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from 13 - 17 june 2022



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## CABEI initiative will benefit more than 10,000 Nicaraguans

Monday, 13 June 2022

**O**n Monday, more than 10,000 Nicaraguans benefited from an initiative of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (known by its acronym in Spanish, BCIE), which seeks to increase the entrepreneurial capacities of the country's small and medium-sized enterprises known as MIPYMES.

Carried out under the name Development of Ideas for Business and Acceleration of Central American MIPYMES (DINAMICA), the project also has the support of the government of Germany and the European Union.

According to BCIE Executive President Dante Mossi, a total of 10,328 business owners are benefiting in Nicaragua while channeling approximately 6,107 sub-loans, which translates into greater economic dynamism and job creation.

"It is very gratifying to know that we are fulfilling the Program's objective, which is to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem of Central American Mipymes," said Mossi recently.

Data published by BCIE shows that since 2016, with DINAMICA resources, some 10,062 loans were approved in Nicaragua for a cumulative total of US\$ 16.8 million.

In addition to Mipymes, the BCIE invests millions of dollars in this Central American nation in projects linked to housing construction and home electrification, among others.

The DINAMICA initiative is not only implemented in Nicaragua. It is also implemented in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama, where at the close of 2021, some 11,123 loans were allocated for an amount of US\$ 62.4 million.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.prensa-latina.cu/2022/06/13/mas-de-10-mil-nicaraguenses-beneficiados-con-iniciativa-del-bcie>

**NOTE CEDMEB:** In Nicaragua, PYMEs are considered a primary motor of economic development. As such, PYMEs constitute an important instrument for combatting poverty.



## UNAN-Managua TV Journal hosts special tribute to honor Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

As part of the fifth anniversary of the passing to immortality of their namesake, the Foreign Minister of Dignity and peace advocate, the Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann Center for Development Studies (CEDMEB), together with the UNAN Department of Communications broadcast a special edition of the UNAN-Managua TV Journal [Revista] in tribute to the legacy of Fr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann.

During the broadcast, Dr. Luis Alfredo Lobato, Deputy Rector General of UNAN-Managua shared with the audience Father Miguel's vision and commitment to the vulnerable sectors of society. "He projected several facets in his lifetime. He was a being of solidarity, humble and just, confronting inequality anywhere in the world. He possessed a deep understanding of the history of Nicaragua and that made him an orator and transmitter of knowledge for the university community," he added.

At the same time, Ms. Cecilia Costa, member of CEDMEB, presented in her remarks an analysis of the [Proposal for] Reinventing the United Nations and stressed the need to democratize this Organization in order to achieve peace and security for the peoples of the region. For scholars, Father Miguel, with

his ideas, values and actions, left [an indelible] mark on the history of international relations of Nicaragua with the world.

Continuing with the analysis, Ms. Lisbeth Valdez of CEDMEB facilitated a debate among Nicaraguan specialists in international law on the Proposal for Reinventing the United Nations. The guests included Professor Sofia M. Clark, niece of Father Miguel and professor at CEDMEB and Dr. Norman Miranda, former judge, university professor and former diplomat.

The morning program concluded with an interview of Cro. Manuel Gutiérrez, Padre Miguel's adopted son, who gave a testimonial about his experiences with the Canciller de la Dignidad and closing remarks by Dr. Marcelina Castillo, director of CEDMEB.

Castillo stressed that the Center's challenge is to continue disseminating revolutionary thought and action in the Americas from a multi-, inter- and trans-disciplinary perspective through spaces for dialogue and reflection within the university community and society-at-large.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.unan.edu.ni/index.php/cedmeb/revista-tvunan-managua-realiza-edicion-especial-en-homenaje-al-padre-miguel-descoto-brockmann.odp>



# Nicaragua launches technological challenge for disaster risk reduction

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

On Wednesday, the National System for the Prevention, Mitigation and Attention to Disasters (SINAPRED), launched its technological challenge for disaster risk reduction. University students, teachers, researchers, public officials or technical students can participate in teams of 3 to 5 people.

The contest is organized by the Tecnológico Nacional, the National Council of Universities (CNU) and the Ministry of Youth.

The aim is to promote the creativity of our youth using technological tools based on prototypes for risk prevention, hazard analysis and to achieve technological and innovative solutions that contribute to disaster risk reduction.

The digital contest will be based on 3 fundamental axes: interactive education, improvement of early warning systems and mitigation. Interested parties can learn more about how to participate on the SINAPRED web page.

The Deputy Rector General of UNAN-Managua, Dr. Luis Alfredo Lobato Blanco, pointed out that this technological challenge forms part of a Central American early warning project.

"These actions aim to improve the quality of life and to defend life. Since 2007, with the beginning of the second phase of the revolution, Disaster Risk Reduction became an [integral] part of State policy, which translates into thousands of actions to empower the population. Families play an important role and technology makes it possible to find solutions to these issues, and youth, with their enthusiastic vision, can contribute in a variety of areas", assured Lobato.

Awards will be given in August to the first three places in each category with cash prizes (US\$500, US\$800 and US\$1,250).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:129081-nicaragua-lanza-desafio-tecnologico-para-la-reduccion-de-riesgos-de-desastre>





# Nicaragua participates in the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

Thursday, 16 June 2022

A delegation of the Government of Nicaragua opened its participation in the International Economic Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia, with a presentation by the Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta Montalván, during the Russia - Latin America Session.

This panel was specifically titled "Globalization and New Regional Economic Axes" and focused on investment and technological cooperation between Russia and Latin America.

Minister Acosta noted that cooperation between Russia and Nicaragua must focus on developing investments that are cost-efficient and profitable, and the strengthening of bilateral and regional trade. He added that one of the main projects to attract foreign investment is the construction of the Nicaraguan canal that will connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The Nicaraguan Delegation has been among the most active in previous meetings of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, and has signed several cooperation agreements with Russia, including a six-fold increase in the supply of Russian wheat to Nicaragua and the start-up of the MECHNIKOV vaccine production plant.

The Nicaraguan delegation is comprised of Foreign Minister Denis Moncada, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Ivan Acosta, Nicaraguan Ambassador Alba Torres, Presidential Advisor Laureano Ortega Murillo and Media Coordinator of the Council of Communication and Citizenship, Daniel Edmundo Ortega Murillo. The delegation is scheduled to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and with the President of the Russia-Nicaragua Joint Commission, Dr. Veronika Skvortsova. The delegation will also meet with Russian ministries and businesses to promote trade and investment.

The St. Petersburg International Economic Forum has been held annually since 1997 to bring together politicians, businessmen and high-ranking experts from around the world. This year, the forum will be held 18-20th June.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:129149-nicaragua-participa-en-el-foro-economico-internacional-de-san-petersburgo>



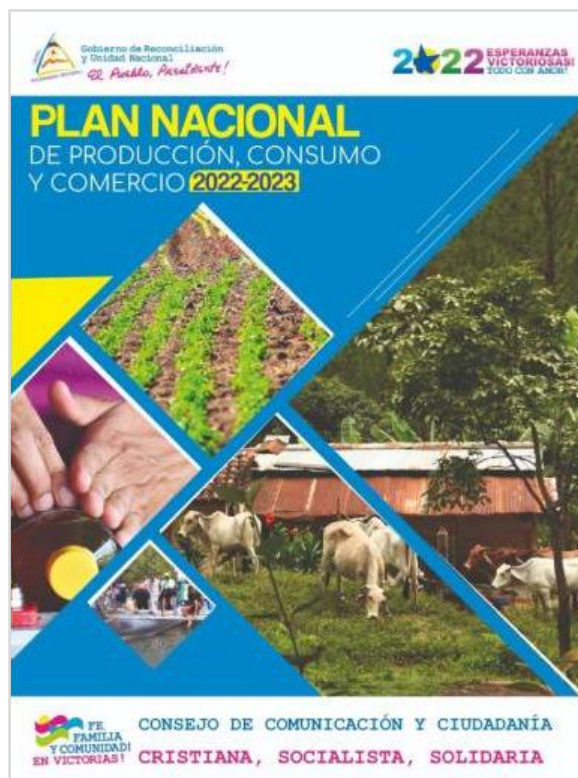
# Nicaragua presents National Plan for Production, Consumption and Trade 2022-2023

Friday, 17 June 2022

On Friday, Nicaragua launched the National Production, Consumption and Trade Plan 2022-2023. The new Plan contains production growth projections, strategies, policies, guidelines, goals and key development and support measures to be implemented in an articulated and complementary manner by the various institutions of the National System of Production, Consumption and Trade, with the active participation of producers.

This Plan is coordinated with the National Socio-productive Strategies, which indicate the route to follow to overcome the gaps and challenges in each link of the productive chain and/or value added chain: Supply of inputs, Production, Transformation, Support Services for production, Consumption, Internal Trade and External Trade; having as its' fundamental strategic objectives: Poverty reduction and economic dynamization; by productive sector (Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Aquaculture); focusing in turn the strategic guidelines by producer segment: Family Economy, Small, Medium and Large Scale.

In addition, the strategic actions are grouped according to the Agricultural Policies that the Government - through the National System of Production, Consumption and Commerce - will implement during the 2022 - 2023 production cycle.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/06/17/nicaragua-presenta-plan-nacional-de-produccion-consumo-y-comercio-2022-2023/>

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