













CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT IN CUBA

Havana, 16-17 May 2024

AGENDA

DAY1		
SCHEDULE	SESSIONS	
9:00 am - 9:30 am	 Opening. Welcome, introduction and expectations. Joaquín Alonso, minister of Economy and Planning (MEP). Michelle Muschett, regional director UNDP. Jaime Díaz Palacios, executive vice president of CABEI. Isabel Brilhante, ambassador of the European Union. 	
9:30 am - 10:30 am	 Session 1. The role of finance in accelerating the 2030 Agenda. Speakers: Antonio Romero, professor, University of Havana (moderator). Francisco Pichón, RC UN Cuba. Luciana Aguiar, UNDP Sustainable Financing Hub. Manuel Torres, sovereign public sector manager CABEI. Aim: address key global trends in financing for development through three main themes: the growing role of IFIs, the vision for financing the 2030 Agenda from a UN perspective, and the offering of the UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub. 	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Group photo & Networking - coffee break	
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	 Session 2. Cuban Integrated Financing Framework for the SDGs (CIFFRA). Speakers: Ramón Padilla, ECLAC (moderator). Susset Rosales, MEP. Ian Pedro Carbonell, BCC. Cristina Ramos, MINCEX. Alm: present the main results of the CIFFRA Joint Programme, implemented jointly by the Cuban authorities and UN agencies. The country's financial outlook and the main policy recommendations of this programme will be discussed. 	















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Lunch

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Session 3. Experiences and opportunities in financing for development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Speakers:

- Ivan Zverzhanovski, deputy resident representative UNDP (moderator).
- Alejandra Claros, CAF secretary general.
- Jaime Díaz Palacios, executive vice president of CABEI.
- TBC, representative AFD.
- Tatsuya Ashida, resident representative JICA Cuba.

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3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Networking - coffee break

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Session 4. Experience with national development banks in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Speakers:

- Gerd Weißbach, German Sparkassenstiftung (moderator).
- Adama Mariko, secretary-general of Finance in Common (video presentation).
- Osvaldo Fuentes, advisor to the minister-president of BCC.
- Bishelly Elías, head of development and sustainability projects at Bolivian Productive Development Bank (BDP).
- Luis Fernando Murillo, agency head of the Honduran Bank for Production and Housing (BANHPROVI).

Notes: discuss relevant aspects of the design, operation, constitution, support to strategic actors and channeling of external financing by national development banks in the region, as key inputs for the implementation of a development bank in Cuba.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Welcome Cocktail















DAY 2		
SCHEDULE	SESSIONS	
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session 5. Cuba: first steps with the International Financial Institutions (IFIs).	
	Speakers:	
	Jessica Leon, UNDP Cuba (moderator).	
	Manuel Torres, sovereign public sector manager CABEI.	
	Jean-Marc Liger, director of AFD in Cuba.	
	Yamile Berra, first vice-president of the BCC.	
	Mayda Mauri Pérez, president of BIOCUBAFARMA.	
	Notes: present the operational experience of IFIs in Cuba: thematic portfolio, implementation modalities, policies and procedures, specific risk mitigation measures. The focus will be on the experience of PROBIOCUBA, given its strategic relevance.	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Networking - coffee break	
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Session 6. Innovative solutions for financing at scale.	
	Speakers:	
	Yaima Doimeadios, economist RCO UN Cuba (moderador).	
	Paulo Barbieri, SFH UNDP.	
	Pedro Campos, head of EU cooperation (moderator).	
	 Santiago Quiñones, Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia (APC). 	
	TBC, representative AFD.	
	TBC, representative Meliá Hotels International.	
	Notes: present innovative alternative solutions (blended finance, project finance, public-private partnerships, thematic debt) to increase and diversify sources of development finance by mobilizing private capital.	
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Almuerzo	
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Session 7. Cuba: alternatives for financing the energy transition.	
	Speakers:	
	Elaine Moreno, director at the Ministry of Energy and Mines (MINEM) (moderator).	
	Carlos Salgado, UNDP regional energy expert.	















	TBC, representative - national export company.
	Alfonso Naranjo, general manager of Alto Cedro (financial institution).
	Fernando Branger, senior executive in infrastructure and digital transformation - CAF.
	Pedro Campos, head of EU cooperation (moderator).
	Notes: discuss the challenges and opportunities Cuba faces in its energy transition. Case studies from Cuba and other countries on innovative financing schemes for energy transition will be presented and discussed.
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Networking - coffee break
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Session 8. Cuba: Opportunities for green finance.
	Speakers:
	Ulises Fernández, director of international relations, CITMA (moderator).
	Maritza Martínez, advisor to the minister-president of BCC.
	Lyes Ferroukhi, regional NCE portfolio leader, UNDP.
	Mabel Gonzalez Pacheco, regional coordinator UNEP FI.
	Carlos Ludena, consultant IPC.
	Notes: present international experiences and practices in green finance, including green banking, green/blue bonds, removal of harmful subsidies and the bioeconomy. Engage in constructive dialogue to identify opportunities and challenges for implementing and adapting these solutions in the Cuban context.
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing remarks
	Juana Lilia Delgado, minister - president of the Central Bank.
	Fernando Hiraldo, resident representative UNDP.