OEA/Ser.W

 CIDI/doc. 397/23 rev.1

 26 July 2023

 Original: Spanish

**WORK PLAN FOR REGULAR MEETINGS**

**OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT**

**JULY-DECEMBER 2023**

(Approved during the regular meeting held July 25, 2023)

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Article 94 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) provides: “The purpose of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development is to promote cooperation among the American States for the purpose of achieving integral development and, in particular, helping to eliminate extreme poverty, in accordance with the standards of the Charter, especially those set forth in Chapter VII with respect to the economic, social, educational, cultural, scientific, and technological fields.”

According to its Statute, “[t]he Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) is an organ of the Organization of American States (OAS) that reports directly to the General Assembly and has decision-making power in matters of partnership for integral development It is also a forum for inter-American dialogue on issues of hemispheric interest related to such matters.

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

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 the 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 (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 the 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 OAS, other inter-American instruments, the General Assembly, and the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as envisaged at Article 70 of the Charter, and to make recommendations in its area of authority.

 Pursuant to Article 24 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular Monthly and Special Meetings, "CIDI shall hold regular meetings, as needed, at least once a month, preferably on the last Tuesday of each month. Said meetings will consider those matters that are not included in the regular CIDI meeting at ministerial or equivalent level, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 10.”

Article 25 of the aforementioned Rules of Procedure provides that “CIDI may hold a special meeting when: (a) The Chair considers it necessary; (b) Any representative so requests in writing, stating the purpose of their request; (c) The Secretary General expressly requests it; or (d) The General Assembly expressly mandates it. The agenda of each special CIDI meeting shall be confined to the subject or subjects for which the meeting was convoked.”

In accordance with Article 26 of the Rules of Procedure, “CIDI meetings shall be public. However, if the Chair so decides or any representative so requests, the meeting shall be closed and shall so continue until CIDI decides otherwise. When a public meeting is to become closed the Chair shall call a brief recess to allow all unauthorized persons to leave the room. Except as provided in Article 27 of these Rules of Procedure, only the members of the missions or delegations may attend closed meetings.”

In order to fulfill the mandates recently agreed upon by the General Assembly, as well as CIDI's statutory responsibilities, this work plan proposes a schedule of six (6) regular meetings for the current term.

1. **OFFICERS**

In my capacity as Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic, I assumed the Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) for the term July 1 to December 31, 2023. The Permanent Representative of Ecuador, Ambassador Mauricio Montalvo Samaniego, undertook the position of vice chair.

1. **MANDATES**

Pursuant to the mandates adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-third regular session, held from June 21 to 23, 2023, CIDI will be responsible for following up on the implementation of the following resolutions:

1. AG/RES. 2997 (LIII-O/23) “Renewal of Resolutions and Mandates Entrusted to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development Not Implemented in the 2022-2023 Period”
2. AG/RES. 2998 (LIII-O/23) “Strengthening of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI)”
3. AG/RES. 2999 (LIII-O/23) “Promoting the Development of Competitive, Safe, Sustainable, and Inclusive Ports”

 CIDI will also be responsible for monitoring the implementation and follow-up of the agreements contained in the following documents agreed upon at the ministerial-level sectoral meetings held within its framework between October 2022 and June 2023:

* Ninth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities
* 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))
* 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&classNum=8&lang=f) | [Português](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXVII.9%20CIDI/REMIC-IX/doc&classNum=8&lang=p)).
* Eleventh Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education
* 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))
* [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)**)**
* [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))
* Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development
	+ Inter-American Declaration on Social Development Priorities, document 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)
	+ Plan of Action of the Dominican Republic 2022, document 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)
1. **TOPICS AND WORKING METHODOLOGY**

All the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) continue to feel the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is, therefore, necessary that OAS member states continue to design and implement pragmatic policies, strategies, and solutions to reduce their vulnerability to exogenous shocks and build resilience in the various sectors of integral development under CIDI's purview.

The purpose of the work plan of CIDI for the period July to December 2023 is to engage member states in a series of discussions with actionable proposals focused on concrete hemispheric priorities that are impactful and can be achieved through partnerships and regional cooperation. Emphasis will be placed on priorities, good practices, and viable solutions that member states can adopt in their development process and continue their post-pandemic recovery. In this regard, the CIDI Chair proposes that, in addition to procedural matters, at the six regular monthly meetings, CIDI consider the following topics: sustainable tourism as a development model; neobanks; trade integration; clean energy; culture; and sea level rise and Caribbean islands.

Prior to each meeting, a concept note will serve to outline key aspects of the topic to be considered and the feasible proposal and/or best practices that could be replicated. Member states will be invited to provide ideas for implementation and specific input, such as steps and measures to advance hemispheric engagement.

The meetings will include expert presentations and invite an interactive dialogue guided by the Chair, with invited experts and member-state representatives, focusing on challenges as well as opportunities to implement or replicate available solutions. Discussions will be guided by the concept note and every effort will be made to share presentations and materials for each meeting in advance.

1. **schedule and topics for CIDI regular meetings**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| DATE | TOPIC | PURPOSE |
| July 25, 2023 | Sustainable tourism as a development model | Share best practices in the tourism sector and raise awareness of the impact that this sector can have on the development of communities. |
| August 29, 2023 | Neobanks (digital banks) | Discuss the role of neobanks as a development tool in OAS member states, and how to expand access to these financial services. The meeting will provide an opportunity for member states to present their experience with the digital banking industry. |
| September 26, 2023 | Trade integration | Analyze the current state of regional trade integration among States and highlight sectors that have achieved greater integration with partners in the region. In addition, the crucial role that States are playing in the ongoing restructuring of supply chains will be examined. |
| October 31, 2023 | Clean energy | Learn about best practices and efficient legal frameworks developed by the countries of the Americas, leaders in clean energy generation.  |
| November 28, 2023 | Culture | Consider aspects related to the sustainable development of our cultures. |
| December 12, 2023 | Sea level rise and small Caribbean islands | Raise awareness of the impact of sea level rise on areas such as food security, human displacement, maritime borders, etc.  |

 Lastly, this work plan is to serve as the general framework for CIDI's work during the period July to December 2023. It is a flexible document to which any changes made by the Council or that are necessary for its updating may be added as mandates are fulfilled, or as specific proposals arise to attend to important matters that could not have been anticipated but that must be addressed.

Ambassador Josué Antinoe Fiallo

Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the OAS

Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development

CIDRP03943E01