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 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Inter-American Competitive Network (RIAC)	Guatemala	US, MX
 Additional	<a href="http://www.riacnet.org/">http://www.riacnet.org/</a>	 Date	2012 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC) is an initiative in which the highest representatives of the public, private and academic sectors of the Hemisphere responsible for promoting competitiveness, innovation, entrepreneurship and the use of new technologies meet with certain Regularity to analyze the competitive landscape in the Americas, define strategies, reach agreements and approve a work plan to strengthen the exchange of good practices and collaboration among countries.

Among the events of great magnitude organized by RIAC is the Forum of Competitiveness of the Americas (FCA), which brings together more than a thousand leaders of competitiveness and is the ideal scenario for the Ministers, High Competitiveness Authorities and representatives of the private sector can engage in a fluid and open public-private dialogue to analyze the opportunities of the region. In addition, RIAC offers a number of spaces such as the Competitiveness Interchange for the Americas in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Working Group / Experts on Subnational Competitiveness (GTECS), and the Marketing and Technology Transfer Hub for the Americas in which Countries can share best practices, increase their contact networks, knowledge and build partnerships between institutions. Likewise, within the framework of each Competitiveness Forum, RIAC presents its results and shared knowledge in the regional publication known as the "Competitiveness Signals Report of the Americas".

## OBJECTIVES







The RIAC seeks to facilitate high-level dialogue on public policies, cooperative activities and joint initiatives between the authorities and Competitiveness Councils of the Americas, promote the transfer of good practices, models and experiences on entrepreneurship, innovation, strategic investments And public-private partnerships of a specific region or country contributing to economic development at local, national and regional levels. In addition, through the events that the RIAC organizes, it helps the expansion of commercial opportunities, investment and technology transfer between the different actors.

## RESULTS

There have been many successes achieved by RIAC since its creation in 2009 in its objective of promoting a more competitive and prosperous region. By way of example, more than 7,700 important players in the field of competitiveness have benefited from the initiatives. Only in the last two years, more than 18 cities hosted the events and 226 good practices and cases of success have been imparted in them, contributing to the first-hand knowledge of the cutting-edge technologies and innovations that are used in the different Regions of America and to learn about programs implemented by governments that have been successful in boosting economic development.

Other efforts of the Network detail the different initiatives to integrate as partners private sector, academic and civil society institutions, which currently has 20 partners and support institutions such as the IDB, CAF, ECLAC, CABEL, and the Intention of incorporating 8 new entities.

Likewise, it is important to emphasize the presence of RIAC throughout the Hemisphere through its initiatives with the participation of almost all the countries of the Americas and the high number of women attending the events.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Small Tourism Enterprise Network	Guatemala	Monaco
 Additional	<a href="#">Link to web page</a>	 Date	2011 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Small Tourism Enterprises Network (STEN) was designed as a unified network that integrates public, private and community sector strategies to provide strategic support to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the tourism industry in the Caribbean.

## OBJECTIVES







STEN seeks to contribute to enhanced marketability and viability of small tourism enterprises in the Caribbean through delivery of a self-sustaining mechanism that addresses the need for increased market access, more effective promotion/communication between the tourism MSMEs and the target market, and facilitates the packaging of 'tourism experiences.

## RESULTS

The STEN project established the Inter-American and Caribbean Network of Small Hotels (INCAPH) in 2013 and supported the organization of the first four Inter-American and Caribbean Encounters of Owners and Operators of Small Hotels. These events which provide opportunities for sharing of experiences, gaining access to new information on emerging issues in the tourism sector and for cooperation within the accommodation sub-sector were held in San Jose, Costa Rica, in 2013, Quito Ecuador, in 2014, Tegucigalpa, Honduras , in 2015, and Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in 2016, respectively.

In conjunction with the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the Regional Port Society of Cartagena and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism of Colombia the STEN provided training for 21 women Artisan Entrepreneurs in tourism from 15 member states in Cartagena de Indias, Republic of Colombia, October 23-24, 2014.

Additional training opportunities for Artisans in tourism were provided in collaboration with the Office for the Caribbean of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the ACS in Montego Bay Jamaica in March 2015. A total of twenty-four (24) leading regional women Artisan Entrepreneurs were trained in two separate workshops focusing on Entrepreneurship and access to the tourism sector.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Educational Portal of the Americas	Guatemala	N/A
 Additional	<a href="http://www.educoas.org">http://www.educoas.org</a>	 Date	2001 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Educational Portal of the Americas (EPA) works in support of ICT-based education by offering online training opportunities to citizens of OAS members states. The EPA has provided thousands of citizens with access to affordable higher education, with particular emphasis on raising the quality of education and the innovative use of ICTs in learning processes for teachers, teacher educators, policy makers, civil society leaders, researchers, and university professors in the hemisphere.

## OBJECTIVES







To promote quality education accessible to the peoples of the Americas through the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs).

## RESULTS

Between 2013 and 2017, the Portal awarded 6,710 scholarships related to different areas of integral development, through a digital strategy and technological platform that holds 16 virtual courses, 4 diplomas, 2 Virtual Networks, 1 Innovation and Education Resource Center, 1 map of STEM/STEAM educational practices and 1 institutional capacity development program for innovation in education.

In 2015 and 2016 the Portal organized and implemented two international STEM / STEAM education exhibitions (Guadalajara and Puerto Rico), which benefited more than 1,900 teachers and educational agents through hands-on activities and workshops.

The Portal is currently implementing a digital education strategy for Sustainable Cities (an initiative from the Department of Sustainable Development), the Inter-American Commission of Women, and Culture and Tourism from the Department of Economic Development - OAS.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL)	Guatemala	AR, B, BB, BZ, BO, BR, CO, CL, EC, SV, GD, GY, JM, MX, PA, PY, PE, DO, SR, TT, CA
 Additional	<a href="http://www.rialnet.org">http://www.rialnet.org</a>	 Date	2006 to Completion

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL) is the mechanism for cooperation among the Ministries of Labor of the Americas that seeks to build their human and institutional capacities.

It was established by the Ministries themselves following the XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML) of the OAS in Mexico in 2005. Since then it has made important contributions to labor administrations in the Americas, including the design of policies and programs, the improvement of internal procedures and the development of regulatory frameworks.

## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the RIAL is to strengthen the institutional and human capacities of the Ministries of Labor of the Americas, through an integrating mechanism for dissemination of knowledge and experience.

## RESULTS

Since its inception in 2006, RIAL has trained more than 1100 government officials and produced more than 90 bilateral cooperation activities between 28 Ministries of Labor in the region. RIAL has also executed more than 20 hemispheric workshops that have included the participation of all OAS member states and have created a space for direct and productive exchange. In addition, RIAL facilitates information sharing across ministries through its Portfolio of Programs that includes more than 140 initiatives and through its biweekly newsletters that communicate the greatest initiatives being implemented by the region's Ministries of Labor.

Through these actions, the RIAL has achieved concrete results in the Ministries, some of which include: improving the execution of programs, reforming internal procedures, designing new strategies and programs, and formulating normative frameworks to protect workers' rights, improve working conditions and promote employment in the region.

OAS Pillar	Name of Activity	Target Beneficiaries	Donor Countries
Development	OAS Academic Scholarship Program (Regular Program)	Guatemala	AG, AR, BB, BZ, BO, BR, CA, CL, CO, CR, DM, DO, EC, SV, GD, GT, GY, HT, HN, JM, MX, NI, PA, PY, PE, KN, LC, VC, SR, BS, TT, US, UY, VE
Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/scholars">http://www.oas.org/scholars</a>	Date	1958 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY







The OAS Academic Scholarship Program (Regular Program), established in 1958, grants scholarships every year for the pursuit of Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees and Graduate Research leading to a university degree. The OAS Special Caribbean Scholarships Program (SPECAF), established in 1983, grants scholarships for the last two years of undergraduate studies to citizens and residents of the English-speaking Caribbean OAS Member States, and Suriname. Both programs follow the OAS Manual of Procedures for the Scholarship and Training Program.

## OBJECTIVES

To grant scholarships to students of the Americas for the pursuit of master's degrees, doctoral degrees and research leading to a degree, as well as the last two years of bachelor's degrees for students from English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean member states, in priority development areas identified by member states.

## RESULTS

The Scholarship Program has awarded more than 22,000 since its creation. In 2016, 55 scholarships were awarded for Undergraduate and Graduate studies in OAS Member States institutions. In 2017, the Academic Program for Graduate studies was temporary paused. However it is expected to grant 8 scholarships for Undergraduate studies for the English-Speaking Caribbean Member States for the 2017-2018 Academic year.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN)	Guatemala	USA
 Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/iten/">http://www.oas.org/en/iten/</a>	 Date	2006 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Inter-American Teacher Education Network (ITEN) is a network of individuals from different sectors throughout the Americas, who are involved or interested in the teaching profession. The project promotes collaboration and interaction among Ministries of Education of OAS member states and teachers of the region, hoping that participants will take the lead and learn from each other by exchanging ideas, and generating positive change towards the professionalization of teachers, thus contributing to the improvement of education in the Hemisphere.







ITEN is an initiative of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) of the Organization of American States (OAS).

## OBJECTIVES

Our main goal is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of education in the Americas by promoting knowledge exchange, capacity building and technical assistance among Ministries of Education of OAS member states and teachers of the region, through the use of virtual tools and in-person activities.

## RESULTS

During its Phase 3 which began in May 2016 and will conclude in May 2018, ITEN has financed 12 Technical Cooperation Exchanges with the participation of 20 OAS member states; launched 2 Toolkits about Pedagogical Strategies for the Development of Critical Thinking, which has counted with enrolment of more than 5.000 participants; has offered Massive Open Online Courses on Critical Thinking related-subjects with the enrollment of more than 3.000 participants; in collaboration with the Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), is providing training opportunities to teachers through its Audio Program Critical Thinking for Teachers; has offered a total of 26 Webinars on teaching strategies and policies on teacher professional development with more than 3,000 participants registered, reaching more than 87,000 views of its video recordings at the ITEN Youtube channel. In addition, the ITEN Virtual Communities of Practice today count with more than 27,000 participants from all OAS member states.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP)	Guatemala	AR, BR, CL, MX, PA, PE, US, IT (Italy), ES (Spain)
 Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/scholars">http://www.oas.org/scholars</a>	 Date	1962 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Professional Development Scholarships Program (PDSP) offers scholarship opportunities for short-term training courses in any of the OAS member states, and OAS Permanent Observers, with the exception of the applicant's country of citizenship or permanent residency (sponsoring country). See PDSP scholarships opportunities.







## OBJECTIVES

PDSP supports the integral development of OAS member states by awarding scholarships for participation in professional development training in priority development areas identified by member states.

## RESULTS

The PDSP has awarded more than 30,000 scholarships since its creation. So far in 2017, the PDSP has awarded 166 scholarships for Online and Onsite courses, and it is estimated that more than 160 additional scholarships will be awarded between August and December 2017.



 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Inter-American Education Agenda	Guatemala	AG, AR, BB, BZ, BO, BR, CA, CL, CO, CR, DM, DO, EC, SV, GD, GT, GY, HT, HN, JM, MX, NI, PA, PY, PE, KN, LC, VC, SR, BS, TT, US, UY, VE
 Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/</a>	 Date	2015 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

In The Bahamas in February 2017, the Inter-American Education Agenda that promotes inter-American policy dialogue and cooperation initiatives among the Ministries of Education of the OAS member states was adopted, the next were the prioritized themes: Quality, Inclusive and Equitable Education; Strengthening of the Teaching Profession; Comprehensive Early Childhood Care. This process started in 2015, within the [VIII Inter American Meeting of Ministers of Education](#), carried out in Panama City on February 4th and 5th 2015, where the Ministries of Education of OAS member states agreed to build an Inter-American Education Agenda. OAS Member states conceive the Agenda as a tool to follow-up and implement the Goal#4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In order to implement the Agenda, the Ministers created Working Groups formed by Ministries of Education which designed [Work Plans](#) that comprise the implementation of Inter-American cooperation actions on the Agenda's prioritized themes. Currently, the Ministers of Education are working jointly to implement the actions proposed in the Work Plans, which progress will be showcased at the next policy dialogue instances organized by the Inter-American Committee on Education through 2017 to 2019.

## OBJECTIVES







To create a mechanism that revitalizes the regional policy dialogue and cooperation among Ministries of Education of OAS member states to ensure that children, youth and adults fully enjoy the right to access to quality, inclusive and equitable education throughout their lives

To provide OAS member states with tools and knowledge that strengthen the development and effectiveness of educational policies to address their main educational challenges as well as to follow-up on, and respond to the outcomes target proposed within the Goal #4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## RESULTS

At least three regional cooperation actions on the themes prioritized in the Inter-American Education Agenda-one regional cooperation action included in each of the Work Plans designed by the Working Groups-are implemented by 2019. New tools and resources are developed jointly by OAS member states to inform and strengthen the development of educational public policies in the three thematic areas prioritized in the Agenda.

New partnerships and alliances are established with key stakeholders in the region in order to support the efforts of OAS member states to implement the Work Plans of the Inter-American Education Agenda. Member states increased their mutual knowledge and collaboration to address main national and regional educational challenges in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund	Guatemala	N/A
 Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/rowe">http://www.oas.org/en/rowe</a>	 Date	1948 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Rowe Fund is an educational loan program of the Organization of American States (OAS) that helps citizens from Latin America and Caribbean OAS Member States finance their studies or research in accredited universities across the United States by awarding interest-free loans of up to US\$15,000 dollars.







## OBJECTIVES

The Rowe Fund contributes to the economic and social advancement of developing countries within the region by providing supplementary financial aid to cover a portion of the cost of their studies in the United States. At the same time, it fosters friendship and communication between the peoples of the region through the positive benefits of intellectual and educational exchange.

## RESULTS

The Rowe Fund program is an ongoing program and has been in existence since 1948. The program receives and reviews applications year-round. In addition to the interest-free student loan portfolio, the Rowe Fund also grants loans to staff members of the OAS General Secretariat and manages an investment portfolio.

During 2016, the program granted 111 new loans totaling \$862,594 -81% helped international students from 22 OAS Member states cover a portion of their cost of their studies in the United States. The Fund also managed a loan portfolio of 443 accounts equivalent to USD\$2.36 million. It is expected that new loans in 2017 will slightly increase.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC) (Scholarship Program)	Guatemala	MX, CL, BR (through GCUB)
 Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/scholars">http://www.oas.org/scholars</a>	 Date	2010 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) of the OAS, through its Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC), offers attractive scholarship opportunities for academic studies, professional development, and technical/vocational training with the support of its partner institutions in the Americas and around the world. PAEC is administered in accordance with the provision of the respective cooperation agreement and in line with the principles set forth in the OAS Manual of Procedures for the Scholarship and Training Program.

Citizens of the 34 OAS member states benefit from the scholarship and training opportunities offered through the OAS and institutions in its Member States and Permanent Observer Countries through joint programs, internships programs, faculty exchange programs, academic mobility programs and capacity-strengthening projects.







## OBJECTIVES

PAEC pursues to provide greater access to quality higher education opportunities including academic degrees, professional development and technical/vocational training.

The purpose of this program is to attract and supplement offers of scholarships by the Member States and Permanent Observers, and by private organizations and universities, in order to increase the number of scholarships offered by the OAS Scholarship and Training Program.

## RESULTS

PAEC is an active program that continues to evolve and diversify its scholarship offerings. In 2016 the program awarded over 3,000 scholarships for academic programs and professional development courses. It is estimated that the program will offer over 4,600 scholarship opportunities in 2017.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Monitoring Progress of the Environmental Cooperation	Guatemala	USA
 Additional	<a href="http://www.caftadr-">http://www.caftadr-</a>	 Date	2005 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY







The CAFTA-DR Environmental Cooperation Program seeks to ensure that environmental laws and policies provide for and encourage high levels of environmental protection, that enforcement is effective and that the public has opportunities and the means to actively participate in environmental decision-making and enforcement; focuses on protecting wildlife and habitat by combating illegal trade in endangered species and by promoting sustainable management of forests, protected areas, and other important ecosystems; promotes projects which generate income and, at the same time, conserve the natural resource base for continued and future income and economic growth.

## OBJECTIVES

Provide support the Environmental Cooperation Commission in evaluating how cooperative activities in the CAFTA-DR Environmental Cooperation Program contribute to the achievement of the long-term goals established by CAFTA-DR Parties. Furthermore, the OAS is in charge of disseminating achievements and results of the Program.

## RESULTS

For more than 10 years, and through a simplified management approach, the OAS has identified, monitored and shared high-level outcomes and impacts through different outreach mechanisms, including monitoring and evaluation reports on the progress of the Environmental Cooperation Program, and social media. The recommendations provided by the OAS in these reports have helped identify areas of common interest for future environmental cooperation. The interaction with the key stakeholders of this Agreement led to the establishment in the OAS of the OAS Secretariat for submissions on environmental compliance issues of another important Multilateral Environmental Agreements, the Trade Promotion Agreement between Peru and the United States.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Biodiversity Conservation Initiative for Mesoamerica	Guatemala	USA
 Additional	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/</a>	 Date	2014 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

In June 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) teamed up with the Organization of American States (OAS) to launch the MESOAMERICA 2020 partnership.







Functional landscapes are important not only to protect wildlife and critical ecosystems, but also to protect water and food security, livelihoods, and sustainable economic growth.

## OBJECTIVES

The goal is to ensure the conservation of the last remaining landscapes in the region while improving quality of life for people.

## RESULTS

Over 50 government officials, technical experts, representatives of NGOs and communities trained in the use of spatial monitoring and reporting tools in the context of protected areas management specifically in the Maya Forest (Mexico, Belize and Guatemala), La Moskitia (Honduras And Nicaragua), Indio-Maíz-Tortuguero (Nicaragua and Costa Rica), La Amistad (Costa Rica and Panama) and the Darién Region (Panama). Strategies and actions were identified to reduce the impact of illegal livestock in protected areas and to protect local populations and managers of threatened forests, including effective community forest management. Participating countries exchanged practical experiences of territorial governance developed by indigenous organizations and local populations. Sub-regional meetings were held to exchange good practices and experiences in coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Sustainable Development Program for the Trifinio Region Honduras	Guatemala	Honduras
 Additional Information	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dsd">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dsd</a>		 Date 2012 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY







The Trifinio Plan is an institutional process promoted by three countries: Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, in which the common expectations and interests of the communities in that region converge and are based on an international treaty signed by the three countries and approved at the respective national congresses. Its highest authority is the Trinational Commission of the Trifinio Plan (CTPT) made up of the Vice Presidents of Guatemala and El Salvador and a Designated by the Presidency of Honduras. At the beginning of the 70 was born as a consequence of a forest concern that was to conserve as a Reserve the Biosphere of the Fraternity in order to preserve the Cloudy Forest of the Massif of Montecristo, they create the International Park of the Fraternity. This led to the desire of the three countries to contribute to the process of Central American integration through a joint process in a common territory taking as different axes of integral development such as economy, society and the environment, a fact that has Configured to the Trifinio Border Region as the ideal scenario for this program and a number of cooperation and development initiatives.

## OBJECTIVES

Contribute to the development of mechanisms and strategic action plans for sustainable development of the Trifinio region in Honduras in agriculture and integral development issues.

## RESULTS

An international treaty signed by the three Countries and approved at the respective national congresses. Its highest authority is Trinational Commission of the Trifinio Plan (CTPT) made up of the Vice Presidents of Guatemala and El Salvador and the Designated by the Presidency of Honduras.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Metrology for Sustainable Energy Technologies and the Environment (Phase II)	Guatemala	USA
 Additional Information	<div><div> Date</div><div>2016</div><div>to</div><div>Ongoing</div></div> <div><a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/</a></div>		

## PROGRAM SUMMARY







The M4SET project seeks to improve the understanding and application of metrology in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energies and air quality. The project has been designed to support capacity building, knowledge sharing, research opportunities and collaborative activities for government officials and technical stakeholders to bridge the gap between technical capabilities, energy and environmental policies.

## OBJECTIVES

To strengthen measurement capabilities in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energies, air quality and greenhouse gases as means to support the deployment of sustainable energy technologies and foster low carbon economic growth.

## RESULTS

Benefits of the M4SET Project include improved metrology's infrastructure to support GHG emission measurements, air quality, energy efficiency, and renewable energy, increased technical skills on metrology applications for sustainable energy technologies and air quality reinvigoration of the role of Metrology to support the adoption of international standards and measurements needed to advance the adoption of sustainable energy technologies and improve air quality, knowledge exchange and best practices among technical agencies in the hemisphere, increased communication to bridge gap between sustainable energy, air quality and policy making, and engage government officials and metrology communities to respond to the technical needs arising as part of the implementation of the commitments to reduce GHG emissions and improve air quality.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Metrology for Energy Efficient Technology in Central America the Dominican Republic	Guatemala	USA
 Additional Information	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dsd">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dsd</a>		
 Date	2016	to	Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The M4EE project has been designed to support capacity building, knowledge sharing, research opportunities and collaborative activities that strengthen metrology capabilities of stakeholders engaged in the implementation and enforcement of energy efficiency regulations nationally and regionally. At the regional level the project offers support to the implementation of the Central America Technical Regulation on Energy Efficiency (RTCA) for household appliances and equipment, such as lighting fixtures, refrigerators, air conditioners, and motors.

## OBJECTIVES





To strengthen capabilities of government officials and technical stakeholders to perform energy efficiency measurement and compliance assessments in equipment and appliances, as means to contribute to a sustainable energy policy development in the region.

## RESULTS

Benefits will include Improved metrology's infrastructure for energy efficiency, institutional strengthening on technical capabilities needed for regulation development, accreditation and certification of energy efficiency, increased communication between regulators and technical agencies involved on energy and policy-making, increased knowledge on testing, conformity assessment, energy performance standards, labeling and enforcement protocols for energy-efficiency, regional integration and cooperation to tackle energy and standards harmonization issues, and engage government officials and metrology communities to respond to the technical needs arising as part of the implementation of the commitments to reduce GHG emissions and improve air quality.



Last updated date: 7/25/2017

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	Target Beneficiaries	Donor Countries
Development	Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Aquifers in the Americas (ISARM Americas)	Guatemala	Global Environment Facility
 Additional Information	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/</a>		 Date 2009 to Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The UNESCO/OAS ISARM-Americas Program is the regional initiative for the Western Hemisphere, of the worldwide ISARM Program, and is jointly coordinated by the UNESCO International Hydrological Program (IHP) and the Department of Sustainable Development of the Organization of American States (DSD/OAS).

The global “Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management-ISARM Program” was launched at the 14th Session of the UNESCO IHP Intergovernmental Council in June 2000, in cooperation with several other international organizations, notably the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH).

The Program aims to promote the recognition and understanding of transboundary groundwater resources, and foster collaboration among the countries sharing the same aquifer to achieve consensus on legal, institutional, socio-economic, scientific, and environmental aspects. Another important objective of the ISARM Americas Program is the identification of case-studies of particular interest and to create a comprehensive Inventory of Transboundary Aquifers of the Americas. This would be a collection of data regarding the hydro-geological characteristics.







## OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is to improve the management of subterranean, transboundary water resources by ensuring the water is fit for human consumption and is utilized in a sustainable manner, by both current and future generations, without causing harm to the environment.

## RESULTS

Preliminary Inventory of Transboundary Aquifer Systems in the Americas, Legal and Institutional Framework for the Management of TAS in the Americas, Socioeconomic, Environmental and Climatic aspects of the TAS in the Americas, and the planning of the regional strategy for the evaluation and management of Transboundary Aquifer Systems in the Americas.

Last updated date: 7/24/2017

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) Clearinghouse Phase V	Guatemala	USA
 Additional Information	<a href="http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/">http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/</a>		
 Date	2013	to	Ongoing

## PROGRAM SUMMARY







Leaders of the Western Hemisphere recognize that clean energy is fundamental to the Western Hemisphere's sustainable development and the prosperity of our citizens, and they are committed to expanding cooperation to address the intertwined challenges of energy security and climate change. To strengthen Inter-American collaboration on these issues, at the Fifth Summit of the Americas held in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2009 all countries of the Western Hemisphere were invited to join in an Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), to share leadership in the implementation of energy initiatives and the exchange of experiences within the countries of the Americas in support of sustainable development goals.

## OBJECTIVES

To contribute to the adoption and widespread use of clean energy in the Americas, through shared leadership and cooperation in energy infrastructure, energy efficiency, and energy integration strengthened at the regional level.

## RESULTS

Ongoing project. Since 2012, ECPA's Technical Coordination Unit-homed at the OAS-has coordinated over 20 technical workshops, exchanges, expert visits, and high-level dialogues/fora throughout the region. Based on its collaborative nature, ECPA has strategically partnered more than 20 global, regional and local civil society, academia and nonprofit organizations devoted to advancing sustainable development. In 2015, a Steering Committee composed by countries for all 4 sub regions (North, Central and South America and the Caribbean) was established to guide, assess and define ECPA's scope of action for a two-year period. This ruling body has facilitated a closer relationship with the private sector, as well as with other multilateral partners such as the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, resulting in better coordinated, and efficient actions. ECPA's First ministerial meeting took place in Washington, DC in 2010, followed by a meeting in Mexico in 2015. A Third ministerial meeting will be held in Chile in September 7-8, 2017. A total of 29 Member states have been actively involved in ECPA's activities during its implementation period. As a hemispheric, flexible and voluntary mechanism for addressing sustainable energy issues, it is expected that additional Member states become more engaged after the ministerial meeting in Chile, time when the Fifth implementation phase of ECPA will commence.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Inter-American Committee on Ports	Guatemala	ES, US, FR, PE
 Additional Information	<div> <div> Date</div> <div>2013</div> <div>to</div> <div>ongoing</div> </div> <a href="http://portalcip.org/capacity-building-program/">http://portalcip.org/capacity-building-program/</a>		

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Using the most advanced methodologies and techniques, including field trips and online platforms, our courses and seminars offer participants the opportunity to exchange best practices with top port officials to achieve the highest level of knowledge.

## OBJECTIVES

To provide state-of-the-art specialized training, with key leaders in the industry, to Port Officials of OAS member Countries for the development of a competitive, sustainable, inclusive and secure maritime and port sector in the Americas

## RESULTS

670 officials trained in best practices in hemispheric conferences and counting.

 OAS Pillar	 Name of Activity	 Target Beneficiaries	 Donor Countries
Development	Food Security and Emigration Study	Governments and Authorities of Northern Triangle countries-El Salvador, Honduras & Guatemala	N/A
 Additional		 Date	8/23/2017 to 8/23/2017

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Emigration from Central America is not a new phenomenon, nor is it likely to end in the near future. The number of irregular migrants stopped detained on the United States-Mexico border increased fivefold from 2010 to 2015. At the same period was registered a significant increase in unaccompanied children from three Central American countries: El Salvador, Honduras y Guatemala. These increases coincided with a period of heightened food insecurity in the Dry Corridor of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. This fact happened because of the continued droughts and lack of precipitation at the critical stages of the growth of important food crops.

In this context, the World Food Programme (WFP), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Organization of American States (OAS) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) worked on a shared commitment to provide evidence to enable governments to design public policies and implement social programs. Finding more evidence on the links between migration and food insecurity is essential in contributing to reducing the phenomenon and the instability of countries and communities.

## OBJECTIVES

The study highlights the link between food insecurity and migration. And also identify other factors that lead households, either as families or individuals to take the decision to emigrate. Violence, poverty and climate variability are some of the factors identified in the study. This reveals why people leave their countries and the impact of migration on family members left behind. The findings expose some misperceptions about the role of remittances and highlight the precarious situation facing migrant family members.

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## RESULTS

The study was launched on August 23 of 2017 at the OAS headquarters. Among the findings of the report are highlighted:

- The precarious living conditions faced by communities living in the Dry Corridor generate migrants northward on an increasing scale.
- In fiscal year 2016, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (CBP) detained more than 400.000 undocumented persons on the southern border, nearly 60.000 of whom were under 16 years old, most of them from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.
- There is a clear link between food insecurity and migration 58% percent of the households interviewed for this study in the dry corridor spend more than two-thirds of their income on food, which shows a high level of economic vulnerability.
- Forty-two percent of the households interviewed in Guatemala showed worrying levels of food consumption with poor or border category.
- Violence is the dominant cause of emigration in El Salvador, but it's a less important cause in Guatemala and Honduras.
- Seventy nine percent are men between the ages of 20 and 29.
- Half of the deportees worked in agriculture before leaving.