VI INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE OF HIGH-LEVEL MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (MSME) AUTHORITIES

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2019-2021 Work Plan
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BUILDING A 2030 VISION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MSMEs IN THE AMERICAS

The ministers, vice ministers and the high-level authorities of MSMEs of the Inter-American Dialogue of High-Level Authorities of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises – organized by the National Commission of Micro and Small Enterprises (CONAMYPE) of El Salvador and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS)– meeting in San Salvador, El Salvador, on April 24-25, 2019, have agreed to join forces to support policies and programs that promote productivity, entrepreneurship, innovation and the internationalization of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.¹

The high-level MSME authorities gathered request that the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development of the OAS support the following collaborative actions during the 2019-2021 period, in follow-up to the VI Inter-American Dialogue of High-Level MSME Authorities:

**Strengthen the Political Dialogue and Cooperation based on the following considerations:**

- Continue holding the Inter-American Dialogue of High-Level MSME Authorities, recognizing the value offered by these spaces for the exchange of experiences, innovative ideas and lessons learned among countries and for the identification of replicable policies and programs within the framework of horizontal cooperation initiatives.

- Hold quarterly virtual meetings to promote regional dialogue on public policies and the exchange of experiences (policies, programs, practices, etc.) in topics identified as of common interest by the countries.

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¹ Comprehensive Strategic Plan of the Organization of American States approved at the General Assembly held October 31, 2016, AG/RES. 1(LI-E/16), Annex 1, Strategic line 1.1.
• Provide assistance in the organization of the VII Inter-American Dialogue of High-Level MSME Authorities, to be held in Chile in 2021.

• Update the online MSME Clearinghouse with successful experiences on replicable policies and programs for the development and entrepreneurship of MSMEs in OAS member states as well as current initiatives of international and regional organizations working in the field.

• Publish and regularly distribute an online information bulletin about initiatives, policies, programs, projects to support activities in the MSME sector in OAS member states.

• Promote South-South cooperation initiatives, subject to funding availability, in order to share and adapt policies and replicable programs to support the MSME sector.

• Promote collaboration and explore synergies, subject to funding availability, among regional MSME initiatives to support the exchange of good practices and institutional strengthening in order to foster regional competitiveness.

• Continue strengthening institutions that provide support to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. In this regard, continue promoting throughout the Americas the development of the initiative promoted by the OAS regarding Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) to support and improve the competitiveness, innovation and internationalization of MSMEs and improve their ability to respond to needs of the local economy.

• Recognizing that women have significant participation in the MSME sector, promote the development and dissemination of policies and programs to support women in productive activities to achieve a more equal participation of women in economic opportunities.