

February 28th, 2023

INVITATION

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the **2023 Annual Meeting of ALIDE**, to be held in **San Pedro Sula, Honduras** from **Wednesday, May 31 to Friday, June 2, 2023**. This invitation is being extended by our member institution, **Banhprovi**, under the sponsorship of the Government of Honduras. Banhprovi has set up a National Liaison Committee (C.N.E) to organize the Meeting, consisting, as well, of Banco Nacional de Desarrollo Agrícola (BANADESA), the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) and the Central Bank of Honduras. San Pedro Sula is one of the largest cities of Central America and is known as the industrial capital of Honduras, where the headquarters of the country's most important industrial firms are located.

Global events of recent years –COVID, the emergence of vulnerabilities in food, health and energy systems, as well as the effects of climatic and geopolitical events– are producing a change in State positions insofar as governmental action to strengthen economic competitiveness, create new industries, or bring about the establishment of companies in key sectors are concerned, either for business, national security, public health or environmental reasons.

In that context, ***“Developing the intrinsic potential of Latin America and the Caribbean before the world: role and challenges of the development banking system”***, will be the **key topic** to be addressed in the presentations of key members of the international and Latin American financial communities, in exploring LAC's potential for establishing international economic relations with the various different regions of the world and for attracting world class investments and enterprises by mobilizing their own domestic capacities and the capital of foreign citizens. In this connection, the role of public policy and the actions of development banks in a more diversified world with greater State participation in boosting economic development with the involvement of the private sector will be discussed, as seen in different countries, particularly the principal developed economies, with a view to reducing their vulnerabilities and dependency on others. You will find the **concept note** of the meeting attached hereto.

At the **Session on Institutional Matters**, representatives of ALIDE's member institutions will express their views about issues inherent to the Association, such as the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year 2022; the 2023-2024 Work Program and the Budget for 2023; and the venue for the next Meeting of the General Assembly. The Executive Committee for 2023-2025 will also be elected, the winners of the 2023 ALIDE Awards for the best development banking practices will be announced and the Bank of the Year will be recognized.

Special presentations, panels and workshops will be held during the ALIDE General Assembly to look into matters of current interest concerning the functions of development banks, such as: Sustainable food systems and the financial inclusion of small-holder farming; financial and technological incentives for altering the trend in family remittances from consumption to production purposes; The green bond market: an opportunity for fund-raising; and gender equity finance, among other topics. A special session will be devoted to discussing aspects of special interest of the Central American integration and development process and its financing.

Participants will have access to a **Bilateral Meetings** service that will arrange for meetings with high-level executives of Latin American and multilateral banks and of European, Asian and other institutions attending ALIDE's General Assembly, to support the promotion of financial, business and cooperative relations, as well as social and cultural events that will give you an opportunity to gather together in a friendly environment.

In order to complement your stay with tourist activities, pre- and post-conference packages will be offered to the country's important **tourist attractions**, like La Ceiba, the Mayan archeological areas of Copán and the Caribbean beaches of Roatán and Tela.

San Pedro Sula has the country's most heavily trafficked airport, the **Ramón Villeda Morales International Airport** located only 15 km east of the city. CM AIRLINES, Aeroméxico, COPA, United Airlines, Delta Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Tropic Air, Sosa, Easy Sky, AeroCaribbean, Avianca, American Airlines and Air Europa offer regularly scheduled flights to and from multiple national and international destinations to San Pedro Sula: Madrid, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, New York, Havana, Mexico City, San Salvador, Panama City, Belize and Guatemala City. Domestic flights are also available between San Pedro Sula and Roatán, La Ceiba, Utila, Guanaja and Tegucigalpa.

We will be following up this invitation shortly with a link to the **Assembly website**, where you will be able to register online and access the program and all of the information about ALIDE - Honduras 2023. Do not hesitate to communicate with Marlene Zamora, ALIDE General Secretariat, Head of the Conference Unit, at mzamora@alide.org if you have any questions or doubts.

In the expectation of being able to greet you shortly in San Pedro Sula, we remain, cordially yours,

Edwin Araque
Executive President
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Secretary General
ALIDE

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