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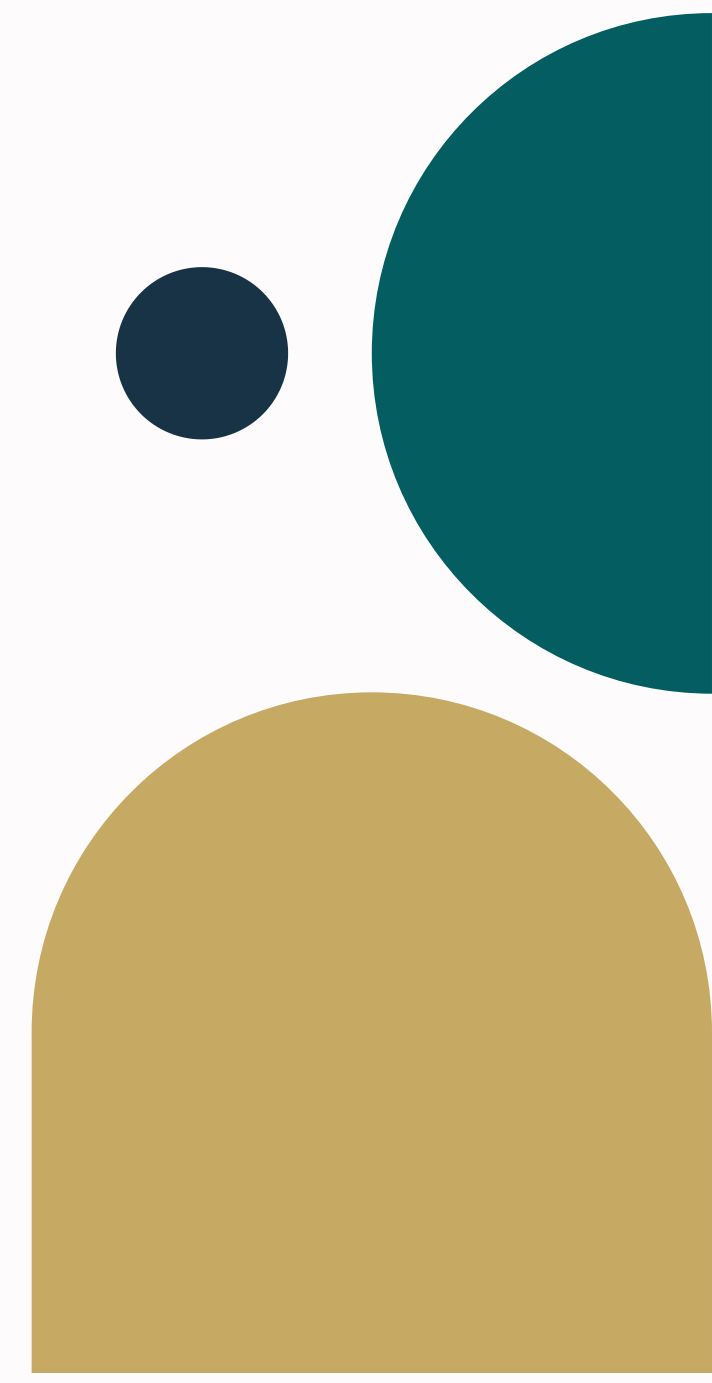
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The Fifty-Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the ALIDE General Assembly, convened in accordance with its Statutes, was held from May 20–22, 2026, at the Gran Bourbon Hotel in Asunción, Paraguay.

It was organized by ALIDE and the Banco Nacional de Fomento (BNF), with the sponsorship of Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); S&P Global Market Intelligence; AgriPDB Platform and IICA.

Key Topic and Program

The key topic “**Innovate, Invest, Include: Development banking driving inclusive and transformative growth in the new global economic scenario**” was analyzed around three major pillars.

[See the final program](#)

1 Attracting, mobilizing and scaling up productive investments for development with job creation

2 From innovation and technological adoption to impact: fostering high productivity entrepreneurship

3 Strategic infrastructure resilient to climate change to mobilize investment and promote social inclusion



Participants

264

representatives of banks, development finance institutions, and international organizations

18

countries in Latin America and the Caribbean: Netherlands Antilles, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Suriname, and Uruguay

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countries outside the region: Germany, Spain, the United States, India, Israel, Italy, the United Kingdom, Russia, and Thailand

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international organizations: Afreximbank, AFD, ALIDE, IDB, World Bank, CAF, ECLAC, FEDES/AECID; FONPLATA, GGGI, GCF, GIZ, IFAD; IFC, IICA, MIGA, United Nations, NDC, UNDP, REGAR, EU

[See the participant list](#)

Meeting of ALIDE National Coordinators

The ALIDE National Coordinators' Meeting, held on May 19 in Asunción, was chaired by César Augusto Vargas Mora, general manager of the National Development Bank (BNF). Representatives from 12 countries, international organizations, and the General Secretariat participated, and it was emphasized that the main challenge is not only financing but also the ability to structure sustainable projects, along with the need to strengthen territorial and financial inclusion.

It was emphasized that development banks should be evaluated based on their impact and additionality, rather than on the volume of loans. Their role should focus on mobilizing capital, reducing risks, driving innovation, and closing gaps. In addition, ALIDE's 2026–2027 Work Program was presented, along with progress in training, digitalization, and the international agenda.

Finally, it was suggested that development banks should evolve into a platform for productive transformation and inclusion. Recommendations included strengthening capacities, diversifying financial instruments—especially for MSMEs—and coordinating with national policies, while promoting territorial inclusion and the use of digital tools to improve project management.



President of the Assembly

Mr. Manuel Ochipintti, President of the Banco Nacional de Fomento (BNF), was elected President of the 56th Regular Session of the ALIDE General Assembly.

Development banks are not a last resort; we are the first to be called upon to channel resources to areas where the market would arrive too late—or not at all...not just to lend, but to build value chains that will last for generations.



Opening Session



Sr. Oscar Lovera
Minister of Economy and
Finance of Paraguay

The opening ceremony featured speeches by Paraguay’s Minister of Economy and Finance, Mr. Óscar Lovera; the President of ALIDE, Mr. Juan Cuattromo; and the President of the BNF, Mr. Manuel Ochipintti; as well as keynote presentations by the President of the Central Bank of Paraguay, Mr. Carlos Carvallo; and Mr. Carlos Fernández Valdovinos, who holds a Ph.D. in Economics and a Master’s degree in Economic Policy and International Finance.

Minister Lovera emphasized that economic growth only makes sense if it translates into concrete improvements for the population, stressing that “economic growth alone does not guarantee the well-being of the population; it must translate into employment, productivity, inclusion, and social mobility.” In this vein, he emphasized the need for financing to effectively reach productive sectors, especially micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, as well as areas with limited access.

He also highlighted the strategic role of development banks, noting that they “not only mobilize resources, but also coordinate solutions and channel financing toward strategic sectors.”

Finally, he summarized this vision in an agenda focused on innovation, investment, and inclusion, as fundamental pillars for closing structural gaps and promoting more equitable economic development.

Opening Presentations

Carlos Carvalho, president of the Central Bank of Paraguay, noted that the recent international economic landscape is marked by increased uncertainty and inflationary pressures linked to geopolitical tensions and rising commodity prices.

In this context, he noted that “the global growth forecast for 2026 was revised slightly downward following the escalation of geopolitical tensions,” reflecting a less favorable external environment for emerging economies. In response, he underscored the importance of a credible and effective monetary policy, noting that “credibility in monetary policy was key to the rapid convergence of inflation toward the new target.”

He also emphasized that the Central Bank has strengthened its commitment to price stability by lowering its inflation target to 3.5%, which helps anchor expectations and sustain confidence in the economy. Finally, he highlighted the role of the financial system and the progress made in digital payment methods, noting that these developments have helped promote financial inclusion and foster a more dynamic and resilient economic environment.



Opening Presentations

In his remarks, Carlos Fernández Valdovinos analyzed the challenges facing Latin America in a global environment marked by high volatility and uncertainty, noting that this context acts as a structural brake on economic growth.

In particular, he noted that “economic uncertainty is a barrier to growth,” as it directly affects investment, consumption, and financial decisions. He also explained that this impact manifests itself through various channels, such as a freeze on investment, a decline in consumption, and increased financial volatility.

In this context, he stressed that current uncertainty remains high and has “exceeded its historical average levels,” which could have lasting effects on growth in the coming years. Given this scenario, he emphasized the need for prudent and well-designed economic policies, as well as the strengthening of central banks’ credibility, given that “the credibility of central banks will be crucial” to containing inflationary pressures and sustaining macroeconomic stability.



Plenary Sessions

- **Attracting, mobilizing and scaling up productive investments for development with job creation**
Discussed how to attract and channel investment toward sectors with higher productivity, emphasizing the need to improve institutional conditions and utilize innovative financial instruments to attract private capital and create jobs.
- **From innovation and technological adoption to impact: fostering high productivity entrepreneurship**
Discussed the promotion of innovation and technology-based startups as drivers of productivity, highlighting the role of development banks in financing innovation ecosystems and fostering technology adoption through an inclusive approach.
- **Strategic infrastructure resilient to climate change to mobilize investment and promote social inclusion**
Emphasized the importance of funding climate-resilient infrastructure to strengthen competitiveness and regional inclusion, while promoting public-private partnerships and long-term financing mechanisms.

Panels, Presentations, and Side Events

During the Assembly, a wide-ranging side program was held, featuring **panels, conferences, and presentations** that enriched the discussion on various topics of interest to development banks, such as sustainable investment with climate inclusion; local capital markets and local-currency financing; the World Bank Group's guarantee platform; the regulatory triad; innovations and initiatives by Caribbean institutions; and governance and ethical aspects of AI, among others.

In this context, ALIDE, in its role of promoting the exchange of experiences and best practices, considered it important to highlight the session dedicated to the **"Che Róga Porã – Mi Casa Bonita" program**, which aims to facilitate access to first-time homeownership. The session featured the participation of the Minister of Urban Planning, Housing, and Habitat, as well as BNF and AFD in Paraguay, who presented this initiative as a model of coordination between public policy and financing to expand access to housing solutions with a social impact.

The **8 side events** held during the Assembly addressed key issues for the evolution of development banking, including credit risk management, gender-sensitive financial inclusion, and the mobilization of sustainable financing. Participants also discussed innovations in climate finance, thematic bonds, agri-food systems, impact measurement, and technological sovereignty, highlighting their contribution to productive transformation and regional sustainability.



Session on Institutional Matters



The Session on Institutional Matters of the 56th General Assembly Meeting was held on Friday, May 22, chaired by Mr. Juan Cuattromo, President of ALIDE. The General Assembly adopted the following resolutions:

- a) It approved [ALIDE's Annual Report](#) and [Financial Statements for the 2025](#) fiscal year.

- b) It approved the admission of the following institutions as members of ALIDE:
 - Banco Nacional de Panama (Banconal), as an Active member
 - Consejo Federal de Inversiones (CFI), Argentina, as an Active member

- c) It approved the ALIDE [Work Program for 2026–2027](#) and the [budget](#) for fiscal year 2026.

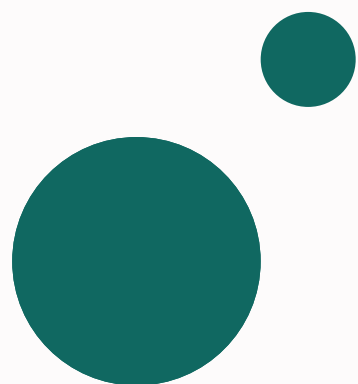




d) Acknowledged the Association's gratitude to its member institutions, international organizations, cooperation agencies, and national entities that provided their support and collaboration in the development of ALIDE's programs and activities during 2025.

e) Mr. Edgardo Alvarez was unanimously appointed Secretary-General for the 2026–2031 term.

f) Venue of the 57th General Assembly Meeting. It was agreed to hold the 57th Regular Meeting of the General Assembly (ALIDE 57) in [Belize](#), in accordance with the invitation extended by the Development Finance Corporation (DFC).







ALIDE Awards 2026



During the General Assembly, the “**Best Practices in Development Banking**” awards and the **Bank of the Year 2026** were presented. These awards identify and recognize the best innovations in banking products and services in the region and beyond LAC, with the aim of acknowledging and highlighting the work that institutions do in support of economic, social, and climate development.

The following programs/products were honored at this year's event:



Category: Financial Products

"Bursatilización de Cartera con Garantía de Pago Oportuno (GPO)"



"Blooming Roots"



Category: Management and Technological Modernization

"Interconexión BNF-SUACE"



"Banobras Hoy"



Category: Information, Technical Assistance, and Social Responsibility

“Programa de Educación Financiera”



Caja de Ahorros

Category: ALIDE Green

“Ecoeficiencia BDP”



“BNDES Florestas”



Category: Support for Women Entrepreneurs

“Amazônia Pra Elas”



Category: Regional and Non-Regional Banks

*“Mecanismo de Análisis y Dictamen de
Desarrollo Sostenible (ADDS)”*



In addition, the **2026 Bank of the Year** award was presented, recognizing the development finance institution that performed best during the previous year and taking into account its track record in supporting its country's development.

Bank of the Year:



The National Bank of Costa Rica was recognized for its **financial strength**—with more than US\$17 billion in assets—and its **significant impact on development**, particularly its support for thousands of MSMEs and its service to more than 2.6 million customers. Its **leadership in digital transformation**—with 88% of transactions conducted through digital channels—and its **commitment to inclusion and sustainability** position it as a modern institution and a regional leader.





Asuncion Declaration

The Asunción Declaration was read by the Secretary General of ALIDE, Mr. Edgardo Alvarez; the text is available at the [following link](#).

This Declaration summarizes the main priorities of development banking in an uncertain and challenging global context:

- It reaffirms its role as a driver of stability and economic transformation.
- It promotes productive investment, innovation, and digitalization.
- It promotes financial and social inclusion, particularly for MSMEs and vulnerable populations.
- It reinforces the commitment to sustainability and climate finance.
- It highlights regional cooperation and the measurement of development impact.

Overall, the Asunción Declaration affirms the strategic role of development banks as key players in addressing the region's challenges by promoting an agenda focused on investment, inclusion, and sustainability. Its implementation will pave the way for more resilient, competitive, and inclusive economies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Closing Session

The closing remarks were delivered by the president of ALIDE, Mr. Juan Cuattromo, and the president of the Assembly, Mr. Manuel Ochipintti.

The president of ALIDE highlighted that public development banks are key players in addressing Latin America's challenges amid a global climate of uncertainty. He noted the persistent gaps in productivity, social inclusion, and sustainability, and emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperation and strategic financing. Under the approach of innovating, investing, and including, he underscored the need to boost investment, promote innovation, and develop resilient infrastructure to achieve more inclusive and sustainable growth, urging participants to apply the agreements reached as a guide for regional development.

For his part, Mr. Ochipintti expressed his gratitude to the BNF and ALIDE teams for organizing the event, as well as to all participants for attending the meeting. Finally, he declared the 56th ALIDE General Assembly closed.

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Bilaterals meetings

As part of the Assembly, a bilateral meeting service was provided to facilitate networking among participants. A total of 128 meetings were held, involving nearly 51 financial institutions.

Conclusions and recommendations

To view the conclusions and recommendations of the 56th General Assembly, [click here](#).

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