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**LIST OF OBSERVERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE**

**SIXTH MEETING OF MINISTERS AND HIGH AUTHORITIES   
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**[[1]](#footnote-2)/

December 7 - 8, 2021

Virtual

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In accordance with Articles 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) (CIDI/doc.258/18), that governs the participation in the sectoral ministerial meetings, the Secretary General will send, with CIDI’s authorization, invitations for the Sixth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology indicated below:

Organs and Agencies of the Inter-American System

Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“The representatives of the organs and agencies of the inter-American system may attend the meetings with the right to speak.”

Organs and agencies of the inter-American system may include:

* + 1. Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
    2. Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)
    3. Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)

Permanent Observers

Article 16 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“Permanent observers to the Organization or their respective alternates, as appropriate, may attend meetings of CIDI and of its committees. Permanent observers may also speak at meetings when it is so decided by the Chair.”

Other Observers

Article 17of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“Observers to the meetings may also be sent by:

1. Governments of members of the United Nations or of its specialized agencies, when they express an interest in attending, with the authorization of the regular monthly CIDI meeting;
2. Inter-American regional or subregional governmental entities or agencies that are not included among the organs or agencies of the Organization, with the authorization of the regular monthly CIDI meeting; and
3. Specialized agencies of the United Nations and other international agencies, when agreements concluded with the Organization and in force so establish or, absent such agreements, subject to prior authorization by the regular monthly CIDI meeting.

The observers referred to in this article may speak in the meetings of CIDI or of its committees when invited to do so by the Chair.

For the purposes of this article, the Secretary General of the Organization and/or the Executive Secretary for Integral Development will transmit the appropriate communications.”

Entities under Other Observers may include:

1. Andean Community of Nations (CAN)
2. Andrés Bello Convention (CAB)
3. Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
4. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
5. Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ)
6. Central American Bank for Economic Integration Bank (CABEI)
7. Central American Integration System (SICA)
8. Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)
9. Compete Caribbean
10. Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
11. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
12. Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
13. Ibero-American Programme for the Development of Science and Technology (CYTED)
14. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
15. Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)
16. Inter-American Metrology System (SIM)
17. International Center for Science and Advanced Technology (CICAT)
18. International Council for Science (ICSU)
19. International Labor Organization (ILO)
20. Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA)
21. Latin-American Integration Association (ALADI)
22. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
23. Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)
24. Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI)
25. Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA)
26. UNESCO Regional Chair on Women, Science, and Technology in Latin America
27. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
28. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
29. United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
30. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
31. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
32. United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
33. World Bank (WB)
34. World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)
35. World Federation of Scientific Journalists (WFSJ)
36. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Special Guests

Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure for the Sectoral and Specialized Meetings of Ministers and/or High Authorities in the Framework of the CIDI:

“With the authorization of the regular monthly CIDI meeting and the consent of the government of the host country, national or international governmental agencies or entities and persons of recognized standing in the matters to be considered may attend sectoral and specialized meetings of CIDI as special guests, when they express an interest in doing so.

The special guests referred to in this article may speak at sectoral and specialized meetings of CIDI when invited to do so by the Chair.

Requests to attend meetings as special guests shall be presented to the General Secretariat of the Organization at least 15 days in advance of the opening of the CIDI meeting.

For the purposes of this article, the Secretary General of the Organization and/or the Executive Secretary for Integral Development will extend the corresponding invitations.”

Entities under special guests may include:

1. Academies of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences of Canada
2. Academy of Medical, Physical and Natural Sciences of Guatemala (IAP)
3. Academy of Physical, Mathematical and Natural Sciences of Venezuela
4. Academy of Sciences of Ecuador (ACE)
5. Academy of Sciences of Nicaragua
6. Academy of Sciences of the Dominican Republic
7. Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), United States
8. Advanced Technology Center (CIATEQ), Mexico
9. Agency for Business Competitiveness (ACCIÓ), Generalitat de Catalunya
10. Amazon Web Services (AWS), United States
11. American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), United States
12. American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES), United States
13. American Physical Society (APS), United States
14. American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), United States
15. AVA LABS, United States
16. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, United States
17. Biomimicry Institute, United States
18. Bodles Research Station (Ministry of Agriculture Jamaica)
19. Brazilian Academy of Sciences
20. Brazilian Agency for Industrial Research and Innovation (EMBRAPII)
21. Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ)
22. Canadian Light Source National Synchrotron, Canada
23. Caribbean Academy of Sciences, University of the West Indies
24. Caribbean Agricultural Research Institute
25. Caribbean Council of Science & Technology
26. Caribbean Diaspora for Science, Technology, and Innovation (CADSTI)
27. Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI)
28. Caribbean Maritime University (CMU)
29. Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
30. Catholic University of Uruguay
31. Center for Applied Innovation in Competitive Technologies (CIATEC), Mexico
32. Center for Engineering and Industrial Development (CIDESI), Mexico
33. Center for Research and Advanced Studies (CINVESTAV), Mexico
34. Central American Technological University (UNITEC), Honduras
35. Centre de Formation Technique et Professionnelle d’Haïti, Haiti
36. Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Latin America and the Caribbean (CRECTEALC)
37. Center for Knowledge Transfer and Innovation (CIENTECH), Colombia
38. Chilean Academy of Sciences
39. CISCO, United States
40. City of Knowledge, Panama
41. Clemson University, United States
42. Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical, and Natural Sciences (ACCEFYN)
43. Colombian Association of Engineering Faculties (ACOFI)
44. DAABON, Colombia
45. Data Pop Alliance Think Tank on Data and AI, United States
46. Dell Technologies, United States
47. Digicel Group, Jamaica
48. Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce (DAIC), Dominica
49. Duke University, United States
50. Ecopetrol, Colombia
51. ElasBank, Brazil
52. Engineers Without Boarders (EWB), United States
53. Eurecat Technology Center of Catalunya, Spain
54. European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems (ELLIS)
55. Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL), Ecuador
56. Everis / NTT Data, Chile
57. Federal Council of Engineering Deans (CONFEDI), Argentina
58. Federation of Information and Communication Technology Entities of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal (ALETI)
59. Florida Atlantic University (FAU), United States
60. Fulbright Scholar Program, United States
61. Galileo University, Guatemala
62. George Washington University (GWU), United States
63. Georgetown University (GU), United State
64. Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), United States
65. Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC), United States
66. Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils (GFCC), United States
67. Grenada Science and Technology Council
68. Guatemalan Development Foundation (FUNDESA)
69. Harvard University, United States
70. Hewlett-Packard, United States
71. HPCwire, United States
72. HUB Apta, Chile
73. Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC), United States
74. Ibero-American and Inter-American Network of Science and Technology Indicators (RICYT), Argentina
75. Ibero-American Engineering Education Association (ASIBEI)
76. Ibero-American University of Santo Domingo (UNIBE), Dominican Republic
77. IBM Mexico
78. iCreate Institute, Jamaica
79. INNpulsa Colombia
80. International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Vienna, Austria
81. International University of the Caribbean, Jamaica
82. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), United States
83. Instituto de Capacitación Químico Farmacéutico, S.C. (IDECAQUIF), Mexico
84. Instituto Tecnológico Superior (TECSUP), Peru
85. INTEL, Costa Rica
86. Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC), Mexico
87. Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), Mexico
88. Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (OUI-IOHE), Canada
89. International Center for Environmental and Nuclear Sciences (ICENS), UWI, Mona
90. International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
91. International Federation of Engineering Education Societies (IFEES), United States
92. Israel Innovation Authority, Israel
93. Itaipú Technological Park Foundation, Paraguay
94. Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation (JANAAC), Jamaica
95. John Hopkins University, United States
96. Knowledge Partnership Korea Fund for Technology and Innovation (KPK),

South Korea

1. Know HUB, Chile
2. Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), South Korea
3. Kozolchyk National Law Center, Arizona, United States
4. Kruger, Ecuador
5. Latin American Advanced Networks Cooperation (Red CLARA), Chile
6. Latin American and Caribbean Collaborative ICT Research Federation (LACCIR), Chile
7. Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions (LACCEI)
8. Latin American Industrial Association (LAIA)
9. Latin American Social Sciences Institute (FLACSO), Argentina
10. MacArthur Foundation, United States
11. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States
12. Matilda Research Chair on Women in Engineering in the Americas
13. Meta, United States
14. Mexican Academy of Sciences (AMC), Mexico
15. Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI), Mexico
16. Mexican Institute of Petroleum, Mexico
17. Mexico–United States Entrepreneurship and Innovation Council (MUSEIC), Mexico
18. Mexican Space Agency (AEM)
19. Michigan State University, United States
20. MITACS, Canada
21. Microsoft Corporation & Microsoft Research, United States
22. Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM), Mexico
23. Mozilla Foundation, United States
24. Nanotechnology Cluster of Nuevo Leon, A.C., Mexico
25. National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS), United States
26. National Academy of Exact, Physical, and Natural Sciences of Argentina (ANCEFN)
27. National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists, United States
28. National Academy of Sciences of Bolivia
29. National Academy of Sciences of Costa Rica (ANC)
30. National Academy of Sciences of Honduras
31. National Academy of Sciences of Peru (ANC)
32. National Academy of Sciences of Uruguay
33. National Agency for Research and Innovation of Uruguay (ANII)
34. National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH)
35. National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico
36. National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), United States
37. National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Brazil
38. National Council for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICIT), Costa Rica
39. National Agency for Research and Development (ANID), Chile
40. National Forum of Innovation and Technology Transfer Managers (FORTEC), Brazil
41. National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), Peru
42. National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST), Trinidad and Tobago
43. National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), Brazil
44. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States
45. National Institute of Astrophysics, Optics, and Electronics (INAOE), Mexico
46. National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO), Brazil
47. National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI), Argentina
48. National Metrology Center (CENAM), Mexico
49. National Metrology Center (CENAMEP AIP), Panama
50. National Network of Technology Transfer Offices (Red OTT), Mexico
51. National Network of Ecuadorian Research and Education (CEDIA), Ecuador
52. National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), Argentina
53. National University of Colombia
54. National Network of States’ Science and Technology Councils (Rednacecyt), Mexico
55. Center of Biological Research of the Northwest, S.C. (CIBNOR), Mexico
56. Network of Technology Managers of Chile (RedGT)
57. Northeastern University, United States
58. Northern Caribbean University (NCU)
59. Novartis, Chile
60. Orkestra, Basque Country, Spain
61. Oxford University, England
62. Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT), Bolivia
63. Panamanian Association for the Advancement of Science (APANAC)
64. Pan-American Academy of Engineers (API), Mexico
65. Pan-American Union of Engineering Associations (UPADI)
66. Physikalish-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Germany
67. Pontifical Bolivarian University of Medellín (UPB), Colombia
68. Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
69. Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)
70. Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil
71. Production Development Corporation (CORFO), Chile
72. Purdue University, United States
73. Qualcomm, United States
74. Reddi Technology Development Agency of the Valle del Cauca, Colombia
75. RedVITEC, Argentina
76. Research Results Transfer Offices (OTRI), Colombia
77. Rutgers University, United States
78. Saint-Lucia Bureau of Standards (SLBS), Saint-Lucia
79. Salvadorian Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES),

El Salvador

1. Scientific Community of the Caribbean (CCC), Dominican Republic
2. Scientific Research Council (SRC), Jamaica
3. Silicon Caribe, Jamaica
4. SoftBank Group Corp., Brazil
5. SpaceX, United States
6. Space Foundation, United States
7. Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), Spain
8. Spanish Bioindustry Association (ASEBIO)
9. Structuralia, Spain
10. Tambourine Innovation Ventures, United States
11. The Not Co., Chile
12. TransferenciaAP, Pacific Alliance
13. Technological Agro-industry Park of El Salvador (PTA)
14. Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU)
15. Technological University of Panama (UTP)
16. Technological National University (UTN), Argentina
17. Trust for the Americas, United States
18. United States-Mexico Foundation for Science (FUMEC)
19. Universidad del Norte, Colombia
20. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG)
21. University of Antioquia, Colombia
22. University of Belize, Belize
23. University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
24. Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile
25. Universidad de la Costa, Colombia
26. University of California, Davis
27. University of California, Riverside
28. University of California, San Dieg
29. University of Costa Rica
30. University of Guyana, Guyana
31. University of Illinois, United States
32. University of The Bahamas, The Bahamas
33. University of Trinidad and Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago
34. Illinois Institute of Technology
35. University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC), Jamaica
36. University Simon Bolivar, Macondo Lab, Colombia
37. University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
38. University of Technology (UTech), Jamaica
39. University of Waterloo, Canada
40. University of Texas at Austin
41. Texas A&M University
42. University of Texas at San Antonio, United States
43. University of the Andes, Colombia
44. University of Sussex, England
45. University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
46. University of the West Indies, Mona
47. University of the West Indies (UWI), Trinidad and Tobago
48. Villanova University, United States
49. Virginia Tech, United States
50. Women in Global Science and Technology (WISAT), Canada
51. Women in Technology (WIT), United States
52. World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Italy
53. Yachay City of Knowledge, Ecuador
54. Young Americas Business Trust (YABT), United States
55. Zamorano University, Honduras

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