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**FORMAL MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE**

**INTER-AMERICAN AGENCY FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (IACD)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING GROUP 2**

*Fundraising to support partnership for development activities within OAS/SEDI*

(Approved at the Formal Meeting of the Working Groups of the IACD held on November 2, 2023)

Member states: Belize (Chair), Peru (Vice Chair), El Salvador, Guatemala, The Bahamas

*Recommendations:*

1. Develop a questionnaire to determine: (1) the reasons why member states are not currently contributing to the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) to promote participation of all OAS member states in the DCF and (2) actions aimed at achieving sustainability over time of the DCF. The questionnaire could include information on the historical trend of contributions to the Fund.
2. Create thematic accounts for the DCF as a mechanism to allow member states and other entities to bring funding for specific programs or topics of critical importance for the development of the region that align with priority topics emanating from the ministerial process.
3. Restructure the Statutes of the DCF to allow for the submission and implementation of programs outside the DCF programming cycle – including those with additional funding from sources other than the voluntary contributions from Member States.
4. MB/IACD in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat, develop a framework for the creation and implementation of a 501(c)(3) Organization including: the steps involved in setting out the 501(c)(3), how the Organization will function, and the human resources needed. Submit this information to the Management Board of the IACD to define whether member states should establish a 501(c)(3) to support the IACD in channeling U.S. Private Sector Funding.
5. Develop guidelines for private sector engagement including: (1) the parameters for private sector engagement and (2) the definition of incentives and opportunities for partnerships with the private sector to meet development needs.
6. Restructure the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) in order to include South-South and Triangular cooperation as one of the modalities of voluntary contributions, as well as establish a specific line for the mobilization of external resources such as the private sector and multi-actor alliances in the region.
7. Develop and implement a DCF Visibility and Promotional Strategy aimed at improving awareness of the work of the DCF and promoting enhanced contribution and participation among Member States and other potential partners to the DCF.
	1. The visibility strategy could include the convening of exhibitions or webinars through SEDI to highlight the DCF project results, an annual special CIDI Meeting to present and discuss the results of DCF projects, and a promotional call for voluntary contributions.
	2. The Promotion strategy could include identifying member state ‘champions’ to help promote the DCF as a viable mechanism for cooperation to other member states and to potential external partners alongside the staff of the Secretariat; and coordinating with the OAS Department of External and Institutional Relations (DEIR) to convene regular presentations on the DCF and its projects to permanent observers and other prospective donors.
8. Recommend enhancing SEDI staffing dedicated to fundraising for development projects, including seeking external contributions to the DCF, subject to budgetary constraints.

1. Conduct a comprehensive assessment to provide recommendations to the MB/IACD on whether to establish guidelines to determine reasonable contributions in order to be eligible for funding from the DCF. This analysis seeks to promote the active participation of all OAS member states in the DCF, with the ultimate goal of ensuring its long-term sustainability. The analysis should encompass: (1) historical trend of country voluntary contributions to the Fund; (2) a review of requirements and structuring for similarly mandated voluntary funds at the OAS and at other institutions; and (3) a sustainability assessment of the DCF's operational capabilities, considering its current mandates and potential challenges that may arise in the future. [Ad ref. El Salvador]

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