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HIGH-LEVEL COOPERATION AUTHORITIES

Theme: Optimizing cooperation and partnerships for development in the Americas

OAS Main Building, Simon Bolivar Room, Washington, D.C, April 18 and 19, 2024

**day 1 : thursday, april 18, 2024**

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| 8:30AM – 9:00AM | PARTICIPANT’S REGISTRATION |
| 9:00AM - 9:30AM | INAUGURAL SESSION  Opening remarks by:   * H.E. Luz Elena Baños. Chair of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD). * H.E. Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of the American States (OAS).   *Keynote speaker:* Ms. Michele Sumilas, Assistant to the Administrator of the Bureau for Planning, Learning and Resource Management (PLR), United States Agency for International Development (USAID). |
| 9:30AM – 9:45AM  9:45AM – 10:00AM  10:00AM–10:30Am | FIRST PLENARY SESSION   * Mr. Luis Salazar, Director of the International Cooperation Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Belize. Provisional Chair. * Election of the Chair of the Fourth Specialized CIDI Meeting of High-Level Cooperation Authorities. * Adoption of meeting documents: Agenda, Annotated Agenda, and Schedule. * Consideration and formalization of agreements on: * Constitution of the Style Committee; * Designation of working groups and/or committees; * Agreement on the deadline for the presentation of proposals; * Duration of the meeting; * Other matters.   OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MEETING  SECOND PLENARY SESSION   * Secretariat report and Optimizing Cooperation and Partnerships for Development in the Americas. Mrs. Kim Osborne, OAS Executive Secretary for Integral Development. |
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| 10:30AM–11:45Am | THIRD PLENARY SESSION  DIALOGUE OF HIGH-LEVEL AUTHORITIES   1. *Enhancing Governance structures for effective cooperation.*   A robust governance structure for cooperation will allow member states to better coordinate national and regional cooperation efforts. This structure should recognize that cooperation takes place at all levels of government, across all sectors, and between different actors that often take on roles as both offerors and recipients of cooperation.  The aim of this dialogue is to identify good practices in the governance of cooperation in the region and to build on the analysis that other regional organizations have been carrying out in this regard. Likewise, the dialogue seeks to share experiences, progress, and challenges, and to present general recommendations on cooperation governance structures, systems, or frameworks that participating countries can apply, according to their needs, contexts, and capacities.  *Call to Action:*  Ambassador. Lorena Larios, Secretariat for Iberoamerican Cooperation, Iberoamerican General Secretariat (SEGIB).  *Interventions of Authorities to begin dialogue:*   * Ms. Olaya Dotel, Vice Minister of International Cooperation Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic (MEPyD). * Mr. Bruno Sotomayor, Specialist, Policy and Program Directorate, Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation (APCI).   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |
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| 11:45 AM –1:00Pm | 1. *Capturing, centralizing, and communicating emerging cooperation needs for attention and action.*   Enhanced strategies and mechanisms for capturing, compiling, and communicating needs will help address the misalignment of cooperation offers and local demands, avoid duplication of efforts, enhance coherence, signal partnership opportunities, and improve the overall effectiveness of cooperation. Potential actions include raising awareness of the importance of effective communication in the management of cooperation, conducting joint community consultations and assessments; creating periodic reports on countries' development needs; facilitating exchanges between donor and recipient countries; and providing clearer guidance on local priorities to inform the design of development assistance.  During the dialogue, the tools available at the OAS, such as CooperaNet, will be presented and made available so that the countries can share their strengths, good practices, and technical knowledge on development issues, for mutual exchange and learning. On the other hand, the meeting will promote the exchange of experiences among countries in areas such as coordination with subnational governments and their national cooperation systems, with the intention of identifying needs and opportunities to share through South-South Cooperation.  *Call to Action:*  Ms. Raquel Artecona, Economic Affairs Officer, Washington, D.C. Office, the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC).  *Interventions of Authorities to begin dialogue:*   * Ms. Margelia Palacios, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Panama. * Ms. Karla de Palma, General Director, El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO). * Mr. Greg Howell, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Latin America, and the Caribbean (LAC), United States Agency for International Development (USAID).   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |
| 1:00PM – 2:00PM | LUNCH - will be provided |
| 2:00PM – 3:15PM | FOURTH PLENARY SESSION   1. *Promoting coherence between national, regional, and international reporting systems.*   Effective cooperation requires systematized and decentralized repositories that integrate indicators to assess the contribution of projects and programs to national development goals and the 2030 Agenda. Access to information on cooperation priorities and actions at the local, national, and regional levels would strengthen efforts to drive impact by generating data, enabling monitoring and evaluation, informing continuous adaptations, and facilitating coordination among the different actors participating in technical and financial cooperation efforts.  A hemispheric approach is needed to harmonize reporting, evaluation criteria, align methodologies and standards, and foster greater transparency, accountability, and mutual learning within the realm of South-South and triangular cooperation in LAC. This process includes the exchange of experiences on current national reporting mechanisms/frameworks, best practices, and challenges on the management of information systems linked to international cooperation, identification of opportunities for improvement, and collaboration and capacity building, among others.  *Call to Action:*  Ms. Julia Benn, Head of the Secretariat of the International Forum on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).  *Interventions of Authorities to begin dialogue:*   * Mr. Marcio Lopes Corrêa, Coordenador-Geral de Cooperação Multilateral, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC). * Ms. Delores Wade, Multilateral Technical Cooperation Director, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ).   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |
| 3:15PM – 4:30PM | 1. *Leveraging effective national approaches for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a means for Cooperation.*   International cooperation plays a crucial role in addressing regional and global challenges and in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This includes financial and technical support, coherence, complementarity, and alignment of policies of both offering and receiving partners, and the joint commitment and responsibility involved in sustainable development on the part of all countries and actors. By providing an avenue for countries to share their approaches in achieving the individual SDGs, their regional attainment can be accelerated given the impending deadline of 2030.  *Call to Action:*  Ms. Almudena Fernandez**,** Chief Economist, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).  *Interventions of Authorities to begin dialogue.*   * Mr. Mariano Berro, Executive Director, Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI). * Ms. Melissa Sanchez Rabello, Programs Coordinator, Department of International Negotiations and Monitoring, Chilean Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AGCID), Ministry of Foreign Affairs.   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |
| 4:30PM – 5:45PM | FIFTH PLENARY SESSION   1. *Bridging the financing/funding gap for development cooperation.*   Countries in the region face insufficient levels of funding through national financial resources, national investment, and programs. Additionally, many OAS Member States have been classified as Middle Income and therefore have reduced access to ODA, the time is ripe for the region to consider alternative sources and pathways for addressing funding gaps and mobilizing additional resources. Multi-sectoral partnerships are key to these efforts as are issues of donor complementarity and integrated planning and program implementation.    This session will focus on presenting how existing development finance can be optimized to achieve tangible outcomes, considering factors such as leveraging local capacity and minimizing duplication.  *Call to Action:*  Dr. Barbara R Kotschwar, Adjunct Professor, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), Georgetown University.  *Interventions of Authorities to begin dialogue:*   * Mr. Mateo Estrémé, Director General of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina. * H.E. Ambassador Chet Neymour, Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the OAS.   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |

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| **DAY 2: Friday, APRIL 19, 2024** | | |
| 9:00AM – 9:45aM | SIXTH PLENARY SESSION  DIALOGUE WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS  The session provides a space for Cooperation Authorities from member states to engage with key partners and stakeholders, including their counterparts in OAS Permanent Observer States, the private sector, and foundations. The dialogue aims to identify opportunities for bolstering regional cooperation through the OAS by helping to leverage and catalyze additional funds, technical assistance, or other programs to support specific initiatives identified as priority for OAS member states in advancing climate action. This focus aligns with the objectives of the 2024-2027 programming cycle of the OAS Development Cooperation Fund (DCF), which will offer seed funding to member states for the implementation of the Inter-American Climate Change Action Plan 2023-2030 and the Declaration of Nassau for Sustainable Development in the Americas, approved at the last OAS Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development.  *Call to Action:*  H.E. Senator Michael Halkitis, Minister of Economic Affairs, The Bahamas.  *Climate Action: Inter-American Action Plan and opportunities for cooperation*  Mr. Mark Lambrides, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.  *Interventions by representatives from OAS Permanent Observer States:*   * France: Mr. Aurélien Lechevallier, General Director for Globalization, Culture, Education and International Development, Ministry of Europe, and Foreign Affairs. * Spain: D. Anton Leis, Director of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID). * Italy: H.E. Simone Turchetta, Ambassador, Permanent Observer to the OAS. * European Commission: Felix Fernandez-Shaw, Director, Latin America and the Caribbean, Directorate-General for International Partnerships. * Morocco: H.E. Youssef Amrani, Ambassador, Permanent Observer to the OAS. * Holy See: Monsignor Juan Antonio Cruz Serrano, Permanent Observer to the OAS.   *Dialogue between High-level Cooperation Authorities and Permanent Observer States.* |
| 9:45AM -10:30AM | *Dialogue with the private sector and foundations.*  *Call to Action:*  Mr. Jaime Arteaga, Director Arteaga & Associates, Private Social Investment Index.  *Interventions by representatives from the private sector and foundations:*   * Ms. Beatriz Mejia Asserias, Director Environment LATAM, Public Policy Center,Coca-Cola Company * Ms. Abby Daniell, Director Latin America and Caribbean Public Sector, Amazon Web Services * Ms. Lara Vincent, Director International Accounts, SAWYER   *Dialogue between High-level Cooperation Authorities and the private sector and foundations.* |
| 10:30AM–10:45AM | *Cooperation in Action*  This session will offer insights on effecting cooperation in the region through a variety of modalities, including accessing multilateral funding and assistance; strengthening inter-institutional collaboration and coordination; establishing regional networks of government officials to support sectoral agendas and programs in member states, and securing partnerships and funds from other international organizations, donors, and the private sector.   * Mr. Miguel Porrua, Digital Government and Data Coordinator, Institutional Capacity of the State Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). |
| 10:45am-11:00am | COFFEE BREAK |
| 11:00AM- 1:00PM | SEVENTH PLENARY SESSION  *(Closed Meeting OAS Member States only).*  *The way forward: Financing Mechanisms for development cooperation within the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development:*   * Fundraising mechanisms to support partnership for development activities within the OAS/SEDI. Based on recommendations from Working Group #2. Defining a roadmap for strengthening the DCF:  1. Implications for restructuring the DCF and amending its statutes. 2. Adjusting the DCF programmatic cycle. 3. Re-establishment of Sectoral accounts. 4. Country specific Trust Funds and Cooperation Funds. 5. Mobilizing and increasing member state voluntary contributions to the DCF. 6. Attracting private sector and other non-member state contributions to the DCF.    * 1. Temporary guidelines for the establishment of cooperative relations between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the private sector. Mrs. Gisela Vergara, Director of the OAS Department of External and Institutional Relations.      2. Mechanisms for attracting US private sector funding.   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |
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| 1:00PM – 2:00PM | LUNCH - will be provided |
| 2:00PM – 3:30PM | SEVENTH PLENARY SESSION  *(Continued closed session).*   1. Strengthening the internal role of the IACD and the region’s Cooperation Authorities to align with other CIDI Ministerial processes and help drive cooperation that is responsive to national and regional sectoral priorities within the OAS/SEDI. Based on recommendations from Working Group #1. 2. Positioning the IACD in the international development cooperation landscape. Based on recommendations from Working Group #3.   *High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.* |
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| 3:30PM – 4:20PM | *Next steps and coordinated actions through the Management Board of the IACD (Open to all delegates)*  High-level Cooperation Authorities dialogue.   1. Adoption of the Cooperation Action Plan 2024-2027. 2. Establishment of the host country of the Fifth Specialized CIDI Meeting of High Cooperation Authorities, 2027. 3. Other matters. |
| 4:20PM – 4:45PM | CLOSING SESSION   * H.E. Ambassador Steve Ferrol, Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of Dominica to the OAS, Vice Chair of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI). * Ms. Kim Osborne, OAS Executive Secretary for Integral Development. * H.E. Luz Elena Baños, Chair of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD). |

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