AG/RES. 2882 (XLVI-O/16)
INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2016-2021
( Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 14, 2016)
HAVING SEEN


CONSIDERING

That the purpose of the CIDS is to promote inter-American dialogue and cooperation on sustainable development, formulate policy proposals to the Organization of American States (OAS) in that area, promote the development and execution of the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS), and guide coordination and follow-up on the various decisions arising from the Summits of the Americas on sustainable development;

That the PIDS sets out the priorities and policy guidelines of the OAS in the area of sustainable development, bearing in mind that the latter should support the implementation of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas process, particularly the Summit of the Americas on Sustainable Development held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, in 1996, as well as the complementary role of the OAS in consonance with other regional and multilateral entities, especially the United Nations;

“This Program places the Organization at the forefront with regards to the acquired commitments in the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda”

Luis Almagro,
Secretary General
Organization of American States
That the Declaration of Tela for Sustainable Development in the Americas “Building a Sustainable Development Agenda for the Americas” (CIDI/RIMDS-III/DEC. 1/15 rev. 1), taking account of the commitments assumed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted the “Strategic Framework for the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development” (CIDI/RIMDS-III/doc.6/15);

That the fifth regular meeting of the CIDS was held at the headquarters of the Organization from June 1 to 3, 2016, and successfully completed the review and update of the PIDS; and

That the forty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, addressed the theme “Institutional Strengthening for Sustainable Development in the Americas,”

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) 2016-2021, which is appended to this resolution.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States to continue, through the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, to work with the authorities for sustainable development of the member states that so request in implementing the measures set forth in the PIDS in coordination with other international entities and agencies.

3. To request that the General Secretariat, in accordance with the PIDS, report to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development on progress in its implementation.

4. To instruct CIDI to report inform on the implementation of this resolution that in its annual report to the General Assembly.

5. That execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

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1. BACKGROUND

The member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) have recognized that sustainable development requires an approach that integrates its three dimensions—the economic, social, and environmental—in order to move forward in a balanced way to support development, eradicate poverty, and promote equality, fairness, and social inclusion. OAS member states have reiterated their support for sustainable development in numerous General Assembly resolutions as well as in national, subregional, regional, and international commitments that they have adopted.

AG/RES. 1440 (XXVI-O/96), “Sustainable Development,” took note of “[t]he importance of sustainable development as a conceptual framework within which the Organization of American States (OAS) should work both as a forum for concerted action and for technical cooperation.”

In September 2015, member states adopted in the United Nations framework the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are global in scope. Those goals went into effect on January 1, 2016. States committed to working for the full implementation of the 17 SDGs and their targets, which are “integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.”

Consistent with the “Strategic Framework for the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS)” (CID/RIMDS-III/doc.6/15) adopted in Tela, Honduras, the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) should continue supporting efforts of member states to meet the goals and targets agreed upon in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (resolution 70/1); the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (resolution 69/313); the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); the Paris Agreement (FCCC/CP/2015/L.9), adopted at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21); and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 (resolution 69/283).

Purpose of the PIDS

The Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) establishes strategic actions to ensure that the work of the General Secretariat on sustainable development is aligned with the implementation in the Hemisphere of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change, and that its objectives and results are guided by the SDGs approved by member states and contribute to their attainment. The implementation of those strategic actions by the General Secretariat will be carried out at the request of member states.

In establishing the PIDS, the General Assembly emphasized the importance of ensuring that the role of the OAS, in implementing all aspects of the PIDS should be consistent with, and complementary to, those of other relevant regional and multilateral entities, particularly the United Nations.
2. MANDATE AND CONTEXT

The objectives of the PIDS are based on the decisions of the Summits of the Americas; resolutions of the General Assembly, the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), and the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS); and, in particular, the Declaration of Tela for Sustainable Development in the Americas and the Strategic Framework for the PIDS, which were adopted at the Third Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, held in Tela, Honduras, in October 2015.

The PIDS seeks to focus on the comparative advantage of the OAS and steer the Organization toward areas where, in the opinion of the member states, opportunities exist for action to complement the efforts of the states themselves, as well as the efforts of other international organizations and institutions, particularly those operating within the Hemisphere. The PIDS also responds to the call from the United Nations to regional organizations for cooperation in the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda.
The goal of the PIDS is to support OAS member states that so request in their efforts to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions—the economic, social, and environmental—including their policies for eradicating poverty, particularly extreme poverty.

The PIDS is guided by resolution 66/288, “The future we want,” and resolution 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

In line with its capacity and resources, the OAS General Secretariat will also support member states that so request in their efforts to advance the implementation of the commitments assumed by each state under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement on climate change, adopted by COP21, recognizing that the Convention is the primary international intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change. Climate change is one of the crosscutting core themes of the strategic areas identified in the PIDS.
The PIDS provides that in all strategic areas, in carrying out its work, the General Secretariat should take account of the impact on vulnerable groups in society and adopt an inclusive approach. In that sense, the consultation and participation of civil society and other social actors will play a constructive role in promoting sustainable development initiatives.

The PIDS also places emphasis on ensuring consistency and strengthening synergies, both among existing program areas within SEDI, as well as with other areas of the General Secretariat.

### 3.1. Disaster risk management

#### Goals and bases for action

The work of the General Secretariat on disaster risk management should contribute directly to supporting member states in their efforts to meet SDG 11 “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable,” particularly targets 11.5 and 11.b of this SDG; as well as the interrelated targets of other SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting elements.

In pursuing this goal, the OAS will use the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 as its reference. It will also take into consideration the commitments assumed under the Paris Agreement on climate change adopted at COP21.

#### Strategic actions

SEDI will focus its efforts on the following key strategic actions:

1. Serve as technical secretariat to the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR), as stipulated in Article 4 of its Statutes.
2. Support the implementation of the Inter-American Plan for Disaster Prevention and Response and the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance, in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of AG/RES. 2750 (XLII-O/12), “Existing Mechanisms for Disaster Prevention and Response and Humanitarian Assistance among the Member States.”
3. Support the design and implementation of national and regional policies for disaster risk management in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the regional action plan for the implementation of the Sendai Framework 2015-2030, and subregional mechanisms.
4. Serve as Secretariat of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation (INDM) in order to support exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices, as well as coordination with other international organizations, in keeping with AG/RES. 2314 (XXXVII-O/07), “Natural Disaster Reduction, Risk Management, and Assistance in Natural and Other Disaster Situations.”
5. Organize and promote hemispheric encounters for sharing and exchanges of knowledge and practical experience from monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.
6. Support the formulation and application of disaster preparedness and response protocols, and disseminate regional and subregional mechanisms and instruments.
7. Support the sharing and exchange of knowledge on applications and data of satellite earth observation systems (SEOS) and image processing for disaster mitigation and prevention, disaster response, and rapid damage assessment on voluntary and mutually agreed terms and conditions.
8. Support the development and harmonization of cross-border and community-based early warning systems (EWS) and resilient-community development in the context of sustainable communities.
3.2. Sustainable management of ecosystems

Goals and bases for action

The work of the General Secretariat on sustainable management of ecosystems should contribute directly to supporting member states in their efforts to meet SDG 15 “Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss” and its specific targets, as well as the interrelated targets of other SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting elements.

Strategic actions

SEDI will focus its efforts on the following key strategic actions:

i. Provide support to inter-American networks working for the protection and preservation of hemispheric biodiversity, migratory marine and terrestrial species, inland freshwater ecosystems and their environmental services in the Hemisphere, and biodiversity corridors.

ii. Support exchanges of national best practices and access to data and information on biodiversity, sustainable land management, and ecosystem management to improve decision-making in this area and in relation to climate change.

iii. Strengthen the design and implementation of systems that recognize and support the functions of ecosystems in the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, through technical cooperation and exchanges of experience, best practices, and information at the regional level.

iv. Support programs on environmental education and technical cooperation for the sustainable development, use, and management of, inter alia, ecosystems, protected areas, and biodiversity for coastal marine risk management.

3.3. Integrated water resources management

Goals and bases for action

The work of the General Secretariat on integrated water resources management should contribute directly to supporting member states in their efforts to meet SDG 6 “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all,” particularly targets 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.a, and 6.b, as well as the interrelated targets of other SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting elements. It will also take into consideration the commitments assumed under the Paris Agreement on climate change adopted at COP21.
3.4. Sustainable cities and communities

Goals and bases for action

The work of the General Secretariat on sustainable cities and communities should contribute directly to supporting member states in their efforts to meet SDG 11 “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable,” particularly targets 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.6, 11.7, 11.a, and 11.c, as well as the interrelated targets of other SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting elements.

Strategic actions

SEDI will focus its efforts on the following key strategic actions:

i. Foster dialogue, technical cooperation, sharing of information, and exchanges of experience and best practices among member states to develop public policies on integrated water resources management.

ii. Promote dialogue for the development of Hemisphere-wide and regional strategies related to integrated water resources management.

iii. Support member states in their efforts to promote public-private partnerships for the development of infrastructure projects associated with integrated water resources management.

iv. Assist member states with the identification of synergies among their relevant institutions responsible for integrated water resources management, and promote coordinated activities, inter alia, on water sustainability.

v. Support member states in strengthening existing—and promoting new—strategic partnerships for the implementation of integrated water resources management and projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation, as appropriate.

vi. Provide technical cooperation to member states for capacity-building and encourage transfer of technology on voluntary and mutually agreed terms and conditions for the development and implementation of strategies for integrated water resources management and to strengthen training in policies, programs, and tools in that area.

vii. Ensure that projects in support of member states’ integrated water resources management contribute to strengthening national technical capacities, in order to maximize the benefits for beneficiary countries.
ii. Promote the development of Hemisphere-wide and regional strategies and networks related to sustainable cities and communities.

iii. Assist member states with the identification of synergies among their relevant institutions responsible for sustainable transport, waste management, resilience, and renewable and efficient energy, and promote coordinated activities, respecting the mandates and specific areas of responsibility of those institutions.

iv. Provide technical assistance and cooperation for the development and implementation of strategies for sustainable cities and communities and to strengthen training in policies, programs, and tools in that area.

v. Support member states that so request in the development and use of national performance indicators to assess the use of materials, energy and water consumption, waste generation, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and other impacts in line with the framework of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, and Habitat III.

vi. Promote the creation of infrastructure that is resilient and adaptable to climate change, among other reasons, to support member states in their efforts to mobilize financial, technical, and technological resources.

The work of the General Secretariat on sustainable energy management should contribute directly to supporting member states in their efforts to meet SDG 7 “Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all” and the specific targets grouped under this SDG, as well as the interrelated targets of other SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting elements.

In pursuing this goal, the General Secretariat will prioritize the promotion of clean, renewable, environmentally sustainable energy and energy efficiency. It will also take into consideration the commitments assumed under the Paris Agreement on climate change adopted at COP21.
SEDI will focus its efforts on the following key strategic actions:

i. Promote dialogue among countries on sustainable energy integration at the regional level.

ii. Support member states in organizing regional and subregional meetings on the subject of energy in order to promote and disseminate best practices, among other actions.

iii. Establish coordination mechanisms among different areas of the General Secretariat and generate synergies with inter-American institutions, as appropriate.

iv. Assist member states with identifying opportunities and challenges in the implementation of the targets under SDG 17 “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development” and other elements of the 2030 Agenda that focus on sustainable energy management.

v. Support member states in the development of policy and regulatory measures to advance the use of renewable energy and energy-efficiency technologies.

vi. Organize hemispheric, subregional, and national capacity building workshops in member states.

vii. Support member states in the development of national and regional energy planning instruments that include the climate change variable, in order to attain energy sustainability in the region.

The work of the General Secretariat in support of institutions for sustainable development should help directly to support member states in their efforts to meet SDG 16 “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels” particularly targets 16.6, 16.7, 16.10, and 16.b, as well as the interrelated targets of other SDGs on the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting elements.

In pursuing this goal, the General Secretariat will prioritize initiatives that strengthen and build capacity for efficient, effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.
SEDI will focus its efforts on the following key strategic actions:

i. Encourage dialogue among member states toward capacity building for efficient, effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

ii. Promote, among member states, exchanges of, and access to, technical, legal, institutional, and funding information at the hemispheric level to improve decision-making and the participation of civil society and other social actors, in keeping with national regulations.

iii. Promote sharing of best practices and lessons learned about legislative initiatives, policies, and programs in the region related to institutional strengthening for sustainable development.

iv. Support member states that so request in identifying challenges and needs in the area of environmental law and management.

v. Provide technical assistance to member states for strengthening their institutions with responsibilities in the area of sustainable development management and follow-up.

vi. Establish coordination mechanisms among the different areas of the General Secretariat and generate synergies with institutions of the inter-American system and with multilateral organizations at the global, regional and subregional level, as appropriate.

vii. Build the capacity of key stakeholders, including public officials or implementing governmental agencies that participate in issues relating to the environmental rule of law, and support the application and effective enforcement of environmental laws and multilateral and regional agreements.

viii. Support the implementation of the Inter-American Strategy for the Promotion of Public Participation in Decision-Making for Sustainable Development.
4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

The General Secretariat, through SEDI and the Department of Sustainable Development, will be responsible for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the PIDS, a process coordinated with and assisted by the relevant departments, offices, and specialized units of the General Secretariat.

Implementation of the PIDS will also be aligned with the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Integral Development—until the adoption of the Organization’s Four-Year Strategic Plan and the work plan for the integral development pillar—the OAS Strategic Vision, the mandate prioritization process approved by the member states, and the results of ongoing processes related to strategic planning and management modernization.\(^5\)

Within the framework set out in this Program, the selection and/or implementation of particular activities or projects will adhere to the following key principles:

i. Results-based management that includes a baseline measurement of the situation or condition prior to the implementation of the activity or project, identification of outcomes for strategic actions, and measurement of progress toward those outcomes.

ii. Consistency and complementarity with efforts of other regional and multilateral implementing agencies. Likewise, coordination and non-duplication of activities in relevant areas of the General Secretariat.

iii. A needs-based approach that allows prioritizing activities and projects in areas that demonstrate the greatest potential for success; needs will be identified by member states.

iv. Efficient and effective use of the General Secretariat’s human, financial, and knowledge resources to reach the goals outlined in this program.

The General Secretariat should ensure that member states are clearly informed about implementation activities through their permanent missions and the representatives designated by the competent authorities before the launch of those efforts.

To ensure that the General Secretariat focuses its human and financial resources on its unique capacities relative to this Program, projects and initiatives may support the efforts of other implementing agencies via use of the Organization’s technical expertise and mobilizing capacity.

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5. FOLLOW-UP, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING

The PIDS will be implemented over a period of five years (2016–2021). Based on the results it has achieved during this period, it will be reviewed and updated by the member states.

In order to appropriately monitor, evaluate, and report on the implementation of this Program, the General Secretariat should ensure that baseline data, concrete objectives, and performance indicators are generated for all projects and initiatives. The indicators should be in line with, and contribute to, the indicators developed for the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, unless the indicator of the 2030 Agenda does not correspond to the area of work of the PIDS.

The General Secretariat will provide member states with annual reports on the Program’s progress based on verifiable data.

6. FINANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

The General Secretariat must ensure that all of its resource mobilization efforts for the implementation of the PIDS are coordinated in order to ensure efficient and coherent outreach to potential donors.

In order to most effectively leverage resources under the aegis of the 2030 Agenda for implementing the PIDS, the General Secretariat should also seek to establish relevant partnerships and fundraising efforts with different development organizations as well as other relevant bodies of the inter-American system and the United Nations.
FOOTNOTES

1. The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua cannot endorse the reference to the so-called “Paris Agreement” because irregular procedures were used in its adoption, given that the position of the most vulnerable countries was not taken into account, and because, on the contrary, the negotiation process was compromised by the failure to recognize the historical responsibility toward the countries suffering the effects of climate change and their indemnification, a position that was backed by Nicaragua and other countries in order to ensure that those states that have caused the climate change problem and are the main emitters of greenhouse gases assume the responsibility of mitigating the harm inflicted on the small countries—such as Nicaragua and other nations in Central America and the Caribbean—that suffer the consequences in the form of droughts, rising sea levels, hurricanes, and other catastrophes.

2. The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua does not agree with the references to mandates, decisions, and initiatives arising from the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Summits of the Americas because on those occasions the Heads of State and Government did not adopt the political declarations that contained the mandates and the operative paragraphs on the core themes that were part of those political declarations.

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