



UITNODIGING

Van 2-4 oktober 2013, wordt de Zevende Americas Competitiveness Forum (VII ACF), in Panama City, Panama, gehouden. Het centraal thema is infrastructuur en technologie. De VII ACF wordt georganiseerd door RIAC (Red Inter Americana de Competitividad), de Inter American Competitiveness Network. Landen van Zuid-, Midden- en Noord Amerika en het Caraïbisch gebied maken deel uit van dit regionaal netwerk, dat in 2007 is gestart. Vermeldenswaard is dat de ACF steeds meer 1.000 participanten aantrekt. Het doel van dit regionaal netwerk is "Competitiveness, Productiviteit en Innovatie zowel op nationaal als regionaal nivo vergroot, t.b.v. een hogere levensstandaard voor de inwoners".

Hierbij worden academici, onderzoekers, vrouwen en business leaders uitgenodigd mee te dingen om als inleider aanwezig te zijn op de VII ACF. Daarbij zullen geselecteerde inzenders hun kennis en praktijk ervaring kunnen delen met deelnemers uit de Amerika's en het Caraïbisch gebied, in het bijzonder op het gebied van infrastructuur en technologie of t.a.v. een andere thema uit de tien competitivens principes in de Consensus of Santo Domingo

De selectie van de inzendingen zal geschieden door RIAC.

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Voor meer info over de Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF), de Consensus of Santo Domingo en "EXPERIENCES" in "Signs of competitiveness in the Americas (Suriname op de pagina's 76 en 77)", verwijzen wij naar de bijlagen en www.surinamecompete.org. Voor nadere info: 07202032.

10 principles to advance toward a more competitive and prosperous region, conform de Consensus of Santo Domingo, October 5, 2011.

1. **Promote high-quality, pertinent and timely education** as a key element to enhance the competitiveness, good values and attitudes, and the development of our countries.
2. Foster the establishment of **effective institutions responsible for promoting competitiveness** with direct private sector involvement and other relevant actors, including existing entities, and **Public-Private Partnerships** to address short and long-term competitiveness issues.
3. Promote a **simpler, more stable and efficient institutional and regulatory framework** for business and investment, by increasing transparency in government, the rule of law, promoting competition in our markets, and ethical conduct in the interactions between the public and private sector



4. Prioritize the development of **human capital** and promote continuous **on-the-job training** and the **acquisition of new competencies** to develop world-class skills for the human capital and productivity of our countries.
5. Foster the development of a **modern, efficient, well-maintained infrastructure –between and within countries-** and foster the rapid adoption of new technologies by economies, including **information technology and communications (ITCs)**.
6. Position **innovation** and high impact **entrepreneurship** as a determining factor for competitiveness, through greater public and private investment in research and development (R&D), the interaction with academia, and the adoption of innovation-enabling policies and strategies, including the protections of the rights of intellectual property holders in the framework of our development policies.
7. Improve **access to capital** for economic actors, especially MSMEs and entrepreneurs, and promote public-private mechanisms to increase **financial inclusion**.
8. Foster equity, inclusion, **social entrepreneurship**, the adoption and application of **corporate social responsibility principles**, sustainability, shared value and **gender equity** as fundamental elements to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of our region.
9. Promote **trade and integration**, trade liberalization, to diversify our economies with high value-added and quality products and services, fostering the internationalization and participation in global value chains, and, improve the **competitiveness and productivity of industry, giving special priority to our MSMEs**.
10. Promote **energy efficiency and development** in the context of our efforts to foster environmental, social and economic sustainability, including the vision to become low carbon economies.

Note: The delegation of Ecuador would like to reserve the right to adhere to the “Consensus of Santo Domingo” upon consulting with its competent national authorities.