

# **STATUTES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT**

## **CHAPTER I**

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

#### Article 1. Nature

The Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) is an Organization of American States (OAS) body directly answerable to the General Assembly, with decision-making power in matters of partnership for integral development. It is also a forum for inter-American dialogue on issues of hemispheric interest related to such matters.

#### Article 2. Purpose

The purpose of CIDI is to promote partnership among its member states for the furtherance of their integral development and, in particular, to help eliminate poverty. It achieves its objectives through the implementation of the Strategic Plan for integral development.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

#### Article 3. Functions and Powers of CIDI

CIDI shall have the following functions and powers:

- a) Formulate and recommend the Strategic Plan to the General Assembly;
- b) Formulate proposals for strengthening inter-American dialogue on integral development;
- c) Promote, coordinate and oversee the execution of the Strategic Plan;
- d) Convene regular meetings of the Council at the ministerial or equivalent level; special meetings specialized or sectoral meetings;
- e) Propose to the General Assembly the holding of specialized conferences, in their particular areas of competence, to deal with special technical matters or to develop specific aspects of inter-American cooperation; to convoke them in urgent cases, in the manner provided for in Resolution AG/RES. 85 (0/72) and to coordinate, when appropriate, the holding of said specialized conferences in the framework of the specialized or sectoral meetings of CIDI;
- f) Promote cooperative relations with the corresponding United Nations agencies and with other national and international bodies, particularly as regards coordination of the inter-American technical cooperation programs;
- g) Adopt the policies and general guidelines which the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development ("IACD") and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development should follow in carrying out the IACD's cooperation activities;

- h) Convene high-level meetings and seminars to study development problems and identify efforts that could be undertaken in the CIDI framework, including those resulting from the application of Article 37 of the Charter;
- i) Periodically evaluate the execution of cooperation activities with a view to adopting decisions it finds appropriate for their improvement and for the most efficient use of funds; and report to the General Assembly;
- j) Elect the members of the Management Board of the IACD;
- k) Adopt criteria for the allocation of additional resources mobilized by the IACD, for which the donor has not specified purposes and limitations;
- l) Approve the Rules of Procedure of the IACD's Management Board and modifications thereto;
- m) Participate in the preparation of the program-budget of the Organization as regards cooperation;
- n) Fulfill the other functions entrusted to it by the Charter of the Organization, other inter-American instruments, the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as provided for in Article 70 of the Charter, as well as those functions established by these Statutes, and to make recommendations in its area of authority.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **STRUCTURE**

##### Article 4. Composition and Representation of CIDI

CIDI is composed of all the member states, which shall appoint ministerial level representatives, or their equivalent, who will meet in regular, special, specialized or sectoral meetings, which may be convoked by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or on its own initiative. Each state may appoint alternate representatives and advisers as it sees fit.

##### Article 5. Bodies of CIDI

CIDI shall have the following subsidiary bodies:

- a) The Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CEPCIDI);
- b) The Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development ("IACD");
- c) Nonpermanent Specialized Committees;
- d) Inter-American Committees; and
- e) Other subsidiary bodies and agencies created by the Council.

## Article 6. Permanent Executive Committee

The Permanent Executive Committee (CEPCIDI) is the permanent executive body of CIDI. It functions at the same headquarters as the Permanent Council and the General Secretariat.

## Article 7. Purpose of CEPCIDI

CEPCIDI shall have the purpose of adopting decisions and making recommendations for the planning, programming, budgeting, management control, follow-up and evaluation of cooperation projects and activities executed in the CIDI area.

## Article 8. Functions of CEPCIDI

CEPCIDI shall have the following functions:

a) When CIDI is not in session, to:

- i. Adopt the policies and general guidelines which the IACD's Management Board and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development should follow in carrying out the IACD's cooperation activities;
  - ii. Coordinate the activities of the other subsidiary bodies of CIDI;
  - iii. Receive the reports and recommendations of all other subsidiary bodies of CIDI for transmission to that body accompanied, when appropriate, by its observations and recommendations thereon;
  - iv. Adopt ad referendum of CIDI those administrative, budgetary, and regulatory measures that would normally require a decision by CIDI, but that by virtue of their urgency cannot be delayed;
  - v. Adopt criteria for the allocation of additional resources mobilized by the IACD, for which the donor has not specified purposes and limitations;
  - vi. Authorize extraordinary budgetary appropriations against FEMCIDI to deal with unforeseen situations or activities, and determine the source of the necessary resources, in accordance with Article 96 of the General Standards.
- b) To analyze the reports on the execution of cooperation activities presented by the IACD and other organs entrusted with project execution-related responsibilities, with a view to submitting a report to CIDI;
- c) To carry out mandates received from CIDI, follow-up on the decisions and recommendations CIDI adopts, and carry out the functions assigned to it under CIDI's Rules of Procedure and its own Rules of Procedure;
- d) To propose to CIDI the creation of subsidiary bodies, organs, and agencies for the development of hemispheric cooperation in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes;
- e) To create its subsidiary bodies;

f) To instruct the General Secretariat and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (the "Executive Secretariat" or "SEDI") concerning the execution of tasks and support activities for the fulfillment of the mandates and functions assigned to CEPCIDI;

g) To approve guidelines, policies, and priorities, on its own initiative or as recommended by the IACD, for the preparation, adoption, and execution of the program budget of the IACD;

h) To consider and, as appropriate, approve the proposed annual budget of the IACD based on the proposal of the Management Board;

i) To consider and submit to CIDI for its approval the Rules of Procedure of the IACD's Management Board and amendments thereto;

j) To approve or refer to other organs, as appropriate, proposals from the IACD to amend the rules and regulations relating to the personnel, budget, operations, and administration of the IACD, including the referral of such proposals to other competent organs.

#### Article 9. Composition of CEPCIDI

CEPCIDI is composed of the principal and alternate representatives designated by each state. CIDI shall annually elect, in a regular meeting, a Chairman and Vice Chairman of CEPCIDI. Their functions and powers shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure.

#### Article 10. Meetings of CEPCIDI

CEPCIDI shall hold regular or special meetings. These meetings shall be convened in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.

#### Article 11. The Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development ("IACD")

The IACD is the subsidiary organ of CIDI created to promote, coordinate, manage, and facilitate the planning and execution of programs, projects, and activities within the scope of the OAS Charter and, in particular, the framework of the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development of CIDI. It includes a Management Board and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.

#### Article 12. Functions of the IACD

The specific functions of the IACD, its Management Board, and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development are set out in the IACD Statute.

#### Article 13. Nonpermanent Specialized Committees – CENPES

The Nonpermanent Specialized Committees are technical bodies which support CIDI in dealing with specialized matters or in developing specific aspects of inter-American cooperation in the priority cooperation areas approved by the General Assembly. They shall be established by CIDI, for a duration decided at the time of their creation, and shall not exceed the number of said priority areas.

#### Article 14. Functions of the CENPES

Within their respective areas of competence, these Committees shall have the following functions:

- a) Assist CIDI in the formulation of sector policies and programs of the Strategic Plan;
- b) Coordinate and examine the proposals for cooperation programs, projects and activities to be financed by FEMCIDI and submit them with their recommendations to the Executive Secretariat for consideration by the IACD Management Board;
- c) Periodically study the execution of cooperation activities and their results and present to the IACD Management Board those recommendations it considers pertinent;
- d) Support within its area of competence, the preparation of the meetings of CIDI, CEPCIDI, and the IACD;
- e) Fulfill the specific mandates that CIDI, CEPCIDI and the IACD Management Board assign, and report to them in this regard.

#### Article 15. Membership of the CENPES

Each Nonpermanent Specialized Committee shall consist of no more than seven specialists of recognized competence in their area of specialization, who shall be elected by CIDI from among the candidates proposed by the member states for a period established at the time of election. No Committee shall have more than one specialist of the same nationality. Each Committee shall elect its chair.

#### Article 16. Ad-Hoc Coordinating Committee of the CENPES

The Chairmen of the Nonpermanent Specialized Committees will make up an Ad-hoc Committee to coordinate sectoral cooperation activities, with a combined perspective, and contribute to the preparation of the meetings of CIDI, in which they shall participate in the capacity of advisors, as necessary.

#### Article 17. Inter-American Committees of CIDI

CIDI may establish, with the approval of two thirds of the member states, inter-American committees related to the priority areas of the Strategic Plan. CIDI shall define in each case the nature, purpose, structure, and operation of the committees that it establishes.

#### Article 18. Purpose of the Inter-American Committees

The purpose of the inter-American committees shall be to lend continuity to the sectoral dialogue on partnership for development in a given sector, follow up on the mandates issued at the ministerial level, and identify multilateral cooperation initiatives.

#### Article 19. Composition of the Inter-American Committees

The inter-American committees shall comprise sectoral authorities at the policy-making and technical levels, accredited by the government of each member state.

#### Article 20. Functions of the Inter-American Committees

In their areas of competence, the inter-American committees shall have the following functions, among others, as appropriate:

- a) Propose and promote partnership for development policies;
- b) Support the preparation and follow-up of specialized or sectoral meetings at the ministerial or equivalent level;
- c) Contribute to the preparation and implementation of inter-American partnership for development programs;
- d) Formulate guidelines for drafting and presenting proposals for partnership for development projects and activities, in keeping with the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development, the Statutes of the Special Multilateral Fund of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development, the inter-American program concerned, and other pertinent documents;
- e) Define and implement strategies for attracting and mobilizing additional resources to finance partnership for development programs, projects, and activities;
- f) Carry out other functions that are consistent with their objectives, as well as those assigned to them by the General Assembly or CIDI, or requested by CEPCIDI.

#### Article 21. Other Subsidiary Bodies and Agencies of CIDI

The subsidiary bodies and the agencies that CIDI decides to create shall be determined by the nature, purpose, structure and functioning that the Council itself confers on them.

#### Article 22. Functions and Responsibilities of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development

The Executive Secretariat for Integral Development shall have the functions and responsibilities established in the IACD Statutes. In addition the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development shall:

- a) Support CIDI and its bodies in managing and coordinating the participation of other inter-American and international entities, as well as cooperation agencies of member and permanent observer states, in cooperation activities;
- b) Coordinate, through mechanisms established by the Secretary General, the cooperation activities that the Organization carries out through all its components;
- c) Be accountable to CIDI and the IACD Management Board for the execution and coordination of cooperation activities supported by the OAS within the framework of the Council, for the use of resources allocated by the member states for their execution and for their progress and results.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **FUNCTIONING**

#### Article 23. Regular Meetings of CIDI

CIDI shall hold at least one regular meeting each year at the ministerial or equivalent level, to consider matters of a general nature in the area of integral development and partnership for development, and in particular to:

- a) Identify topics and initiatives of common interest to promote hemispheric dialogue and partnership for development among the member states with a view to promoting their integral development and, in particular, supporting their efforts to overcome poverty;
- b) Convene specialized or sectoral meetings at the ministerial or equivalent level. Adopt their draft agendas and calendars;
- c) Examine and, if appropriate, adopt proposals for preparing and updating the Strategic Plan;
- d) Evaluate reports on the execution of cooperation activities and their results, and adopt any recommendations and decisions it finds appropriate;
- e) Entrust CEPCIDI, the IACD, and the General Secretariat, as the case may be, with fulfilling the mandates and carrying out the activities that CIDI finds appropriate;
- f) Establish Nonpermanent Specialized Committees and other subsidiary bodies;
- g) Approve the annual and other reports that must be presented to the General Assembly; and
- h) Decide on the date and venue of the next regular meeting.

#### Article 24. Specialized or Sectoral Meetings of CIDI

CIDI may hold specialized or sectoral meetings at the ministerial or equivalent level in order to:

- a) Make recommendations concerning hemispheric policies;
- b) Promote initiatives to develop and strengthen fora for hemispheric dialogue;
- c) Recommend the development of specialized, sectoral and intersectoral inter-American programs which could be included in the strategic plan;
- d) Recommend the establishment of Nonpermanent Specialized Committees and other subsidiary bodies and agencies of CIDI to develop specialized topics within the priorities and areas of competence of the Council. The competence, operation and membership of the Nonpermanent Specialized Committees and other subsidiary bodies and agencies that may be established shall be specified in the specialized or sectoral meetings;
- e) Periodically examine the execution of cooperation activities, evaluate their results, and make recommendations as it sees fit; and
- f) Adopt the measures necessary to ensure the smooth operation of its specialized or sectoral meetings and the follow-up of its decisions.

#### Article 25. Special Meetings of CIDI

CIDI shall hold special meetings to consider specific issues or for those cases provided for under Article 37 of the Charter.

#### Article 26. Election of the Officers of CIDI

At each meeting of CIDI a Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Rules of Procedure.

#### Article 27. Quorum

The presence of a majority of the member state representatives shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Council.

#### Article 28. Voting

Each member state has the right to one vote. The decisions of CIDI that are adopted by voting shall require a majority vote of its members, except as otherwise provided in the Charter, other inter-American instruments, or these Statutes. Budgetary decisions shall require the approval of two-thirds of the member states. Procedural decisions shall require the majority established in the Rules of Procedure.

### **CHAPTER V**

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

##### Article 29. Content and Structure of the Strate

The Strategic Plan shall articulate the policies, programs, and courses of action in the area of cooperation for integral development, in keeping with the general policy and priorities for cooperation adopted by the General Assembly. It shall be structured around inter-American cooperation programs. The Strategic Plan shall have a four-year planning target period, subject to adjustment when the General Assembly considers it appropriate.

##### Article 30. Inter-American Cooperation Programs

The purpose of the inter-American cooperation programs shall be to facilitate inter-American dialogue on integral development, strengthen the national programs and promote cooperation, with emphasis on multinational activities that take into account the participation of the relatively less-developed countries. The inter-American cooperation programs shall include the purposes, goals, strategies, approaches, and spheres of action, as well as guidelines and mechanisms for their evaluation. Projects and other cooperation activities shall be included in these programs.

### **CHAPTER VI**

#### **FINANCING**

##### Article 31. Financial and Budgetary Provisions of CIDI

CIDI shall be governed by the following financial and budgetary provisions:

Formulate guidelines to the General Secretariat, in accordance with Articles 95 (b) and 112 (c) of the Charter and the corresponding Articles of the General Standards for the Functioning of the General Secretariat, for preparing the program-budget in matters of cooperation, on the basis of the Strategic Plan. In addition, it shall also define the means, forms and sources of financing of the programs approved by the member states;



Shall have a chapter in the program-budget of the Organization, as well as a Special Multilateral Fund of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (FEMCIDI), whose functions shall be governed by its own Statutes;

In its regular meetings, CIDI shall establish the rules governing its financing mechanisms and shall receive from member states pledges of voluntary contributions to FEMCIDI, with indication, if appropriate, of the respective sub-accounts;

In the specialized or sectoral meetings, CIDI may formulate proposals for encouraging and facilitating contributions of financial, technical, and other resources from public and private institutions of the member states and permanent observer states, as well as from international organizations, to support the development of inter-American programs belonging to their respective sectors;

Shall evaluate the program-budget guidelines that it has established.

#### Article 32. Report of CEPCIDI on the Draft Program-Budget

CEPCIDI shall submit a report to CIDI on the draft program-budget on inter-American cooperation with its necessary recommendations.

#### Article 33. Financing of the Participation of Members of CENPES

The program-budget for cooperation shall include the necessary provisions to contribute, when required, to covering the cost of participation by the members of the Nonpermanent Specialized Committees in the meetings that are held.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### Article 34. Rules of Procedure of CIDI and Its Bodies

CIDI shall adopt its own rules of procedure, those of its Inter-American Committees, and those of the other subsidiary bodies and agencies.

#### Article 35. Amendments to the Statutes

CIDI shall propose any amendments it considers appropriate to the General Assembly. Any amendment to these Statutes shall be approved by the General Assembly.

#### Article 36. Special Committee on Trade

The Special Committee on Trade (CEC) shall be incorporated in the framework of CIDI as a Special Committee, whose mandate, membership and structure shall be determined by the instruments that govern it.