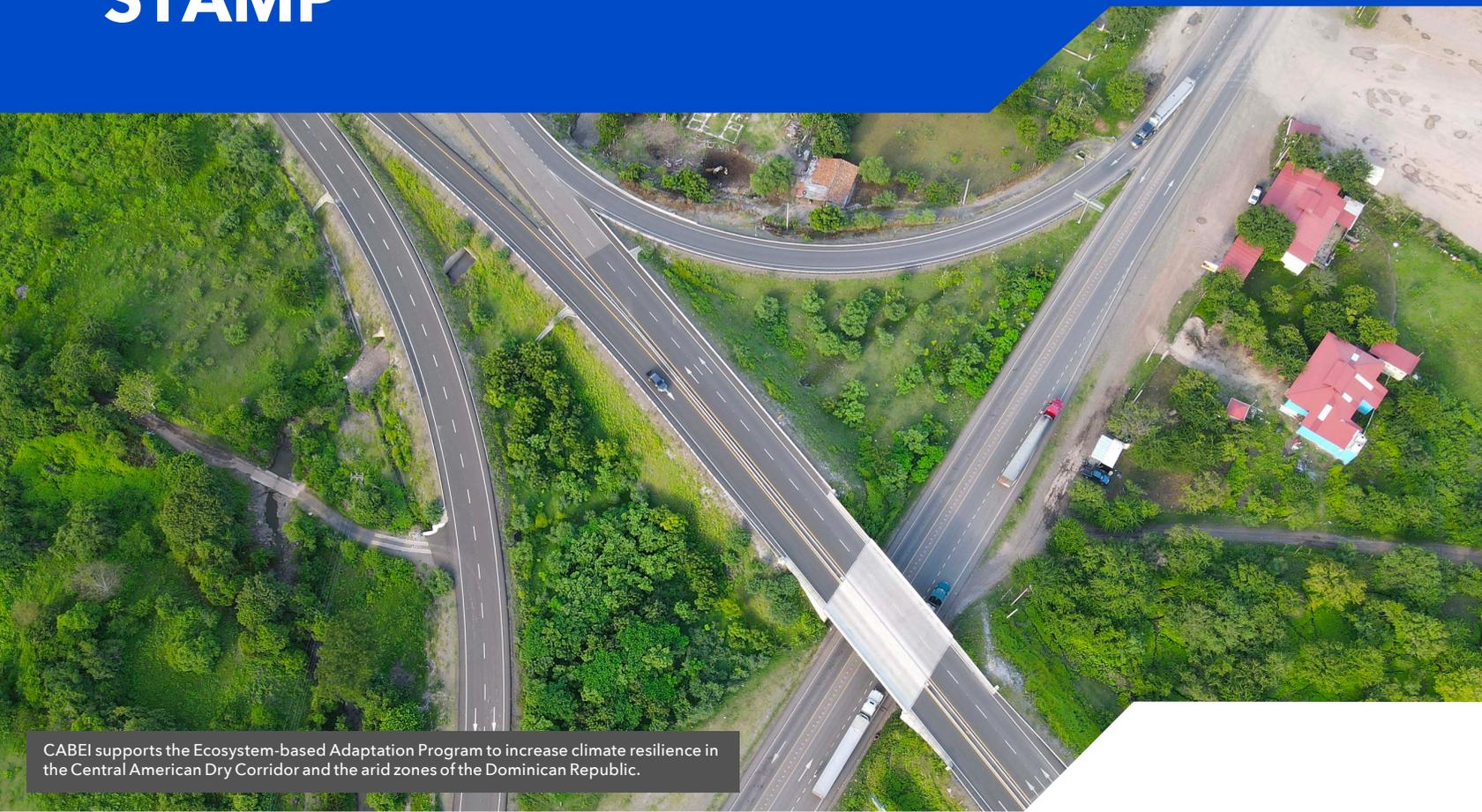


CABEI'S REGIONAL VISION WITH AN INTEGRATIONIST STAMP



CABEI supports the Ecosystem-based Adaptation Program to increase climate resilience in the Central American Dry Corridor and the arid zones of the Dominican Republic.

- **In the last decade, the multilateral development agency has approved more than US\$2 billion for projects related to regional integration.**

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) commemorates Central American Integration Day with the integrationist vision that gave it life more than six decades ago, which has involved the identification, study, promotion and financing of various initiatives that, in the last ten years, have totaled US\$2,052.5 million, addressing one of the five priority areas in its 2020-2024 Institutional Strategy: Regional Integration.

"We commemorate this day with great challenges ahead of us, but we are enthusiastic that as the Bank of integration we are advancing along the right path, promoting the region as an

integrated market and developing capacities in Central Americans that will provide them with better and greater opportunities to compete in world markets," highlighted CABEI Executive President, Dr. Mossi, in one of his speeches.

In this line, US\$316.7 million were approved in 2021 alone, resources that allow the development of large-scale and relevant projects in sectors such as health, education, railways, culture, integrated solid waste management, natural gas, among others.



CABEI promotes the interconnection of Central America through integrated rail systems.

Some of the initiatives underway:

Initiative	Objective	Description
<p>Central American Dry Corridor Program</p> <p>CABEI and Green Climate Fund Investment: US\$217.1 million</p>	<p>Improving ecosystem-based adaptation to increase climate resilience in the Central American Dry Corridor and arid zones of the Dominican Republic for the benefit of 2.5 million people.</p>	<p>Resources in partnership with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to implement Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) measures and technical assistance.</p>
<p>Regional Railway Cooperation</p> <p>CABEI cooperation: US\$740,000</p>	<p>Contribution to accelerate the transformation and development of the Central American railway sector and its interconnectivity, while supporting the preparation of robust and sustainable projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation for the definition of a regional instrument of harmonized technical specifications for railways. • Support the preparation of ongoing and future rail initiatives, incorporating the vision of integration and interoperability.
<p>Master Plan for the Gulf of Fonseca</p> <p>CABEI Cooperation: US\$2.0 million</p>	<p>Attraction of investments for the Gulf of Fonseca, generating around 7,000 direct jobs and 19,000 indirect jobs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture program • Agriculture development program • Agro-industrial technological development program • Program to strengthen logistics and transportation infrastructure • Energy sustainability program • Sustainable tourism development program
<p>Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>CABEI and KTF cooperation: US\$3.0 million</p>	<p>Donations to support countries in the purchase of the necessary inputs for the realization of investments for the detection, prevention and mitigation of the virus.</p>	<p>Economic and in-kind resources channeled to the SICA countries plus Argentina and Colombia for emergency assistance</p>
<p>Program for the Protection of Archaeological Sites (PROARQUE)</p> <p>CABEI Investment: US\$34,500</p>	<p>Program to promote the preservation, protection and transmission of the cultural heritage of the Central American region present in its archeological sites.</p>	<p>Promotion of measures to safeguard cultural and natural heritage, combat illicit trafficking in cultural property, ensure the proper identification and registration of such property, and ensure an internationally competitive cultural offer, among others.</p>

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<p>Regional Biotechnology Center (BioPark)</p> <p>CABEI and KTF cooperation: US\$250,000</p>	<p>Support the establishment of a regional biotechnology manufacturing center.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and analysis of the best conditions for implementation of the BioPark. • Identification of potential investors and support to find avenues for collaboration.
<p>Bicentennial Scholarship Program</p> <p>CABEI Cooperation: US\$5.6 million</p>	<p>Contribute to social welfare and improve access to secondary education for the low-income student population of CABEI member countries that make up SICA and Cuba.</p>	<p>Up to 2,250 scholarships to cover expenses that guarantee quality education.</p>
<p>Zamorano Scholarship Program</p> <p>CABEI cooperation: US\$844,000</p>	<p>To provide better access to higher education in sustainable agriculture, agroindustry and natural resources and strengthen the professional capacities of CABEI member students from SICA, Cuba and Colombia.</p>	<p>Coverage of undergraduate programs with a duration of four years. It will start with one scholarship per country per year and each year an additional scholarship will be added until the number of scholarships reaches 40 among the 10 countries.</p>

CABEI is thus committed to supporting and continuing to promote projects and programs with a high regional impact, especially those aimed at structuring robust investment projects, improving the business climate to enable the development of large-scale transformational cross-border projects, regional harmonization, and improving competitiveness and efficiency.



About CABEI

CABEI was created in 1960 as the region's integration and development financial arm. Its resources are continuously invested in projects with developmental impact to reduce poverty and inequality, strengthen regional integration and the competitive insertion of its members in the global economy, with special attention to environmental sustainability. CABEI is headquartered in Tegucigalpa with offices throughout Central America.

CABEI's financial soundness as the best credit in Latin America is backed by its high credit rating granted by different international agencies: Standard & Poor's with a rating of AA, Moody's with a rating of Aa3, and Japan Credit Rating with AA.