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DEPM / OAS and IDB organized International Conference on MSMEs Access to Public Procurement



The Department for Effective Public Management (DEPM) and the Inter- American Development Bank (IDB), held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic the International Conference on MSMEs Access to Public Procurement.

The inauguration event was attended by Araceli Azuara, OAS Representative in Dominican Republic and Flora Montealegre Painter IDB and agreed on the importance to encourage the growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to be supplying the Dominican State.

Both officials said that both the OAS and the IDB will continue to support the actions taken by the Government in favor of what they considered the "backbone" of the Dominican economy: MSMEs .

In the event that brings together members of the [Inter-American Network on Government Procurement \(RICG\)](#) was also delivered a lecture "Importance of MSMEs to access public procurement " by the Mexican , Miguel Lerdo de Tejada Villegas , director Microcredit Financial Intermediaries and Financial National Mexico .

Villegas stressed that to promote greater participation of MSMEs in procurement must promote dialogue and coordination, the use of technological tools, training and have timely, annual

procurement plans, implementation of a transactional website and trade fairs suppliers and buyers. "Supporting MSMEs is a very serious issue," he said.

In the second block procurement experiences of Chile and Dominican Republic were presented. Presented by Chile Marcelo Mosquera Zingoni, Head Segmentation and Loyalty Providers Chile Purchase and the country of the Dominican Republic, Dr. Yokasta Guzman.

Zingoni Mosquera said that in his country the lead Mipymes sale to the state, noting that 90 % of tenders are won by companies MSMEs sector. "In Chile there are 900 institutions that are supplied by some 100,000 suppliers," he said.

For his part, Dr. Guzman , Dominican Republic said that progress has been made over the past year, as it has made the effort from the Presidency to ensure that SMMEs benefit from public policies for the development of this important sector .

"We have achieved many MSMEs are formalized, we have promoted the principle of maximum disclosure of the processes, we are training providers and institutions, active monitoring and execute work in interagency coordination," she said.

He also praised the creation of oversight committees and commissions meetings being conducted by the institution he leads to the formation of the National Observatory for Public Procurement. "We want to bring more eyes to monitor the process. We want every day, more and more, raising standards of transparency in procurement processes and contracting, "she said.

The workshop was organized and funded by the RICG through OAS and IDB. The activity is part of efforts to develop and promote opportunities for exchange of experience and training among members RICG.

What is RICG ?

The Inter-American Network on Government (RICG) is an initiative of the countries of the Americas constituted as a regional technical cooperation mechanism, composed of government institutions, headed by the national directors, who have the ultimate responsibility concerning the regulation management and modernization of public procurement in 32 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, which handle 10 to 20 % of GDP of their countries.