



SECTORIAL AND TERRITORIAL LATIN-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT:

Knowledge, Innovation, Technology and Impact Financing

INVITATION

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the **Forty-fourth Regular Meeting** of the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions Annual General Assembly – ALIDE 44, that will take place at Cartagena de Indias Convention Meetings Center, Cartagena, Colombia, on Thursday, May 8, and Friday May 9, 2014, organized by Financiera del Desarrollo – Findeter together with our member organizations in Colombia.

On this occasion, the core topic at ALIDE 44 will be “**Sectorial and Territorial Latin-American Development: knowledge, innovation, technology and financing impact**”. In order to analyze current and new approaches to promotion and sustainable development of productive and social sectors and their impact financing, together with the projections of our cities and urban and rural areas. To this end, three main aspects will be addressed: 1) knowledge and innovation as the basis of development banking; ii) sustainable sectorial policies and practices; and iii) challenges and opportunities of the development banking as integrator between the rural and the urban spaces. Additionally, as a special topic we will exchange experiences in the implementation of core banking platforms, a critical aspect in development banking management. To see the list of topics and the meeting program, please enter the following site: *ALIDE 44*.

In the **Institutional Issues Session**, the representatives of ALIDE member institutions will make a declaration on the Association's institutional issues, such as the 2013 Annual Report and Accounts, the Working Program for the 2014-2015 period, the Budget for 2014 and the venue for the next General Assembly. During this session the Board of Directors who will conduct the Association during the 2014-2016 will be elected, and the **2014 ALIDE Awards** for good practices in development banking will be delivered.

Additionally, during ALIDE 44 the **Technical Committees** on Rural and Urban SME financing, business and investments, infrastructure financing, environmental and climatic financing, will meet to examine currently relevant aspects regarding finance and promotion of these economic sectors.

As customary, the participants will have a **Bilateral Interviews** service at their disposal to support business management and cooperation among financial institutions. Several social activities are also being organized to meet in a friendly atmosphere and with a special program for persons accompanying the participants, who will enjoy Cartagena's many attractions.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation, together with other directors of your institution at your earliest convenience and not later than April 8, completing the Registration Form available at our site. For further information, please contact Marlene Zamora, Head of ALIDE Conference Unit, e-mail: mzamora@alide.org, telephone: (51-1) 442-2400 ext. 216.

Looking forward to your participation at ALIDE 44 and to welcoming you at Cartagena, I remain, cordially,

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