

## RESEARCH NETWORK

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Executor:</b>	The Bank	
<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	Research institutes in borrowing member countries of the Bank selected through competitive bidding as part of this operation	
<b>Financing:</b>	IDB: (FSO)	US\$1.5 million
	Local contribution:	US\$0.5 million
	Total:	US\$2.0 million
<b>Terms:</b>	Execution period:	30 months
	Disbursement period	36 months
<b>Objectives:</b>	The general objective of this new round of the Research Network is to continue to strengthen research capacity in the region, in order to generate lessons learned on policies that serve the economic, social, and institutional reform agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean.	
<b>Description:</b>	Through competitive bidding, regional research centers will be granted nonreimbursable financing to conduct studies and analysis of topics pre-determined by the Bank.	

The topics to be researched under the proposed operation are competitiveness in Latin America and the decisive factors involved, competitiveness being understood to mean a capacity for growth on a stable and economically, socially, and politically sustainable basis in the context of international economic integration. The objective of the operation is to generate recommendations on economic and social policies that will help reap the benefits of the competitiveness of the region and mitigate the risks of the globalization process through studies on the following topics: (a) the impact of globalization on the scope of the structural change Latin America has undergone in the last decade in production, employment, consumption, investment, financing, corporate structure, and the environment, among other areas; (b) new channels of volatility, contagion, and economic turbulence; (c) the impact of globalization on the political economy of the countries and public policy; and (d) the effects of globalization on the social fabric and the impact of changes in demographics and education on the economic structure and integration into the world economy.

The Bank will predetermine the length of the study on each topic, based on the nature of the topic, the research design, and data availability. The Bank will closely monitor the progress of the research and will ensure wide dissemination of the findings through such activities as organizing national seminars to discuss the policy lessons of the studies with the country authorities.

Technical responsibility for executing the operation will lie with the Research Department (RES) and basic responsibility, with the Integration and Regional Programs Department, Regional Technical Cooperation Division (INT/RTC).

**Environmental  
and social  
review:**

No comments or recommendations were made during the social and environmental review of the proposed project.

**Benefits:**

The Research Network has helped to: (i) consolidate and develop lines of research that influence the formulation of public policy, for which there is very little financing despite its extreme importance to the countries; (ii) establish a network of researchers, whose exchanges have extended beyond the specific projects in the Research Network; (iii) improve the quality of research conducted in the region, through advisory services provided by academic experts; and (iv) recruit and strengthen local research teams that are highly qualified in economics.

This new phase of the Network will continue to provide the governments of the borrowing member countries with a set of analytical studies that will serve as the basis for determining effective policy and program options to address the most pressing social and economic problems in the region.

**Risks:**

In light of the tangible benefits already obtained from the second Regional Research Network project, substantial benefits are expected for the countries in the region. Based on the experience gained and the benefits from the second phase, no significant risks are anticipated.

**Special  
contractual  
clauses:**

None.

## **I. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 At its April 19, 1995, meeting, the Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved technical cooperation funding for the second phase of the Regional Research Network project, in the amount of US\$7.7 million (ATN/SF-4875-RG), to continue to strengthen research capacity and development policy formulation in Latin America. Since its inception in 1990 (regional technical-cooperation project ATN/SF-3578-RG, for US\$5.5 million) the Network has granted nonreimbursable financing to national research centers selected through competitive bidding to conduct studies on development issues. The Network is a mechanism for financing research in Latin America that is widely recognized in the region for its significant contribution to strengthening research capacity on major issues for the economic, social, and institutional reform agenda.
- 1.2 The second phase of the Regional Research Network project met the proposed objectives. The recommendations stemming from the evaluation component in the first phase were incorporated into its implementation. The second phase did not have an evaluation component per se. However, the Research Department (RES) conducted a series of activities to incorporate the best practices learned from its execution into the design of future phases. The second stage was evaluated based on an in-house exercise conducted by the Research Department and questionnaires sent to participating institutions. Annex II summarizes the recommendations from the Research Department's evaluation.
- 1.3 Twenty-three topics have been researched in areas that include macroeconomics and finance, the organization of social services, poverty and income distribution, modernization of the State and economic management, operation of financial systems, and operation of the labor market. In all, 130 national studies were funded. Annex III presents a brief description of the topics studied and a list of participating institutions.
- 1.4 In keeping with the guidelines established in the plan of operations, most of the topics were researched using a country case-study approach and a common methodology. Upon completion of the studies, reports were prepared outlining the comparative policy lessons learned in the case studies. In some projects, the topics included a comparative analysis of countries at the international level, which allowed lessons to be learned that transcend the sample from the countries studied. Only in researching one topic (adolescents and youth in Latin America) did the institutions have the flexibility to deviate from the case studies; using data from household surveys from 19 countries, standardized by the Bank, each institution examined a different topic, ranging from first experiences in the labor market to parenthood among adolescents.
- 1.5 Academic experts were hired for each topic, so as to include the most up-to-date knowledge when preparing the terms of reference and for transferring technology to the research institutes. The experts supported the Research Department in drafting

the terms of reference for the studies, coordinating the national studies, and preparing reports and comparative country analyses.

- 1.6 The institutions were selected through competitive bidding. For each call for proposals, roughly 50 research centers in the region submitted research proposals. A committee of Bank evaluators and academic experts was set up for each research topic. The committee selected the institutions that submitted the best national research proposals.
- 1.7 Two seminars were organized for each research topic: an initial seminar and one to discuss the reports from the national studies. Both proved very important to the success of the research. The initial seminar allowed for more in-depth discussion of the work plan for the research and the sharing of a basic methodology and theoretical framework for executing the studies. The discussion seminar provided feedback and discussed the findings of each study with the coordinators and participants.
- 1.8 The objective of each phase of the research was quality. Working papers were published based on their quality. This emphasis on quality led to a relative concentration of institutions, researchers, and countries studied and consequently a relatively low level of participation by less-developed countries. The quality vs. institutional strengthening trade-off was addressed in part through an agreement entered into with the World Bank, allowing funding for the additional participation of one institute from those countries in each of the Network's projects that began in 1998 and 1999. Seven such studies have been financed with World Bank support.
- 1.9 The Network has been restricted from financing the incorporation of nonregional studies. To enrich the lessons learned through comparative analysis, the Research Department entered into institutional agreements (for example, with the OECD), allowing for eight studies to be funded in European countries on the topics being examined by research centers in the region (see Annex III).
- 1.10 The national and comparative studies were published as working papers in the Research Network Working Paper Series. They were also published as chapters of a book containing the lessons learned from the comparative study on each topic researched. By the end of 1999, 11 books will have been published in English and Spanish, and in the year 2000, the remaining books will be completed.
- 1.11 The studies covered a wide range of topics, researched with different levels of technical complexity. As a result, for each topic the Research Department evaluated the most appropriate publication format for the target audience. It was decided that not all the studies warranted publication as books that included the full text of the national documents and the comparative analysis. For example, documents on institutional reforms were summarized as a monograph; this was also the case for a study on the autonomy of government institutions. Likewise, some of the books

have a limited target audience in academia and therefore have not been distributed through a commercial publisher. The Research Department, in consultation with the IDB Publications section, decided to publish those books independently and market them over the Internet (using the IDB web page and Amazon.com), at seminars and events, and through the authors' contacts. Other books suitable for marketing to a wider audience were distributed by commercial publishing houses. For example, the study on exchange rate policy (a topic currently of great interest to the international community) will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press, as will a study on willingness to pay in financial markets, which takes a global approach and can therefore be targeted at a wider audience than just Latin Americanists. Furthermore, the University of Chicago Press has expressed interest in publishing the study on labor market regulation and employment, particularly since Jim Heckman, a professor at the University of Chicago, is the external project coordinator. For books in Spanish, the Research Department has made an effort to identify publishing houses with a wide presence in Latin America. For example, the Spanish version of the study on the assets and resources of the poor population is being published by Trimestre Económico in Mexico, and the study on the scope and costs of violence is being presented to McGraw-Hill Interamericana in Caracas, Venezuela. Colombian publishing house Tercer Mundo is also interested in publishing Research Network studies.

- 1.12 The studies were widely disseminated. All the working papers and books published to date have been sent to the governments of the countries, libraries, and all institutions in the Network. The specific studies were discussed with national authorities through policy-dialogue activities. A web page was set up on the Internet containing all the information on the studies and the institutions (<http://www.iadb.org/oce/41.htm>, password: lared). The working papers were also distributed through other networks, such as the Social Science Research Network, Econlit, and the International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG). The best country studies were presented at special sessions of the annual meetings of the Latin American chapter of the Econometrics Society and of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).
- 1.13 The participating institutions also disseminated the national studies as chapters in books, working papers, or by organizing discussions with government authorities and private-sector representatives. In some cases, the recommendations translated into specific public projects or policies. For example, the study on violence in Brazil is the first systematic effort to measure the costs of violence in Rio de Janeiro and design an information system and strategies for action to forge public policy for preventing and controlling violence in Brazil.
- 1.14 In short, after eight years of supporting research on topics of priority to Latin American development, it can be concluded that the Research Network is recognized internationally for its ability to mobilize the best academic talent in the region and promote regular contact with experts in other regions of the world. The

Research Network has helped the Bank to play an important role in gathering, examining, processing, and organizing regional thought on current development issues for the member countries. Bearing in mind the positive experience in the first two phases of the Network, it is proposed that the Bank continue to regularly support this mechanism.

## **II. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION**

### **A. Objective**

- 2.1 The general objective of this round of the Research Network is to continue to strengthen research capacity in the region, in order to learn policy lessons that serve the economic, social, and institutional reform agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 2.2 The topics to be researched under the proposed operation are competitiveness in Latin America and the decisive factors involved, competitiveness being understood to mean a capacity for growth on a stable and economically, socially, and politically sustainable basis in the context of international economic integration. The objective of the operation is to generate recommendations on economic and social policies that will help reap the benefits of the competitiveness of the region and mitigate the risks of the globalization process through studies on the following topics:
  - a. the impact of globalization on the scope of the structural change Latin America has undergone in the last decade in production, employment, consumption, investment, financing, corporate structure, and the environment, among other areas;
  - b. new channels of volatility, contagion, and economic turbulence;
  - c. the impact of globalization on the political economy in the countries and public policy; and
  - d. the effects of globalization on the social fabric and the impact of changes in demographics and education on the economic structure and integration into the world economy.

### **B. Activities**

- 2.3 This phase is based on the experience and success of the first phase and incorporates the experience, lessons, and recommendations from the second-round evaluation report. The general activities under the proposed project will be to:
  - a. Grant nonreimbursable financing to institutions in the region selected through competitive bidding to conduct research on globalization and structural change.

- b. Hire experts on the topics to be researched to incorporate the most current knowledge into the theoretical and methodological design of the studies, transfer knowledge to the institutions, and support institutions in the poorest countries in the region.
- c. Organize two discussion seminars for each study, one to set the working methodology and the other to discuss the findings and improve the quality of the final report.
- d. Publish national studies as working papers and produce monographs and books summarizing the conclusions and policy recommendations. Widely disseminate the research findings to the target audiences.
- e. Organize seminars annually to present the best Network research and national events to discuss the policy lessons of the studies with the country authorities.

**C. Organization and execution**

- 2.4 Nonreimbursable funding will be granted to institutions in the region to research the four areas indicated above. Financing is planned for 24 studies (six studies per topic on average), lasting up to one year. Study format will vary depending on the nature of the issue being studied, its theoretical and methodological complexity, the availability of data, and the level of existing knowledge on the topic. The following will be conducted: (i) country case studies with cross-country comparative analyses; and (ii) individual studies. The studies will last a total of 24 months from the starting date. The first 12 months will be devoted to conducting the 24 studies and the remainder to publishing and disseminating the findings.
- 2.5 The research institutes in the region will conduct the studies under Bank supervision. Technical responsibility for executing the operation will lie with the Research Department (RES) and basic responsibility with the Integration and Regional Programs Department, Regional Technical Cooperation Division (INT/RTC). The execution period for the operation will be 30 months and the disbursement period, 36 months. Below are mandatory procedures for designing the studies and selecting institutes to conduct the research, so as to monitor execution of the studies and disseminate the results.
- 2.6 The Bank will hire academic experts who will actively participate, along with Bank staff, in preparing the terms of reference for the studies, will be responsible for evaluating the research proposals submitted by the institutes, as well as the mid-term reports (if required) and final reports on the studies, participate in the initial and final seminars, and help prepare the introductory chapters and conclusions for the studies, which will be published in books and reports. Their participation will allow for the latest knowledge to be incorporated into the theoretical and

methodological design of the studies and transferred to the institutions and will support institutions in the poorest countries in the region.

- 2.7 Periodically, as the studies are being designed, the Bank will invite regional research institutes to present proposals. Those invitations will be sent to all institutes in the Network and will be posted on the Bank's web page. The Network is composed of research institutes with recognized academic experience researching development policy issues and proven administrative competence. All research institutes in the borrowing member countries are encouraged to register for inclusion on the list of participating centers (see the Research Network web page at <http://www.iadb.org/oce/41.htm>, password: lared). Inclusion in the Network is to be broad and non-exclusive, and the Bank will promote the ongoing incorporation of new institutions. Calls for proposals will include a description of the research topic, the research methodology, the proposal content expected, the timetable, the remuneration for participating institutes, and the selection criteria.
- 2.8 Institutions may present proposals individually or together with other institutions in the region. To encourage the participation of institutions in countries with lesser installed research capacity, when the nature of the project allows, they will be actively partnered with institutions with greater installed capacity. Proposals for studies concerning the impact of globalization on low-income countries in the region will be given special consideration. The Bank will allocate additional funds to cover administrative and logistical expenses incurred by the institutions that work together in this way. The Bank will include that information in the call for proposals, which will also specify that up to three institutions in lower-income countries that were not selected in the bidding process may participate in the discussion seminars if they obtain financing from sources outside the Bank.
- 2.9 The proposals presented to the Bank by participating institutions are to include: (i) a detailed description of the methodology to be employed; (ii) a description of the sources of information and data bases; (iii) the institute's experience and previous work in the respective topic; (iv) justification of the research team's ability to meet project objectives (attach the curriculum vitae of the research team); (v) the main activities for disseminating the project and the corresponding budget; (vi) a schedule of activities; and (vii) a budget for executing the studies, based on the amount of the contribution predetermined by the Bank, along with the resources the institution will invest in conducting the research.
- 2.10 Proposals presented to the Bank will be evaluated by a panel composed of Bank staff and the academic experts. The evaluation will be based on the conceptual and methodological framework, feasibility, and proven ability to research the proposed topic. Evaluators will have a maximum of one month to consider the proposals and select the best ones for each topic.

- 2.11 If the evaluators find a proposal acceptable if certain changes are made, the Bank will request that the institute responsible for the proposal make those changes. If the evaluators determine that none of the proposals has the potential to produce a study that fully meets the terms of reference established, the Bank will declare the competition null and void.
- 2.12 The Bank will notify institutes that have presented proposals in writing of the results and will post them on the Research Network web page. It will also make the selected proposals available to all institutions in the Network for a reasonable period of time.
- 2.13 The Bank will request that the institutions selected sign letters of agreement stipulating the terms of reference for each study, the responsibilities at each stage of the research, the amount of financing, and the terms for disbursement. The letters of agreement will also include a clause permitting the Bank to suspend payment if a center is unable to fulfill its contractual obligations.
- 2.14 The Bank will organize two discussion seminars for each research topic, one to determine the working methodology and the other to discuss the findings and improve the quality of the final report. The directors of the studies, the academic experts, and Bank staff will attend those seminars.

**D. Reports and additional activities**

- 2.15 The Bank will closely monitor progress and will evaluate all studies conducted under this project.
- 2.16 The institutes conducting the research may be required to submit any of the following documents to the Bank:
  - a. a corrected version of the research proposal containing the agreements reached at the initial seminar, along with an initial work plan;
  - b. a mid-term progress report containing a summary of the preliminary conclusions and a description of the problems and obstacles encountered;
  - c. a draft version of the final report to be presented at the discussion seminar; and
  - d. a final report with the requested modifications.
- 2.17 The research findings will be published when the Bank deems it appropriate, depending on the quality of the documents and the opinion of the internal and external evaluators. The Bank will conduct the following dissemination activities targeting authorities in the borrowing member countries, the regional and international academic community, and the private sector, as appropriate:

- a. Seminars to disseminate the studies will be organized in the sessions of the annual meetings of the Latin American chapter of the Econometrics Society and LACEA. The group of evaluators for each study will select the best studies (up to three) and the Bank will finance the travel expenses of the respective researchers.
  - b. Publication of the final reports approved by the Bank in the Research Network Working Paper Series. Those documents will be put on the Network's web page (with links to the institutes' web pages and the authors' e-mail addresses to promote discussion). They will also be disseminated via e-mail and electronically both to academic institutions within and outside of the region and regional government agencies, as appropriate.
  - c. Publication of the final reports as chapters of a book or incorporating certain sections into a special report on the principal findings and policy lessons. Publication of the studies will be announced through bulletins and e-mail, as they are completed.
  - d. Publication of the Policy Summaries of the national and comparative studies. These will include a project summary and the principal results. The Policy Summaries will be posted on the Network's web page and distributed by e-mail to government authorities in the countries, as appropriate.
- 2.18 The participating institutes will also be encouraged to send appropriate documents to international and regional academic journals for publication. Finally, national events to discuss the policy lessons learned with the authorities will be promoted and supported in each country studied. For that purpose, upon approval of the final report, the institutions will again present to the Bank (see paragraph 2.8) the activities planned for discussion in the countries and the corresponding budget. The Bank will evaluate the nature of the proposed activities and will contribute the amount established at the time of the call for proposals, which may not exceed 5% of the Bank's contribution for the research.
- 2.19 The policy recommendations and results that serve Bank programming and lending activities will be disseminated within the Bank to the respective departments, and in-house discussion workshops will be organized, as appropriate.

### **III. COST AND FINANCING**

- 3.1 The total cost of this phase of the project is US\$2 million. The Bank will contribute up to the equivalent of US\$1.5 million, and the local participating institutions will make a counterpart contribution of up to US\$500,000.
- 3.2 The Bank's contribution from the net income of the Fund for Special Operations (FSO) in convertible currency will be used exclusively to finance: (i) the research

and the fees of the external evaluators and coordinators; (ii) the travel expenses of the researchers, coordinators, and external evaluators of the study to participate in seminars and workshops organized by the Bank; and (iii) logistical expenses for the discussion and dissemination seminars; publications; distribution; and administrative support.

3.3 The following is a summary of the estimated budget for the proposed project:

**Table III-1**  
**Table of Costs**  
**(in US\$ equivalent)**

Category	Contribution in US\$		
	IDB	Institutes	Total
<b>1. Research (a)</b> Professional fees and services. Approximately 24 studies at US\$57,500 per study (IDB: US\$45,000 and Institutes: US\$12,500)	1,080,000	300,000	1,380,000
<b>2. Coordination and evaluation (b)</b>	80,000		80,000
<b>3. Seminars and travel (c)</b> One researcher per study (24) and one coordinator per topic (4) at US\$2,500 per person, for two discussion seminars. Three researchers per topic (12) at US\$1,500 for one dissemination seminar.	170,000	80,000	250,000
7.1 Editing	80,000	50,000	130,000
7.2 Translation	20,000	10,000	30,000
7.3 Printing	45,000	40,000	85,000
7.4 Distribution	20,000	10,000	30,000
98 Contingencies	5,000	10,000	15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
<p>(a) It is estimated that an average of 24 studies will be conducted at a cost of US\$57,500 each. Average Bank support for each study will be US\$45,000. The balance will be provided by the participating institute.</p> <p>(b) For each topic, one coordinator (academic expert) will be selected at a maximum cost of US\$20,000 each. See role of academic experts in paragraph 2.6.</p> <p>(c) Is estimated that there will be an average of two seminars per topic and one dissemination seminar for the top three studies on each topic. The researchers and topic coordinator will attend the discussion seminars. This figure includes travel and logistical expenses.</p>			

3.4 The Bank will determine the amount of financing for each study, depending on its length, complexity, and scope. The financing will be disbursed following the procedures established by the Bank. If it is necessary to send to researchers to Bank headquarters or elsewhere in the region, the cost will be covered by the project, separately from payment for the research planned. The Bank will also cover the



cost of the discussion and dissemination seminars, which will be in addition to the amount allocated for the institutes to conduct the research.

- 3.5 The Bank will determine the timing of payments to the research institutes, based on the scope of the work to be conducted. Under no circumstances will the final disbursement be made prior to the satisfactory completion of the research and that disbursement will not be less than 30% of the total amount granted.
- 3.6 The institutes' contribution will be used to finance administrative and logistical support expenses for conducting the research in each participating institution. It will also cover additional travel needed to conduct that research and the cost of local seminars and editing and printing publications at the national level.

#### **IV. BENEFITS AND RISKS**

##### **A. Benefits**

- 4.1 The Research Network has helped to: (i) strengthen and develop lines of research that influence the formulation of public policy, for which there is very little financing despite its extreme importance to the countries; (ii) establish networks of researchers, whose exchanges have extended beyond the specific projects in the Research Network; (iii) improve the quality of research conducted in the region, through advisory services provided by academic experts; and (iv) recruit and strengthen local research teams that are highly-qualified in economics.
- 4.2 This new phase of the Network will continue to provide the governments of the borrowing member countries a set of analytical studies that will serve as the basis for determining effective policy and program options to address the most pressing social and economic problems in the region.

##### **B. Risks**

- 4.3 In light of the tangible benefits already obtained from the second Regional Research Network project, substantial benefits are expected for the countries in the region. Based on the experience gained and the benefits from the second phase, no significant risks are anticipated.

#### **V. EVALUATION**

- 5.1 During the project execution period, the following will be evaluated: (i) the research proposals and the selection of the best ones; (ii) mid-term reports (if required); and (iii) final reports.

**LOGICAL FRAMEWORK  
RESEARCH NETWORK**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Means of verification</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>
continue to strengthen capacity in Latin America and on development issues.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of institutions financed (24).</li> <li>2. Number of new institutions incorporated into the Research Network (30).</li> <li>3. Number of institutions with lesser installed capacity funded and incorporated into the Network (4).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening of national research teams on development issues.</li> <li>2. Increased number of institutions in the Network.</li> <li>3. Participation of institutions with a lesser installed capacity in research.</li> <li>4. Effective transfer of the knowledge of the academic experts to the institutions.</li> <li>5. Wide dissemination of the research findings to all institutions in the Network.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic institutions are participating.</li> <li>2. Institutions have the capacity to provide an appropriate research level.</li> <li>3. Financial resources are provided to conduct research on development issues.</li> <li>4. local research teams are strong</li> <li>5. Cutting-edge research topics and methodologies of immediate interest to the research agenda of the region are incorporated</li> </ol>
produce policy lessons that economic, social, and reform agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of Policy Summaries with lessons from the comparative analysis (4).</li> <li>2. Number of Policy Summaries at the national level (24).</li> <li>3. Number of national seminars to discuss policy lessons with the authorities (24).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incorporation of best practices and lessons learned in reform projects and programs and policy discussion activities in the region.</li> <li>2. Improvement of national systems for formulating public policy.</li> <li>3. Updated body of knowledge relevant to setting public policy.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interest of countries in the region in improving the setting and implementation of public policy</li> </ol>
conduct topic and case studies on the impact of globalization on economic change in Latin America over the last decade and the economic policies that must be adopted for countries to reap the benefits and minimize the costs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of individual and case studies conducted on 4 specific topics (24).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluation and progress reports on the studies.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The institutions and the Bank make an effort to conduct studies within the parameters described</li> </ol>

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<p>in seminars while the research is being conducted.</p> <p>Dissemination seminars to disseminate research lessons and findings.</p> <p>Review of the case and individual topic studies that meet the standards established.</p> <p>Review of books (report format).</p> <p>Review of Policy Summaries for research.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Number of discussion seminars held, 2 per topic (8).</li> <li>3. Number of regional dissemination seminars, 1 per topic (4).</li> <li>4. Number of studies published as working papers (24).</li> <li>5. Number of books published (4).</li> <li>6. Number of books published (4).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Documents and books published.</li> <li>3. Dissemination and distribution of the publications.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The parties involved in the research will openly participate in the seminars.</li> </ol>
<p>institutions through a competitive bidding process to conduct research.</p> <p>Academic experts on the topic researched to provide the most current information into the theoretical and logical design of the research, transferring knowledge, and working with institutions with lesser capacity.</p> <p>Organizing discussion seminars where research is being conducted.</p> <p>Organizing seminars to present the best products.</p> <p>Organizing individual topic and case studies, working papers, books summarizing the findings, and widely disseminating them.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Budget performance.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Institutions contracted to conduct the research.</li> <li>2. Institutions contracted to conduct the research.</li> <li>3. Publication and dissemination of the results.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The work will be conducted keeping with the provisions of the project plan of operations and research terms of reference.</li> </ol>

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REGIONAL. NONREIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM  
FOR THE RESEARCH CENTERS NETWORK

The Board of Executive Directors

RESOLVES:

1. That the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, or such representative as he shall designate, is authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Bank, to take such measures as may be pertinent for the execution of the plan of operations referred to in Document AT-\_\_\_\_\_ with respect to a nonreimbursable technical cooperation program for the Research Centers Network.
2. That up to the sum of US\$1,500,000, or its equivalent in other convertible currencies, is authorized for the purposes of this resolution, chargeable to the net income of the Fund for Special Operations.
3. That the above-mentioned sum is to be provided on a nonreimbursable basis.