDI, ended his role at the Organization.

During this meeting, member states addressed the topic of Decarbonization in the Americas – Energy and Nature-based Solutions (Concept Note: CIDI/INF.534/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=534&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=534&lang=s) [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=534&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=534&lang=p)). They considered that although the countries of the Hemisphere have made considerable progress in decarbonizing the energy sector, they remain heavily dependent on highly volatile oil markets and fuel subsidies, and that to reduce the carbon footprint and decarbonize the energy sector, they have at their disposal policies that, if properly applied, could drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Presentations by invited speakers and deliberations by member states focused on critical steps that governments in the region have taken to support national energy transitions; strategies, policies, and investments for decarbonization of the energy sector and successful nature-based solutions; and some specific recommendations to make the region carbon-neutral by 2050. The conclusions of the deliberations will serve as inputs to prepare for the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development scheduled for the second half of the year.

The guest panelists were Mr. Gustavo Cazal, Director of Alternative Energy of the Vice Ministry of Mines and Energy of Paraguay; Dr. Rhianna Neely-Murphy, Director of the Department of Environmental Planning and Protection of the Ministry of the Environment of The Bahamas; Mr. Rafael Orlando Gómez Del Giudice, Vice Minister of Energy of the Ministry of Energy and Mines of the Dominican Republic; Mr. Adonay Urrutia, Chief of the Division of Energy Planning and Statistics of the General Directorate of Energy, Hydrocarbons and Mines of El Salvador; and Mr. Kenneth Lobo Mendez, Director of Planning and Sustainability of the Costa Rican Electricity Institute. The presentations can be consulted in document CIDI/INF. 535/23 ([Textual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=535&lang=t)).

During the meeting, CIDI elected, by acclamation, the authorities of Working Group 2 of the Inter-American Committee on Education:

* Chair: Ms. Marie Levens, Minister of Education of Suriname
* Vice Chair: Mrs. Claudia Ruíz Casasola, Minister of Education of Guatemala

CIDI also approved changes to the schedule of the three-year ministerial cycle for culture so as to hold the Planning Meeting of the Authorities, in person, at the OAS General Secretariat headquarters on March 16-17, 2023 (CIDI/doc.376/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=376&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=376&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=376&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=376&lang=p)).

Under other business, the United States delegation suggested that the member states consider the advisability of CIDI not transmitting a draft omnibus resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session to be held in June 2023, and that they seek the appropriate formula to extend the validity of mandates from previous sessions that have not been completed. Since the topic was not on the agenda, no decision was adopted and it was understood that the proposal would be considered at the next CIDI meeting.

During this meeting, CIDI bid farewell to Mr. Felipe Varela, Alternate Representative of Chile, who ended his role at the OAS.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/DCMM/CIDI_OD_131-02-28-2023.zip>

March 2023

On March 28, 2023, CIDI held a regular meeting (CIDI/OD-132/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=132&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=132&lang=s) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=132&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=132&lang=p)) led by the Chair of CIDI, Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru to the OAS. The central theme of the meeting was Science and Data for Decision-Making, Resilience, and Disaster Risk Management (Concept Note: CIDI/INF. 536/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=536&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=536&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=536&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=536&lang=p)).

The meeting began with a commemoration of World Water Day as a way to focus attention on the importance of fresh water and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. World Water Day 2023 aimed to accelerate change to solve the water and sanitation crisis.

To mark the occasion, Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy of the Netherlands for International Water Affairs and facilitator of the United Nations Water Conference, made a special presentation.

During the meeting, the Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Ms. Kim Osborne, presented the report of the First OAS Conference on Building a Science and Data Agenda for Decision-Making on Resilience and Disaster Risk Management in the Caribbean, document CIDI/INF. 539/23 ([Textual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=539&lang=t)).

The panel of speakers on "Science and Data for Decision-Making on Resilience and Disaster Risk Management" included Ambassador Francine Baron, Chief Executive Officer of the Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD); Mr. Raul Kulichevsky, Executive and Technical Director of the National Commission of Space Activities of Argentina (CONAE); Dr. Roger Pulwarty, Senior Scientist at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Mr. Pierre Chrzanowski, Science, Technology and Open Data for Climate and Disaster Risk, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) of the World Bank; Dr. Juan Villagrán de León, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNSPIDER); Dr. Dimitri Gutiérrez Aguilar, Specialist of the General Directorate of Oceanographic and Climate Change Research of the Institute of the Sea of Peru (IMARPE); and Mr. Luis Alonso Amaya Durán, Director General of Civil Protection, Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of El Salvador. The presentations are included in document CIDI/INF.540/23 ([Textual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=540&lang=t)).

Among the procedural matters, Executive Secretary Kim Osborne presented the Draft Work Plan of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development for 2023 (CIDI/INF. 541/23: [Textual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=541&lang=t)), which was approved without comment (CIDI/doc. 381/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=381&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=381&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=381&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=381&lang=p)).

Based on the recommendation of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development, CIDI approved the payment for the external audit of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 fiscal years (CIDI/doc.378/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=378&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=378&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=378&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=378&lang=p)).

With regard to the meetings of inter-American committees, CIDI:

* By resolution CIDI/RES. 359 (CXXXII-O/23): [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=359&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=359&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=359&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/RES.&classNum=359&lang=p)), convened the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) to be held on May 5, 2023, in hybrid mode – virtual and in person at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.
* Granted 30 calendar days for delegations to submit comments and/or proposals to the draft annotated agenda of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT): CIDI/doc.382/23 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=p)).
* Noted that the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR) would hold its Fifth Special Meeting on April 14, 2023, and took note of the draft agenda for the event (CIDI/CITUR/RE/doc.1/23: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.8.5E%20CIDI/CITUR/RE/DOC&classNum=1&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.8.5E%20CIDI/CITUR/RE/DOC&classNum=1&lang=s)).
* Approved the draft agenda for the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS), which began its deliberations on April 18, 2023 (CIDI/doc.379/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=379&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=379&lang=s) | [Français |](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=379&lang=f) [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=379&lang=p)).

CIDI also discussed the approach it would take to the preparatory work for the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly. In this regard, based on the proposal presented by the U.S. delegation that it would be advisable for CIDI not to submit a draft omnibus resolution to the General Assembly at the aforesaid regular session and that a formula should be agreed upon to extend the validity of unfinished mandates from previous sessions, CIDI agreed that interested delegations should consider options that meet the interests of all the member states and should reach an agreement within the framework of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies and present its recommendation to CIDI within a period of two weeks.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/DCMM/CIDI_OD132-03-28-2023.zip>

April 2023

On April 25, 2023, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru, CIDI held a regular meeting (CIDI/OD-133/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=133&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=133&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=133&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=133&lang=p)) on the topic "Climate Finance in the Americas: Towards a Collaborative Regional Blueprint" (Concept Note: CIDI/INF.543/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=543&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=543&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=543&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=543&lang=p)).

Recognizing that climate change poses a critical threat to all member states and is a central issue on the region's political and development agenda, the CIDI meetings in the first half of 2023 examined how the reality of climate change is threatening the environmental, economic, social and political situation in the Americas. In order to meet the challenges of climate change, it is necessary to: 1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions to slow global warming (mitigation) and 2) reduce vulnerability and increase the resilience of populations to the inevitable effects of climate change (adaptation). Resources are needed to take action.

Given that access to climate finance is a major hurdle for most Latin American and Caribbean countries, especially the most vulnerable and least developed, the meeting aimed to examine the challenges and opportunities for increasing climate finance flows, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to provide the substantial funding the region needs for climate change mitigation and adaptation. The meeting provided an opportunity for member states to discuss their challenges, priorities for action, and expectations regarding existing climate finance mechanisms and to address unresolved issues related to the difficulties in implementing the mechanisms.

The meeting included the participation of Senator Michael Halkitis, Minister of Economic Affairs of The Bahamas and Chair of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development, who gave opening remarks on climate finance.

The panel of experts was composed of Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chair of the Global Environment Facility; Ms. Saliha Dobardzic, Team Leader for Programming and Innovation of the Adaptation Fund; Mr. Cayetano Casado Gomez, Regional Manager of the Green Climate Fund; Ms. Valerie Isaac, Coordinator of the Environmental Sustainability Unit of the Caribbean Development Bank; and Ms. Martha del Castillo, Director of Biodiversity and Climate Technical Advisory of CAF- Development Bank of Latin America. The presentations are available in document CIDI/INF.549/23 ([Textual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=549&lang=t)).

After the presentations, CIDI took note of the contributions, ideas, and perspectives presented by the guest speakers, as well as the presentations and comments made by the delegations to be considered for the preparation of the agenda and documents for the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development.

Among the procedural matters, CIDI considered those related to the following sector-specific meetings and decided:

* To approve the annotated agenda for the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) to be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat on May 5, 2023, document CIDI/doc.382/23 rev. 2: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=382&lang=p).
* To approve the draft agenda for the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT): document CIDI/doc.384/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=384&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=384&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=384&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=384&lang=p).
* To approve the changes to the schedule of the three-year ministerial cycle of the social development sectoral process (CIDI/doc.385/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=385&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=385&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=385&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=385&lang=p)) and to authorize, on an exceptional basis and in accordance with the General Provisions of the General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of CIDI, that the Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Ministerial Process of CIDI for Social Development be held virtually on May 24, 2023.
* That the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) should continue its deliberations, in hybrid format, on June 26, 2023.
* That the Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development should be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States on August 22-23, 2023.

During this meeting, CIDI bid farewell to Ms. Lilian Sanchéz de Morehead, Alternate Representative of the Dominican Republic, who ended her role at the OAS.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/DCMM/CIDI_OD_133-04-25-2023.zip>

May 2023

On May 23, 2023, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru, CIDI held a regular meeting (CIDI/OD-134/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=134&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=134&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=134&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=134&lang=p)) to consider the following topic: "Climate Change and Water: Water Security in the Context of the Climate Crisis" (Concept Note: CIDI/INF.546/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=546&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=546&lang=s) [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=546&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=546&lang=p)).

Latin America's abundant water resources account for 31 percent of the world's freshwater reserves, and yet many parts of the region are affected by fluctuations in precipitation patterns brought about by climate change, which exacerbates the variability of hydrological cycles. These cycles produce extreme weather conditions that weaken people's ability to manage the impacts of droughts or floods and reduce the predictability of water resource availability, diminishing water quality and threatening sustainable development, biodiversity, and access to drinking water and sanitation in the Americas. Climate change also affects water supply systems and the different productive uses of water resources, given that access to drinking water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene are essential for human health and well-being, as well as for the industrial sector and food and energy production, sectors that are closely related and can potentially be in conflict if water resources are poorly managed. Strengthening the region's agenda on transboundary water resources is therefore a priority, considering the impacts of climate change, increasing water scarcity, and growing water demand.

As part of the preparatory process for the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development scheduled to take place in October 2023, the meeting aimed to highlight the benefits, challenges, and opportunities of integrated water resources management and offered member states the opportunity to reflect on the challenges, priorities for action, and expectations regarding appropriate mechanisms and actions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The panel of experts included Mr. Fabián Caicedo, Director of Water Resources in the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia; Ms. Cynthia Barzuna, Director of the Ocean Action 2030 Coalition of the World Resources Institute’s Ocean Program; Mr. Luis Carlos García, Director of La Plata Basin and River Navigation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay; Mr. José Miguel Zeledón, Director of the Water Department in the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica; and Mr. Fernando Reátegui Villegas, Specialist in Management of International Waters in the General Directorate of Sovereignty, Limits and Antarctic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. The panelists’ presentations are included in document CIDI/INF. 550/23 ([Textual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=550&lang=t))

Among the procedural matters, CIDI considered a request and approved changes to the schedule of the ministerial cycle for the tourism sector ((CIDI/doc. 386/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=386&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=386&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=386&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=386&lang=p)) so as to hold the Third Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR), virtually, on July 28, 2023. To this end, it approved resolution CIDI/RES. 360 (CXXXIV-O/23): [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=360&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=360&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=360&lang=f)| [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/RES.&classNum=360&lang=p).

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/DCMM/CIDI-05-23-2023.mp3>

June 2023

On June 13, 2023, CIDI held a regular meeting (CIDI/OD-135/23 rev. 1: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=135&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=135&lang=s) | [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=135&lang=f) | [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.&classNum=135&lang=p)) under the chairmanship of Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru, to consider the central theme of "Climate Change and Poverty: Multidimensional Impacts and Solutions" (Concept Note: CIDI/INF.548/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=548&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=548&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=548&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/INF.&classNum=548&lang=p)).

Eradicating extreme poverty worldwide by 2030 is a fundamental goal of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, in accordance with Article 94 of the OAS Charter, the purpose of CIDI is to promote cooperation among the American States for the purpose of achieving their integral development and, in particular, helping to eliminate extreme poverty. It is also known that the COVID-19 pandemic caused the deepest global recession since World War II. In 2020, global GDP contracted by 3 percent. In Latin America and the Caribbean, however, output fell by 7 percent. Record inflation, fueled by the biggest energy crisis since the 1970s, created financial hardship for millions of people, triggering food shortages and deepening poverty and inequality across the region.

Meanwhile, climate change is becoming a growing threat that widens the social divide, accentuates inequality, and plunges millions of people into poverty. Impoverished people, rural communities, and indigenous peoples are always the hardest hit by the adverse effects of climate change. The poorest people have no access to banking services, and their assets consist almost exclusively of tangible objects that are susceptible to loss, damage, or destruction during extreme weather events such as hurricanes, fires, or floods.

The interplay between climate change and poverty carries significant implications for food insecurity. Climate change exacerbates existing vulnerabilities and disproportionately affects the world's poorest and most marginalized populations by contributing to food insecurity. The complex nexus between climate change, poverty, food insecurity, water scarcity, health, and nutrition underscores the urgent need for comprehensive and equitable actions to mitigate climate change, alleviate poverty, and ensure sustainable access to nutritious food and clean water for all.

For this reason, CIDI provided an opportunity during the meeting to discuss with experts the challenges and opportunities to help people rise out of poverty and to prevent the poorest communities in the region from suffering the most extreme consequences of climate change.

The panel of experts was composed of Mr. Rolando Ocampo Alcántar, Director of the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Ms. Jocelyn G. Brown Hall, Director of the Liaison Office for North America of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Dr. Gerry Eijkemans, Director of the Department of Social and Environmental Determinants for Health Equity of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The Council also heard a message from the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador, Mr. Fernando López.

CIDI took note of the contributions, ideas, and perspectives presented by the guest speakers, as well as the presentations and comments made by the delegations, and instructed the Secretariat to take them into consideration when preparing the agenda and documents for the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, to be held in October 2023.

Among the procedural matters considered, CIDI: 1) received the report from the Chair of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development, Ms. Karla de Palma, Director General of the El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO) (AICD/JD/doc.212/23: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=212&lang=s) |  [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=212&lang=e) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=212&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=212&lang=p)); 2) received the report of the Secretariat for Administration and Finance on the investment strategy of the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, implemented to comply with the mandates of the General Assembly contained in resolutions AG/RES. 2971 (LI-O/21) and AG/RES. 2985 (LII-O/22) (**CIDI/INF.554/23:**[Textual](file:///C:\Users\ediaz\Documents\CONSEJO%20INTERAM%20DESARROLLO%20%20INTEGRAL\CIDI%20MEETINGS\2023\CIDI-VI-06-13-23\-%09https:\scm.oas.org\IDMS\Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi\inf.&classNum=554&lang=t)); 3) elected Saint Lucia and Panama as new members of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development and reelected El Salvador in the same capacity for the 2023-2025 period; 4) agreed, based on a request from the Government of The Bahamas, to reschedule the continuation of the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) to be held, in hybrid format, on June 30, 2023; 5) took note that the Government of The Bahamas, host country of the Fourth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, confirmed that the meeting will be held in Nassau, The Bahamas, on October 3-4, 2023; 6) approved the annotated agenda (CIDI/doc.388/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=388&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=388&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=388&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=388&lang=p)) and the draft agenda for the Third Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR) (CIDI/doc.389/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=389&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=389&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=389&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=389&lang=p)) to be held virtually on July 28, 2028; and 7) took note of the distribution of the progress report on the implementation of the 2023 Work Plan of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (CIDI/CAM/doc.390/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=390&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=390&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=390&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=390&lang=p)).

In preparation for the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly, CIDI: 1) received the report of the Chair of the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM), Ms. Sandra Lucía Mikan Venegas, Alternate Representative of Colombia to the OAS (CIDI/CAM/doc.135/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=135&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=135&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=135&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=135&lang=p)). CIDI took note of the report and commended the authorities and members of the Committee for their work.

CIDI also received the report of the Chair of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies, Mr. Mikhail Bullard, Alternate Representative of The Bahamas to the OAS (CIDI/CPD/doc.225/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=225&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CPD/doc.&classNum=225&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CPD/doc.&classNum=225&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CPD/doc.&classNum=2255&lang=p)). CIDI took note of the report, thanked the authorities and members of the Committee for the support and advice provided to the Council and, based on the Committee's recommendation, agreed to submit the following draft resolutions to the General Assembly:

* “Strengthening the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI)”: document CIDI/CPD/doc.222/23 rev.3:  [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/cpd/doc.&classNum=222&lang=e" \t "loopstyle_link) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/cpd/doc.&classNum=222&lang=e) |  [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=222&lang=f) **|** [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=222&lang=p)
* “Promotion of the Development of Competitive, Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Ports: document CIDI/CPD/doc.223/23 rev.3: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/cpd/doc.&classNum=223&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/cpd/doc.&classNum=223&lang=s" \t "loopstyle_link) |- [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=223&lang=f) **|** [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/cpd/doc.&classNum=223&lang=p)

Finally, CIDI approved its report to the General Assembly on the work carried out during the period from October 2022 to June 2023 (CIDI/doc.392/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=392&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=392&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=392&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=392&lang=p)).

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:<https://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/CIDI_6-13-2023.mp3>

Joint meeting with the Permanent Council

During the period covered by this report, a meeting with the Permanent Council took place on March 8, 2023, on the occasion of International Women's Day ([CP/OD-2418/23](https://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_23/cp47290e02.docx)).

The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Anthony Phillips-Spencer, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago and Chair of the Permanent Council, and Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru and Chair of CIDI.

Presentations on the topic "Feminist Foreign Policy: A process under construction" were given by Ms. María Nela Prada, Minister of the Presidency of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Ms. Antonia Urrejola, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile; Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Deputy President of the Senate of Barbados and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Barbados for Climate Change, Small Island Developing States and Law of the Sea; Ms. María Cristina Perceval, Special Representative for Feminist Foreign Policy of Argentina; Ms. Laura Gil Savastano, Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs of Colombia; Ms. Martha Delgado Peralta, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico; Ms. Yill Otero, Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama; Ambassador Maria Luísa Escorel de Moraes, Ambassador of Brazil to the Kingdom of Sweden and appointed Secretary for Relations with Europe and North America of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Ambassador María Gabriela Troya Rodríguez, Inter-American System Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador.

The joint meeting continued with the commemoration of International Women's Day: Gender Equality and Climate Action in the Americas, with presentations on various aspects related to the participation of women:

* + - * Climate Action and Women's Leadership in Environmental and Disaster Risk Management, by Ms. Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women;
      * Climate Action, Integral Development, and Gender Equality, by Ms. Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development;
      * The Intersection of Gender, Climate Change, and Human Rights, by Ms. Dinah Shelton, Professor of International Law, George Washington University, and Commissioner and Chair of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) from 2010 to 2013;
      * Environmental Rights of Women and Girls, by Ms. Soledad García Muñoz, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights, IACHR;
      * Perspective of civil society, by Ms. Bertha Zúñiga Cáceres, General Coordinator of the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH).

The meeting included the performance and exhibition “Rojo/Red/Rouge/Vermelho,” which includes five thematic structures addressing increased income inequality and environmental degradation. It was created by artist Dominique Paul and introduced by Ms. Adriana Ospina, Director of the Art Museum of the Americas.

The following national authorities also spoke: Cam Do, Director General of the Office of Innovative Climate Finance of Canada; Mr. Luis Vayas Valdivieso, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador; Ms. Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator in the United States Agency for International Development; and Ms. Ayanna Webster-Ro, Minister for Gender and Child Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/DCMM/CP-CIDI-03-8-2023.mp3>

Special meeting of CIDI

On April 11, 2023, CIDI held a special meeting chaired by Ambassador Gustavo Adrianzén, Permanent Representative of Peru to the OAS, to continue considering the approach CIDI would take to the preparatory work for the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly (CIDI/OD-E-6/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.%20(E/12)&classNum=6&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.%20(E/12)&classNum=6&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.%20(E/12)&classNum=6&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/OD.%20(E/12)&classNum=6&lang=p)).

The meeting was convened to decide on the proposal that CIDI not submit a draft omnibus resolution on the integral development pillar to the General Assembly when it meets in June 2023.

The Chair recalled that during the meeting held on March 28, 2023, the delegation of the United States contended that it would be advisable for CIDI not to submit a draft omnibus resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session, and that an appropriate formula should be agreed upon to extend the validity of mandates that had been adopted by the General Assembly in previous sessions and had not been implemented. At that time, CIDI agreed that a group of member states would work to bring positions closer together and that the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies would prepare a text for CIDI's consideration.

The Chair of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies, Mr. Mikhail Bullard, Alternate Representative of The Bahamas to the OAS, presented the report, on the basis of which the member states agreed that:

1. CIDI will not submit a draft omnibus resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session in June 2023.
2. CIDI will submit for the consideration of the General Assembly, during its fifty-third regular session, the draft resolution entitled "Renewal of Resolutions and Mandates Entrusted to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development Not Implemented in the 2022-2023 Term," document CIDI/doc. 383/23 rev.1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=383&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=383&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=383&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=383&lang=p).
3. Any individual draft resolutions that the member states may decide to present shall be submitted to the appropriate subsidiary bodies of CIDI, which will establish the relevant deadlines and methodology for considering them.
4. The subsidiary bodies shall submit the report on their deliberations to CIDI during the regular meeting scheduled for June 13, 2023.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at the following link:

<http://scm.oas.org/audios/2023/DCMM/CIDI_OD-E-6-04-11-2023.zip>

* 1. ACTIVITIES OF CIDI SUBSIDIARY BODIES

CIDI's work was carried out through sectoral meetings; its permanent committees: the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies, the Committee on Program, Budget, and Evaluation, and the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM); and the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD).

Sectoral and specialized meetings

Ministerial level meeting

Culture

The Ninth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities of CIDI took place on October 27-28, 2022, in Antigua, Guatemala, under the theme "Technology, Creativity, and Innovation as an Opportunity for Developing and Strengthening Culture." It included the following subthemes: methodologies and policies to promote the management and consumption of arts and literature; the economy and cultural and creative industries; and strengthening cultural heritage and expressions. The meeting included the participation of representatives of 22 member states, as well as international organizations. The meeting provided an opportunity for governments throughout the region to discuss the role of technology, creativity, and innovation in strengthening culture and artistic expression, as well as to identify concrete areas for cooperation among member states to promote technology in the management, production, and consumption of arts, literature, and other cultural and creative products. The meeting established the following working groups of the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC):

* Working Group 1: Methodologies and Policies for Promoting the Management and Consumption of Cultural Goods and Services in the Digital Environment
* Working Group 2: Cultural and Creative Economy and Industries
* Working Group 3: Collection, Protection, Preservation, Conservation, Valuing, and Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage, Cultural and Artistic Expressions, and Traditional and Ancestral Knowledge

The meeting, accepting the generous offer of the Government of the Dominican Republic, agreed to hold the Tenth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities in that country in 2025. The Ministers and Highest Appropriate Authorities of Culture of the Hemisphere adopted the Declaration of Antigua Guatemala, document [CIDI/RME/DEC.1/22](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/DEC&classNum=1&lang=s) ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/DEC&classNum=1&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/DEC&classNum=1&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/DEC&classNum=1&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/DEC&classNum=1&lang=p)), and the Plan of Action of Antigua Guatemala, document [CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc. 8/22 rev.1](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=8&lang=s) ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc.&classNum=8&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc.&classNum=8&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc.11&classNum=8&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc.&classNum=8&lang=p)). The list of documents for the meeting is contained in document [CIDI/RME/doc.11/22](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=11&lang=t) ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/RME/doc.&classNum=11&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/RME/doc.&classNum=11&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/RME-IX/doc.11&classNum=1&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/RME/doc.&classNum=11&lang=p)).

Education

The Eleventh Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education of CIDI was held virtually on November 10-11, 2022, under the theme "Towards Building a New Educational Hemispheric Pact in Contexts of Change." The representatives of the Ministries of Education met the main objective of generating consensus on the Hemispheric Declaration on Education, document CIDI/RME/DEC.1/22 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/dec&classNum=1&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/dec&classNum=1&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/dec&classNum=1&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/dec&classNum=1&lang=p)); the [Hemispheric Plan of Action on Education](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=8&lang=s), document CIDI/RME/doc. 8/22 rev.1 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=8&lang=e)| [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=8&lang=s)| [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=8&lang=f) |[Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=8&lang=p)); and the [Inter-American Education Agenda (IEA) 2022-2027](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=6&lang=s), document CIDI/RME/doc.6/22 rev. 1 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=6&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=6&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=6&lang=f)| [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=6&lang=p)), all of which were approved.

The meeting included the participation of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Mr. Luis Almagro Lemes; the Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development, Ambassador Yolande Yvonne Smith, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the OAS; and Mr. Jaime Perczyk, Minister of Education of Argentina and Chair of the Inter-American Committee on Education (CIE), followed by six plenary sessions and a closing session. Delegations from 27 member states attended the meeting. The Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Security of Argentina and Chair of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, also participated, reaffirming the commitment to work on the intersectoral agenda and within the framework of the IEA 2022-2027. The final report of the meeting is contained in document CIDI/RME/doc.12/23 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=e)| [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=s)| [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=f) |[Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=V.14.1.CIDI/RME/doc&classNum=12&lang=p)).

Social Development

The Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development (V REMDES) was held on November 17-18, 2022, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, under the theme "Strengthening Hemispheric Cooperation towards Resilient Reconstruction and Sustainable Social Development in the Americas." Representatives of 23 OAS member states participated. The meeting met the expected outcomes, having addressed crucial issues for the region that require collective action, such as the need to improve technical tools to better understand how to measure the multiple dimensions of poverty and, above all, how to use the results of these measurements to improve public policies to eradicate poverty. The meeting included the launch of the "Compendium of Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Measurement of Multidimensional Poverty in the Americas," prepared by Working Group 1 of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) and the Oxford University Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

The meeting also approved the Inter-American Declaration on Social Development Priorities (CIDI/REMDES/DEC. 1/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/DEC&classNum=1&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/DEC&classNum=1&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/DEC&classNum=1&lang=f) |[Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/DEC&classNum=1&lang=p))and the Plan of Action of the Dominican Republic 2022 (CIDI/REMDES/doc. 7/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=7&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=7&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=7&lang=f) |[Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=7&lang=p)), which will guide the work of CIDES and its working groups over the next three years, until the Sixth REMDES is held in Mexico in 2025.

Another important achievement of the meeting was the presentation of the "Regional Guidelines for the Social Inclusion of Survivors of Trafficking in Persons in the Americas," a document prepared jointly by the OAS and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). It is a non-binding guide on actions and areas of intervention that should be present in the planning and execution of strategies to facilitate the social inclusion of human trafficking survivors and their active participation in the communities where they live. The Final Report of the Meeting is contained in document CIDI/REMDES/doc. 12/22 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=f) |[Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XLVIII.5%20CIDI/REMDES/doc&classNum=12&lang=p)).

Meetings of Inter-American Committees

Tourism

The Fifth Special Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR) was held on April 14, 2023, in hybrid format, to discuss new tourism initiatives for hemispheric cooperation proposed in the context of CITUR in the following areas: regenerative tourism, capacity-building in the deployment of new technologies, human development in the tourism sector, and Global Tourism Resilience Day 2024.

The following activities took place within the framework of the CITUR Work Plan 2022-2024: 1) the Working Group on Climate Change and Sustainable Tourism Development held a webinar on November 21, 2022; 2) as part of the activities of the Indigenous Tourism Collaborative of the Americas, the webinar "Leadership Critical to the Future of Sustainable Indigenous Tourism" was held on June 15, 2023. The Indigenous Tourism Portal is also well underway; following the call for informational resources for the portal, 461 such resources have been collected. The launch of the portal is scheduled for August 2023, on the occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Sustainable Development

During the period covered by this report, the Sixth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) began on April 18, 2023, in hybrid format. Twenty-nine representatives of member states participated in the meeting. During the session, the Honorable Senator Michael Halkitis, Minister of Economic Affairs of The Bahamas, was elected Chair of the CIDS. The purpose of the meeting was to begin preparations for the Fourth Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development and the review of the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS). Member states discussed the main topics included in the white paper prepared to support preparations for the Fourth Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, which will have as its theme "Climate Action: Building a Regional Agenda to Secure Our Future.

Panelists Amy Newsock, Global Associate Director for Freshwater Outcomes at The Nature Conservancy; David Goldwyn, President of Goldwyn Global Strategies and Chair of the Advisory Group of the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center; Dr. David Smith, Director of the Centre for Environmental Management and Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development at the University of the West Indies; and Santiago Lorenzo, Head of ECLAC's Economics of Climate Change Unit, spoke about the main challenges facing the region in the area of climate change, particularly in relation to water resources, energy, natural disasters, and climate.

The SEDI Department of Sustainable Development made a presentation on the history and implementation of PIDS in the 2016-2023 period and explained the department's current programs, projects, and resources. This Regular Meeting of the CIDS will resume on October 30, 2023. Member states will then have the opportunity to contribute their views on the content of the white paper and identify priority sectors to be discussed during the meeting of ministers.

Science and Technology

The Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) was held in hybrid mode on May 5, 2023, under the leadership of the Honorable Daryl Vaz, Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport of Jamaica. Representatives from 24 member states and 23 COMCYT strategic partners from the public, private, and academic sectors and civil society exchanged good practices and opportunities for collaboration around the priorities and lines of action reflected in the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024. The Technical Secretariat presented a progress report on the implementation of the mandates and commitments of the Declaration of Jamaica and the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024. Particular emphasis was placed on the progress of the OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies and the OAS Network of Centers of Excellence in Transformative Technologies. The Technical Secretariat also received input and guidance from the delegations on the drafting of a white paper to inform the theme and agenda of the Seventh Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology scheduled to be held in 2024.

Within the framework of the COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024, the following activities were also carried out:

1) Ceremony to designate the Center of Excellence on Blockchain in the state of Hidalgo, Mexico, a member of the OAS Network of Centers of Excellence in Transformative Technologies (February 22, 2023, in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico);

2) Workshop on "Best Practices for the Development of OAS Centers of Excellence in Transformative Technologies" (February 23, 2023, hybrid mode);

3) High-level dialogue on “Artificial Intelligence: Public Policy Imperatives for the Americas," in collaboration with the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (May 4, 2023, at OAS General Secretariat headquarters in Washington, D.C.);

4) Launch of a course in artificial intelligence on the platform of the OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies, offered in collaboration with Structuralia, Spain (June 2023, virtual).

Ports

The Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) took place on June 7-9, 2023, in Roatán, Honduras, with the participation of the highest-level port authorities from 21 member states. The meeting approved the Resolution of Roatán 2023 ([CIDI/CIP/RES. 1/23](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_23/CIP01312e02.docx)); reports on activities within the framework of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action 2021-2023, the CIP Secretariat, the CECIP Chairmanship, and the six chairs of the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs); and the operating budget for 2024-2026. It is worth noting that changes were agreed upon to the Rules of Procedure of the CIP ([CIDI/CIP/doc.17/23 corr. 1](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_23/CIP01331e02.docx)) so that the regular meetings of the CIP would be held every three years instead of every two, a proposal that will be submitted to CIDI for consideration. The new authorities that will make up the Executive Board of the CIP (CECIP) for the 2023-2026 period were elected by acclamation. Finally, the meeting welcomed the offer by Barbados to host the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the CIP, to be held in 2026.

Some of the achievements of the CIP are highlighted below:

* The CIP Technical Assistance Project "Improving Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Ports," financed by the Governments of Italy and the United States, developed a Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP), available in the four official languages of the OAS, and held the 4th Regional Workshop and 1st and 2nd Tabletop Exercises (TTX) on Improving Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Ports on May 9-12 in Kingston, Jamaica, where 28 port personnel from 12 OAS member states were trained.
* The CIP Technical Assistance Project "Establishment of a Port Community System for Barbados," financed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), developed a roadmap with recommendations for a prioritized and phased implementation of the PCS modules.
* The CIP Technical Assistance Project "Feasibility Study for the Establishment of an Electronic Single Window for Trade in Belize," financed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), began preparing the Best Practices Report and the Situation Analysis Report.
* 13 online courses by the National Port Authority (APN) of Peru, the National Port Training Center of the Port of Buenos Aires (CENCAPOR), and the U.S. Coast Guard.
* 304 scholarships awarded to port personnel from 22 member states for a value of US$320,025.
* 1,375 port personnel from 25 member states were exposed to best practices through eight webinars.
* III Hemispheric Seminar on Port-City Relations, Social Responsibility, and Gender Equity (November 10-11, 2022) held in hybrid format in Lima, Peru, in collaboration with the National Port Authority (APN), with more than 50 port officials and industry representatives attending in person and more than 430 representatives from 25 OAS member states participating virtually.
* IV Hemispheric Seminar on Public Policy, Legislation, and Regulation (March 29-30, 2023) held in hybrid format in Montevideo, Uruguay, in collaboration with the National Port Administration (ANP), with 45 port officials and industry representatives attending in person and 157 representatives from 23 OAS member states participating virtually.
* V Hemispheric Conference on Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness (April 18-20, 2023) held in person in Panama City, Panama, in collaboration with the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), with an attendance of more than 130 port officials and industry representatives from 14 OAS member states.

Planning Meetings

Science and Technology

The Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Science and Technology was held virtually on November 2, 2022. The authorities of the Inter-American Commission on Science and Technology (COMCYT) and the members of the Troika agreed on the [COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024](https://mcas-proxyweb.mcas.ms/certificate-checker?login=false&originalUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fscm.oas.org.mcas.ms%2FIDMS%2FRedirectpage.aspx%3Fclass%3DXIII.3%2FCIDI%2FCOMCYT%2FRPA.DOC%26classNum%3D11%26lang%3De%26McasTsid%3D20893&McasCSRF=819b3fe186c64685af1287ddbae1087c5f152e838c53248d6ca6d71db784043e) (CIDI/COMCYT/RPA/doc.11/23 rev. 2). The Work Plan lays out a roadmap for implementing the mandates of the [Declaration of Jamaica](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XVIII.6%20CIDI/REMCYT-VI/DOC.&classNum=7&lang=e): "Harnessing the Power of Transformative Science and Technologies to Drive Our Communities Forward" (CIDI/REMCYT-VI/doc.7/21), approved during the Sixth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Science and Technology held on December 7-8, 2021. The main areas of action include addressing the youth skills gap and readiness for Industry 4.0; promoting the inclusion of women, rural and indigenous communities, and other vulnerable populations in the areas of science, technology, and innovation (STI); technology foresight as a key element for public policy decision-making; and effective collaboration between the public, private, and academic sectors to improve the quality of life of communities in the Americas through STI.

The COMCYT Work Plan 2022-2024 was approved by the CIDI Committee on Partnership for Development Policies on February 2, 2023.

Labor

The Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Labor of CIDI held a planning and follow-up meeting on January 27, 2023, virtually, in order to monitor the development of the Work Plan 2022-2024, guide upcoming activities under the Work Plan, review the financial situation of the Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL), and decide on the use of available resources. The authorities confirmed that the Work Plan is being fully implemented, agreed on dates and topics for hemispheric meetings and workshops, and earmarked RIAL resources for implementation.

Education

The Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Education was held on February 9, 2023, virtually, with the members of the Troika and authorities of the Inter-American Committee on Education (CIE). The meeting considered the CIE’s draft work plan, which was drawn up in successive virtual meetings held with the authorities and working groups of the CIE, with the support of the Ministries of Education of Chile, Costa Rica, United States, Jamaica, Peru, and Paraguay, held from the time of the Planning Meeting until late April 2023. Four hemispheric programs were defined, which will focus their initiatives and actions in three areas: research, professional development, and technical assistance. The programs will strengthen the recovery, restoration, and reactivation of the education sector (3R4E), critical literacy and digital education, healthy eating and physical activity policies in school environments, as well as skills for the future and job training. The CIE 2022-2025 Work Plan was approved by CIDI's Committee on Partnership for Development Policies on June 6, 2023 (CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2: [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_23/CIDED00313E02.docx) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_23/CIDED00313S02.docx); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 1: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=1&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=1&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 2: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=2&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=2&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 3: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=3&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=3&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 4: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=4&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=4&lang=s)).

Culture

The Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Culture was held in hybrid format at the Organization's headquarters in Washington, D.C., on March 16-17, 2023. The main objective of the meeting was to review and agree on the draft CIC 2023-2025 Work Plan, within the framework of the mandate of the Declaration of Antigua Guatemala "Technology, Creativity, and Innovation as an Opportunity for Developing and Strengthening Culture." The CIC 2023-2025 Work Plan (document CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc.96/23 rev. 4: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=96&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=96&lang=s)) was subsequently approved by the CIDI Committee on Partnership for Development Policies on June 6, 2023. The plan establishes concrete actions to fulfill the mandates and commitments of the Declaration and Plan of Action of Antigua Guatemala.

Social Development

The Planning Meeting of the Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Social Development was held virtually on May 24, 2023, with the participation of representatives from 19 OAS member states. The main objective of the meeting was to present and agree on the draft Work Plan of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) for 2023-2025, defining concrete actions for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Dominican Republic 2022 (CIDI/REMDES/doc. 7/22).

During the meeting, comments were received on the various activities proposed under the three CIDES working groups, which address issues such as: multidimensional poverty, strengthening of social protection systems in the region, and promotion of hemispheric cooperation to promote social development. Likewise, a methodology was agreed upon to receive comments on the draft CIDES 2023-2025 Work Plan, and the next steps to be taken for its presentation to the CIDI Committee on Partnership for Development Policies for approval and subsequent execution were presented.

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, administer, and facilitate the planning and execution of programs, projects, and activities within the scope of the Charter of the Organization of American States and the framework of the Organization's Strategic Plan.

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.
6. 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 is composed of nine member states of the Organization of American States elected by CIDI, observing, in accordance with the provisions of Article 77 of the Charter, the principles of rotation and equitable geographical representation, and ensuring that no member state is excluded from the opportunity to be elected to the Board and that all regions have the opportunity to be always represented (Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of the IACD (document CIDI/doc.202/16 corr. 1: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=202&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=202&lang=s) | [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: Ms. Karla de Palma, Director General of the El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO)

Vice Chair: Omari Seitu Williams, Minister Counselor, Alternate Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Members: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the United States

The IACD Management Board held three meetings (two formal meetings and one informal) during the period covered by this report. The main topics discussed and decisions made included the following:

Cooperation for Development

At its meeting on March 6, 2023, the Management Board made the decision to extend the duration of the mandate of the current three IACD working groups so that they can actively participate in the implementation of the decisions that the General Assembly adopts during its fifty-third regular session in 2023 and the MB/IACD 2023-2024 Work Plan: (AICD/JD/doc-205/23:- [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=205&lang=s) | [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=205&lang=e))). These working groups were established at the Third CIDI Specialized Meeting of High-Level Authorities on Cooperation, held December 2-3, 2021, for the purpose of defining a more strategic direction in the context of the IACD and specifically of the Management Board, in order to respond to its functions.

The Work Plan approved at the same meeting is intended to provide further guidance for updating and defining a mandate implementation plan to facilitate the achievement of concrete results [AG/RES.2988(LII-O/22) and (AG/RES.2985(LII-O/23)].

At the meeting on May 23, 2023, each Working Group presented its proposals for implementing the mandates, which have been drafted, discussed, and agreed upon.

* Working Group 1: Updated Model of the CIDI Ministerial Process and the Role of Cooperation Authorities in the Region

Chairs: El Salvador, Honduras, Uruguay

Co-Chair: Brazil

Proposal for areas of work to achieve the objectives and planned actions (AICD/JD/doc-211/23: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=211&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=211&lang=s))

The list of proposals of Working Group 1 includes convening a face-to-face meeting of the members of the three Working Groups to identify synergies and enhance the role of the IACD through the actions included in the list of proposals. It is also proposed to hold exchanges with the various teams involved in the ministerial process, both within SEDI and with the members of the Management Board, in order to bring the member states’ cooperation authorities closer together, and to prepare a questionnaire to analyze the processes of planning, identification, and approval of projects, in order to prepare an assessment of the current state of partnership for development in the Organization and make recommendations to the IACD Management Board.

* Working Group 2: Financing Partnership for Development within the Framework of the OAS/SEDI

Chairs: Bahamas, Belize

Co-Chairs: Guatemala, Peru

Following the decision made at the meeting of the IACD Management Board held on March 6, 2022, Working Group 2 continued its work based on the IACD 2023-2024 Work Plan (AICD/JD/doc.205/23 rev. 1: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=205&lang=e) | [Spanish](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=205&lang=s)). The purpose of this document is to provide further guidance in updating and defining an implementation plan to facilitate the achievement of concrete results on the mandates emanating from the Working Groups approved by the General Assembly [AG/RES.2988(LII-O/22) and AG/RES.2985(LII-O/23)].

Since the decision to extend the Working Groups' mandate, Working Group 2 has met several times to work on the actions outlined in the Work Plan and discuss and share ideas about the best ways to achieve the desired results. The following are suggested next steps/actions to move forward in achieving the objectives:

Objective 1: Analyze strategies to strengthen the Development Cooperation Fund and raise additional funds to carry out partnership for development activities.

Mapping of potential funding mechanisms for the DCF, including the 501c.3: The Working Group asked the Secretariat to work on the first draft of the mapping of potential funding mechanisms. This document is in the final stages of development and will be presented by the Secretariat to the Working Group at its next meeting.

The Secretariat has been in the process of updating the Statutes of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF/OAS) to reflect the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 2985 (LII-O-22) ([Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_23/CIDSC00209S02.docx) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_23/CIDSC00209E02.docx)), in the section on direct and indirect cost recovery, regarding the amendment to Article 86(l) [formerly Article 86(f)] of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat, so as to eliminate the requirement that the Development Cooperation Fund contribute to the Regular Fund to cover the costs of technical supervision and administrative support for the programs managed by the DCF.

DCF visibility strategy: On this point, the members of the Working Group have suggested the following proposals:

* Create a space for dialogue with Group 3 to contribute to the communication strategy and avoid duplication of efforts.
* To raise the profile of the DCF among member states, exhibitions or webinars could be held to highlight the results achieved in all projects.
* A special annual meeting of CIDI could also be convened to share the results of the DCF, which could coincide with a call for voluntary contributions to the fund.
* Lead member states could be identified to help "sell" the DCF as a viable mechanism for cooperation among member states and with potential external partners and the Secretariat. The exemption from indirect cost recovery (ICR) could be increased as part of the value added of the DCF.
* The IACD Management Board and SEDI could work with the OAS Department of External Relations to make a presentation on the DCF and its projects to permanent observer states and other potential donors.

Objective 2: Develop a framework for cooperation between the IACD and the permanent observers and other states, national and international organizations, and the private sector regarding partnership for development activities.

Framework to foster cooperative relations with permanent observers, other states, national and international organizations, the private sector, and other entities and individuals:

* Take advantage of the next Meeting of High-Level Authorities on Cooperation to be held in 2024, or another coordination forum within the OAS framework, to hold a parallel event to promote cooperation with the actors mentioned above.
* Send a communication through the permanent missions of the member states to the OAS, requesting that they identify one or two successful experiences in partnership for development carried out with the participation of the private sector.

1. Roundtables, meetings, and presentations to foster dialogue and negotiation with observer countries and potential partners proposed by the IACD for a possible contribution to the fund, as well as with the private sector: Take advantage of the next Meeting of High-Level Authorities on Cooperation, or another coordination forum within the OAS framework, to hold a parallel event that includes these roundtables.

Objective 3: Promote the participation of the IACD in multilateral organizations, platforms, and venues that promote private sector engagement in international cooperation.

* Create a working group to analyze the feasibility of incorporating the participation of the IACD in multilateral organizations, platforms, and spaces that promote private sector commitment to international cooperation: Evaluate the appropriate platform for participation to take advantage of the next Meeting of High-Level Authorities on Cooperation in 2024, or another coordination space within the framework of the OAS, to hold a parallel event.

* Working Group 3: The Role of the IACD in the International Development Cooperation Landscape

Chairs: Colombia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Uruguay

Co-Chair: Argentina

Proposal for implementation of activities of the MB/IACD 2023-2024 Work Plan (AICD/JD/doc-210/23: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=210&lang=s) | [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=210&lang=e)).

The proposals of Working Group 3 include implementing a pilot work plan to coordinate cooperation actions with the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) and the Southern Common Market (Mercosur), through which the SEGIB network of communication focal points will be contacted.

The group also proposes to establish a communication strategy to increase, at the hemispheric level, the scope of the cooperation actions carried out by the IACD. In addition, in order to strengthen CooperaNet, it proposes to encourage each member state to share at least one cooperation opportunity on the platform and to establish communication with the technical unit of the Ibero-American Program for the Strengthening of South-South Cooperation (PIFCSS) to exchange information on the Ibero-American Integrated Data System on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SIDICSS).

Development Cooperation Fund (DCF)

At its meeting on September 19, 2022, the Management Board agreed to include the following paragraphs in the draft omnibus resolution submitted by CIDI and subsequently approved by the General Assembly at its fifty-second regular session, related to the DCF:

1. To instruct the Management Board of the IACD to explore potential funding mechanisms for the Development Cooperation Fund, beyond voluntary funds, including but not limited to the possibility of a dedicated 501.c.3 vehicle for private contributions, and report on related proposals and recommendations to the CIDI by the second quarter of 2023.
2. To instruct the Management Board of the IACD to analyze the impact of the ICR and Cost Recovery System Methodology on the DCF and make recommendations on any related reforms by the second quarter of 2023 for consideration of the CIDI and relevant competent authorities of the OAS.

The DCF presented an update on the implementation status of the program for the Program Cycle 2021-2024 during the IACD Management Board (MB/IACD) meeting held on March 6, 2023 (CIDI/JD/INF.91/23: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=91&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=91&lang=e)).

At the same meeting, the IACD Management Board extended from October 31, 2022, to April 15, 2023, the deadline for member states to make their offers and contributions to the 2022 DCF (AICD/JD/doc-206/23 rev. 1: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=206&lang=s) | [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=206&lang=e)). In addition, the MB/IACD approved the payment of the cost of the external audit of the DCF accounts for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024, with the understanding that the payment for the 2022 audit will be made immediately and the payment for the following two years will be made when the audits for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 begin (CIDI/JD/INF.89/23: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=89&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=89&lang=e)).

Finally, the mid-term assessment report for the DCF Program Cycle 2021-2024 was developed and presented at the MB/IACD meeting on May 24, 2023, pursuant to Article 17(t) of the DCF Statutes (AICD/JD/DOC-209/23).

OAS Scholarship and Training Programs

Pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 2985 (LII-O/22) ([Español](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_23/CIDSC00209S02.docx) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_23/CIDSC00209E02.docx)) and based on the table of estimated expenditures for 2023 and projections to 2027 (CIDI/JD/INF.90/23: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=90&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=90&lang=e)), the Management Board, at its meeting held on March 6, 2023, decided to approve the disbursement of the funds allocated to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs in the program-budget of the Organization.

Language Cooperation Program

General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2988 (LII-O/22) encourages SEDI to support member states in the development of language exchange and immersion programs among the member states and the MB/IACD to use US$75,000 allocated to the Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP) under the OAS Scholarship and Training Program to implement a language proficiency training and certification program in the four official languages of the OAS.

In order to fulfill the mandates of the General Assembly, SEDI has begun consultations with the Management Board to determine first steps for the creation of a space for language cooperation on the CooperaNet platform, in order to provide language training to citizens of the member states.

Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs

Pursuant to mandates from resolutions AG/RES. 2971 (LI-O/21) and AG/RES. 2985 (LII-O/22) of the General Assembly, the Department of Financial Services (DFS) of the Secretariat for Administration and Finance (SAF) presented to the Management Board the status of implementation of the investment strategy of the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs. At its meeting on June 8, 2021, the Management Board decided to instruct the Department of Financial Services to invest the money from the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs according to investment strategy #1 of the options presented by the SAF in the document AICD/JD/INF.74/21 with a combination of investments of 70 percent in stocks and 30 percent in bonds, which would seek, in addition to investment security, a higher return on capital in the long term, with low commission costs, by investing the entire capital.

Some highlights regarding the investment status of the fund as of March 31, 2023 are as follows: a) Since inception, total dividends and capital gains earned and reinvested in the portfolio total US$83,582; b) The portfolio is monitored to ensure that balances are within targets allowed by investment guidelines (+/- 3 percent); there has been no need to rebalance since inception; c) 2022 was a challenging year, with seven federal funds rate increases. There have been three additional rate hikes in 2023 with the goal of reducing inflation to 2 percent. Higher rates have an impact on borrowing costs, earnings, and stock prices; and d) Portfolio value improved during the fourth quarter of 2022. This upward trend continued during the first quarter of 2023.

Inter-American Cooperation Network (CooperaNet)

The Inter-American Cooperation Network (CooperaNet) is SEDI's online platform that offers a consolidated space to promote alliances between OAS member states, development partners, and experts in the region to foster the exchange of good practices and experiences through technical cooperation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and its 2030 Agenda. CooperaNet responds to the mandate of the member states’ cooperation authorities to facilitate regional and multisectoral cooperation to promote development and respond to the different situations and challenges facing the region.

CooperaNet has 214 cooperation offers available from Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay and 20 cooperation offers from Formato Educativo, an OAS development partner. In addition, there are 10 needs from eight countries aligned with the programs being implemented within the framework of the DCF.

Training on the use of the platform is conducted periodically for the focal points of the region’s cooperation authorities. As a result of this exercise, in 2023, unique institutional accounts were created for the cooperation authorities of Belize, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Suriname. The cooperation authorities of Ecuador and El Salvador uploaded 27 new cooperation offers to CooperaNet, and the cooperation authority of the Dominican Republic identified three new cooperation needs.

In addition, the focal points of the cooperation authorities of Belize, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago have received training on how to use the CooperaNet platform. Likewise, they have been trained on the use of the platform and created profiles as development partners of Geek Girls Latamand Makaia.

In addition, the SEDI Technical Cooperation Section has held two webinars to present the cooperation opportunities offered by El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru, Uruguay, and Formato Educativo to the cooperation authorities of member states, CooperaNet focal points, development partners, and interested entities.

These webinars are intended to help raise awareness among member states and development partners about new cooperation offers and to promote the creation of new partnerships. These cooperation authorities will be presented by these new offers for the first time.

Reports submitted by the Secretariat

The IACD Management Board received the following reports from the Secretariat:

* Status of the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) Program Cycle 2021-2024 (CIDI/JD/INF.91/23: [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=91&lang=s) | [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=91&lang=e)).
* Mid-Term Assessment Report on the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) Program Implementation, Program Cycle 2021-2024, titled "Inclusive Resilience for an Effective Recovery with a Focus on Science and Technology" (AICD/JD/doc-209/23: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=209&lang=s) | [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD%20XX.2.18/doc.&classNum=209&lang=e)).
* Report by the Department of Financial Services (DSF/SAF) on the status of the investment strategy under implementation for the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs (CIDI/JD/INF.93/23: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF.&classNum=93&lang=e)) and the document Decisions of the Management Board (adopted at the meeting held on June 8, 2021): AICD/JD/DE-129/21: [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/DE&classNum=129&lang=s" \t "loopstyle_link) | [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/DE&classNum=129&lang=e).

3. Nonpermanent Specialized Committees

Nonpermanent specialized committees (CENPES) are technical bodies that support 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. During the period covered by this report, no new CENPES were created nor have the existing ones met.

4. Permanent Committees

i. Committee on Partnership for Development Policies

Chair: Minister Counselor Mikhail Bulard, Alternate Representative of The Bahamas

Vice Chairs: Councilor Akeila Samuel, Alternate Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

First Secretary Alexandra White, Alternate Representative of Canada to the OAS

Article 56 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI confers the following functions on the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies:

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

The Committee held 10 formal meetings during the period covered by this report, and the main tasks performed were as follows:

1. On February 2, 2023, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Alexandra White, Alternate Representative of Canada to the OAS, and Ms. Akeila Samuel, Alternate Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as Vice Chairs.
2. The Committee reviewed the mandates of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and exchanged ideas for their implementation and for the development of the Committee's 2023 Work Plan [[(AG/RES.2988 (LII-O/22)](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2022/AGRES2988CIDI2022ESP.docx)] (CIDI/CPD/doc. 215/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC&classNum=215&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC&classNum=215&lang=s).) The Committee approved its Work Plan, document CIDI/CPD/doc.216/23 rev. 1 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=216&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=216&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=216&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=216&lang=p)).
3. Based on the proposal presented by the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development in June 2022, in the document entitled "General Revised Guidelines for the Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development" ([CIDI/CPD/doc.212/22](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=212&lang=s): [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=212&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=212&lang=s)), which describes the proposed revisions to the format of the meetings, the parties involved, the parameters for the preparation of agendas and working documents, as well as their alignment with the overall strategic priorities of the OAS, the Committee approved the revisions to the general guidelines. These aim to update the process of the triennial cycle to be followed to organize the ministerial and/or high-level sectoral meetings held within the framework of CIDI and adapt them to the new model for sectoral meetings approved by CIDI on September 28, 2021.
4. The Committee reviewed the schedule of sectoral meetings and received information on the work status and schedule of events for the triennial cycle in the areas of science and technology, culture, social development, sustainable development, education, ports, labor, and tourism.
5. In preparation for the meetings of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development and the ministerial meeting on sustainable development, the Committee received a presentation from the Secretariat on the implementation of the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development 2016-2021 (PIDS) and ideas for updating it.
6. The Committee deliberated about the most efficient way to implement the General Assembly mandate regarding the costing of new mandates. It received information from the Secretariat for Administration and Finance on the General Assembly's costing provisions (CIDI/CPD/INF. 85/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/INF.&classNum=85&lang=e) |  [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/INF.&classNum=85&lang=s) and CIDI/CPD/INF. 102/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/INF.&classNum=102&lang=s) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/INF.&classNum=102&lang=s))) and the template to be used for that purpose ([English](https://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2023/TEMPLATENEWMANDATESING.xlsx) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2023/TEMPLATENEWMANDATESESP.xlsx)), and developed a methodology for the costing of the proposals that are presented to it related to the integral development pillar (CIDI/CPD/doc. 217/23 rev. 2: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=217&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=217&lang=s)).
7. In response to a proposal presented by the delegation of Mexico, the Committee began consideration of measures and ways to regularize the position of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) in the structure of CIDI (CIDI/CPD/INF. 103/23: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/INF.&classNum=103&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/INF.&classNum=103&lang=s)). Discussions on this proposal will continue after the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly.
8. The Committee approved the work plans of the following inter-American committees: Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) (CIDI/COMCYT/RPA/doc.10/22 rev. 2: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.3/CIDI/COMCYT/RPA.DOC&classNum=11&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.3/CIDI/COMCYT/RPA.DOC&classNum=11&lang=s)); Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc. 96/23 rev. 4: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=96&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.5%20CIDI/CIC/RPA/doc&classNum=96&lang=s)); and Inter-American Committee on Education (documents CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 1: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=1&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=1&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 2: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=2&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=2&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 2 add. 3: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=3&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=3&lang=s); CIDI/CIE/RPA/doc.17/23 rev. 1 add. 4: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=4&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XIII.6.CIDI/CIE/RPA/Doc&classNum=17&addendum=4&lang=s)).
9. In preparation for the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly, the Committee considered and approved the methodology for the preparation of draft resolution(s) and declaration(s) that CIDI could present (CIDI/CPD/doc. 219/23 rev. 1 corr. 1: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=219&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=219&lang=s)).
10. In fulfillment of the mandate entrusted to it by CIDI, the Committee examined the focus of the work of CIDI and its subsidiary bodies for the preparation of proposals to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session to be held in June 2023. The Committee recommended that CIDI not present a draft omnibus resolution and, in order to ensure the implementation of pending mandates, proposed the presentation of the draft resolution "Renewal of Resolutions and Mandates Entrusted to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development Not Implemented in the 2022-2023 Term," (CIDI/CPD/doc. 218/23: [Bilingual](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=218&lang=b)).
11. The Committee also considered the following draft resolutions and agreed to recommend that CIDI transmit them to the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session:
    * + - * Draft resolution "Strengthening the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI)," presented by the delegation of Mexico, document CIDI/CPD/doc. 222/23 rev. 3: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=222&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/DOC.&classNum=222&lang=s)
          * Draft resolution “Promotion of the Development of Competitive, Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Ports,” presented by the delegations of Honduras and Mexico: document CIDI/CPD/doc. 223/23 rev. 3: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=221&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/CPD/doc.&classNum=221&lang=s)
      1. Program, Budget, and Evaluation Committee

Pursuant to Article 57 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI, the Program, Budget, and Evaluation Committee 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 Program, Budget, and Evaluation Committee did not hold any meetings during the period covered by this report.

* + 1. Committee on Migration Issues

Chair: Minister Sandra Lucia Mikan, Alternate Representative of Colombia

Vice Chair: Ambassador Wendy Acevedo, Alternate Representative of El Salvador

In accordance with Article 58 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI, the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM) 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 perspective;
2. To promote dialogue, cooperation, and exchanges of experiences, 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 consultation processes that have mandates in this area.

The CAM held a total of four formal meetings to address the issues established in the work plan approved for 2022-2023, document CIDI/CAM/doc.121/23 ([English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=121&lang=e) | [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=121&lang=s) | [Français](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=121&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/CAM/doc.&classNum=121&lang=p)). This work plan established the objective of addressing migration issues in the Americas in a multidimensional manner, with a rights-based approach, covering the social and economic dimensions from a national and regional perspective and with a gender focus, seeking to highlight the initiatives created at the multilateral level for dialogue and cooperation on migration and international protection. The conclusions drawn from the discussions at the sessions would form the basis for the preparation of the report of the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrant Persons, Including Migrant Workers and their Families.

The thematic sessions featured high-level speakers and experts and representatives of recognized entities in the field of migration, who facilitated the discussion of the following topics:

* More-effective mechanisms to guarantee the full exercise of the rights of migrant children;
* Humanitarian migration and border governance: humanitarian corridors and stabilization of migrants according to the principle of freedom of movement. Situation of human mobility in the Darien Region and Central America: food insecurity, exposure of migrants to natural hazards, transcontinental migration, and the consequences of conflicts and forced displacement;
* Migration governance and international and regional mechanisms and processes in migration: Toward the development of an integral, hemispheric approach: Strengthening regional cooperation to improve migration governance and international protection in the Americas; and
* Support for integration and employability pathways for migrants in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO).

III. ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (SEDI) (January to December 2022)

The work of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the Organization of American States (OAS/SEDI) is guided by the core tenets articulated in the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Social Charter of the Americas. SEDI derives its mandates from the Summit of the Americas, the OAS General Assembly, and the various sectoral meetings at the ministerial level. Political dialogue and technical cooperation among member states to achieve socioeconomic development in the region are central to the work of the OAS/SEDI. Through high-level political dialogue, it has continued to work with member states to define key policies and priorities for the alleviation of poverty and the elimination of inequality in the Hemisphere.

Activities carried out in 2022 in the areas of education, competitiveness, small and medium-sized enterprises, labor, culture, science and technology, resource management, renewable energy and energy efficiency, tourism, sustainable development, and competitive port development were geared toward building human capacity and strengthening institutions to foster a strong socioeconomic ecosystem and democratic governance in each member state.

SEDI is aware of the problems the region faces and mindful that even with the region’s cautious transition to a post-pandemic environment, it remained vulnerable to challenging global conditions. Therefore, in 2022 SEDI significantly expanded its overhauled approach to addressing digitalization across the Hemisphere and responded by accelerating the region's adoption of new technologies and easing its adjustment to inclusive digital ecosystems, leading to more competitive and resilient economies in OAS member states.

In 2022, SEDI also brought a renewed focus on environmental resilience and continued to deliver critical programming to strengthen the sustainability of member states. SEDI responded to gaps in access to quality education and decent, dignified, and productive work by strengthening capacity-building opportunities—through virtual workshops, seminars, training programs, and scholarships—and by deepening social dialogue between governments, workers, and employers, and strengthening the capacities of the region's Ministries of Labor.

With the decline in the development resources available for Latin America and the Caribbean, SEDI's ability to respond to new needs of member states has been affected; therefore, mobilizing resources and establishing partnerships continue to be vitally important. The following section highlights some of SEDI's achievements:

* 4 customized webinars to support MSMEs.
* 4,628 clients served; 91 new businesses started; 2,158 jobs created and 6,678 jobs supported; sales revenues of US$96,078,265.25 and profits of US$7,645,798.50 generated; US$61,425,554.63 in capital infusion leveraged through loans and equity capital in five Caribbean member states.

1. Through SICE, the online trade policy portal was enhanced: more than 37,000 official documents and 37 million views.

* 40 new collaborations between the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) and OAS member states to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and innovation.
* The [OAS Youth Academy on Transformative Technologies](http://www.oas.org/youthacademy) launched three modules of a course on augmented reality (AR) to provide training and certification to 10,000 youth from the Americas. More than 20,000 participants from the 34 OAS member states registered.
* Under *Prospecta Americas*, two regional technology foresight studies were updated.
* 1,000 engineering professionals and students from the Americas exchanged best practices.
* The project "Building Disaster Resilience of Small Tourism Enterprises in the Caribbean" was completed, with more than 120 people certified.
* In collaboration with the Inter-American Defense Board, the online database of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation (INDM) was populated and maintained.
* The "Improved Disaster Risk Management Project for Ports in the Caribbean” trained 44 port officials from 10 OAS member states and one non-sovereign state.
* A US$4.8 million grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) was implemented through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to promote water security in the Trifinio region (El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala).
* The capacity-building program "Climate Action for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean" was implemented for approximately 700 people from 23 OAS member states.
* The Ministries of Education and Health launched the "Inter-American Program on Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Policies in School Environments."
* 237,000 teachers trained through the Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN); this included face-to-face training of 3,288 educators, to provide quality STEM education to their students.
* 4,755 teachers trained (3,470 in 2022 and 285 as of April 2023) in innovation, the integration of ICT in the classroom, and mathematics through the OAS-ITEN partnership with *ProFuturo*.
* A total of 6,540 scholarships (5,043 in 2022 + 1,497 from January to May 2023) offered as part of the OAS Scholarship and Training Program in partnership with international institutions.
* A total of 926 academic programs offered as part of the OAS Scholarship and Training Program fall under the priority area of Sustainable Development and Environment.
* Nearly 100 interest-free loans, assisting international students from 17 OAS member states.
* Launch of the interactive map of more than 100 best practices in digital education in the Americas (available in Spanish and English) and the report "Digital Education in the Americas: Best Practices to Inspire" (available in Spanish and soon in English and Portuguese), through the OAS partnership with *ProFuturo*.
* 47 people from 26 civil society organizations working in education attended an online training course on fundraising.
* 1,458 citizens were trained in gender equity, human rights, migration, and STEM - STEAM Education.
* 3 new virtual classrooms developed (Mooc): Human Mobility, Biosafety, and Biosecurity.
* Recognition by high-level authorities of the United States Government of the Rowe Fund on Pan American Day with a donation of US$250,000 to continue offering complementary scholarships for five more years.
* The Network of Gender Focal Points in the Ministries of Labor (RIAL/GENERO) was created.
* Two RIAL hemispheric workshops were held with the participation of more than 25 member states to exchange experiences and propose policy recommendations related to priority issues on the labor agenda: "Social Dialogue for a Rights-based Transition from Informal to Formal Employment" and "Towards a Stronger Coordination between Education and Labor in the Americas," the latter with the participation of officials from Ministries of Labor and Education.
* The Ministries of Labor of Argentina, Belize, Barbados, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay strengthened their strategies for labor inspection, occupational health, and gender equity, among other issues, through RIAL bilateral cooperation. Of particular note was the onsite technical training that Chile provided to Panama on labor inspection in the mining sector. SEDI prepared and launched the Open Portfolio of Telework Legislation and Regulations.

A complete report on SEDI activities is contained in Annex I to this document, and information on ongoing initiatives and additional results of completed programs is available on the website of the implementing departments.

IV. ANNEXES

ANNEX I Annual Report of SEDI to CIDI – January to December 2022

CIDI/doc.371/22 rev. 1: [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=e) | [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=s)| [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=f) |[Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CIDI/doc.&classNum=371&lang=p)

ANNEX II Contributions to the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF)

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**PAYMENTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DCF**

(Updated as of May 18, 2023)

| **COUNTRY** | **CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT (US$)** | | | | | | | **BENEFITS RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM DCF PROGRAM CYCLES**  **2017-2021 ($83,000)**  **2021-2024 (100,000)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| Antigua and Barbuda | $1,000.00 | $2,500.00 |  |  |  | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $83,000.00 |
| Argentina | $20,000.00 | $2,565.91 | $2,565.91 | $3,996.26 |  | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Bahamas |  | $20,000.00 | $20,000.00 |  |  | $20,000.00 |  | $183,000.00 |
| Barbados | $16,400.00 |  | $16,400.00 |  | $16,400.00 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Belize |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Bolivia |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Brazil |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Chile |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Colombia |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Costa Rica | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Dominica | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Ecuador |  | $6,500.00 | $6,500.00 | $7,000.00 | $5,000.00 | $5,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $183,000.00 |
| El Salvador | $32,100.00 | $32,100.00 | $32,100.00 |  |  | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| United States |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Grenada |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Guatemala |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Guyana | $6,745.76 | $6,745.76 | $6,681.06 | $6,681.06 | $6,681.06 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Haiti |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Honduras | $7,000.00 | $7,000.00 | $6,999.00 |  | $7,000.00 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Jamaica | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 |  | $183,000.00 |
| Mexico |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Nicaragua | $6,000.00 | $7,000.00 | $7,000.00 | $5,000.00 | $7,000.00 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Panama | $39,600.00 | $39,600.00 | $39,600.00 | $6,000.00 | $6,000.00 | $6,000.00 |  | $183,000.00 |
| Paraguay |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Peru | $60,091.05 | $14,771.05 | $44,139.60 | $44,035.41 | $50,266.23 | $50,266.23 | $50,631.25 | $183,000.00 |
| Dominican Republic | $9,919.04 |  | $10,008.38 |  | $14,975.00 | No contribution received to date |  | $100,000.00 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 |  | $5,100.00 | $5,100.00 |  | $183,000.00 |
| Saint Lucia | $7,600.00 | $7,600.00 | $7,583.50 | $7,600.00 |  | $7,600.00 |  | $183,000.00 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |  | $5,100.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $3,812.87 | No contribution received to date |  | $183,000.00 |
| Suriname |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Trinidad and Tobago |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| Uruguay | $15,000.00 | $15,000.00 | $15,000.00 |  | $15,000.00 | $15,000.00 |  | $183,000.00 |
| Venezuela |  |  |  |  |  | No contribution received to date |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | **$271,655.85** | **$216,682.72** | **$265,777.45** | **$126,412.73** | **$182,335.16** | **$119,966.23** | **$61,631.25** | **$3,294,000.00** |

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