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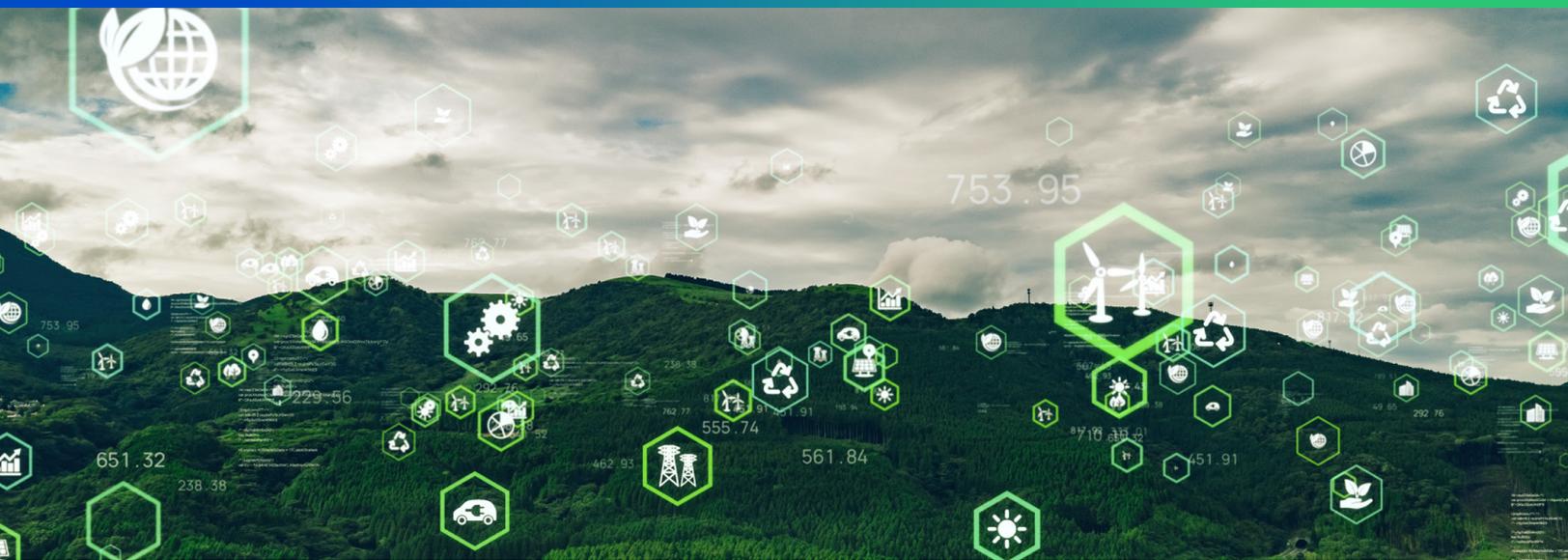
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**On International Earth Day,  
CABEI reinforces its commitment  
to a sustainable planet**

- CABEL launches its 2020-2024 Environmental and Social Strategy, which will enable management aligned with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and adhering to international standards.

**Tegucigalpa, April 22nd, 2022.** – After a broad participatory process and consultation with different sectors and stakeholders in the region, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEL) presents its 2020-2024 Environmental and Social Strategy (EAS), with which it strengthens its operational portfolio within the framework of its Institutional Strategy for the same period and its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



*"This strategy is an example of the efforts that we have been promoting for decades and that make us the Green Bank of the region. Today, as we commemorate Earth Day, the Bank expresses its commitment to the principles of international best practices, financing for sustainable development, transparency, consultation and citizen participation in our countries,"* said CABEL Executive President Dante Mossi.

The purpose of the 2020-2024 EAS, he explained, is to fulfill two major commitments made by the Bank; the first is to provide support so that member and beneficiary countries can implement programs and projects that meet the condition of being environmentally and socially sustainable, and the second is to strengthen capacities to assess, measure and manage the risks and impacts that may arise from these initiatives.

In this sense, institutional management includes actions to prevent and avoid risks, as well as to mitigate, reverse and compensate for any impact, promoting community participation and the Complaints and Grievance Mechanism, among others.



## Strategic vision that contributes to the Development Agenda

*"The socialization process to arrive at the strategy lasted more than a year, during which many actions were carried out to inform, listen to and address recommendations from the actors with whom we work on a daily basis, strategic partners and organizations to which CABEL belongs," explained Mossi.*

The 2020-2024 EAS operationalizes CABEL's vision of being a benchmark for sustainable development and economic integration in the region, effectively impacting the wellbeing of society.

The changes in the EAS are reflected in the institutional strategy that incorporates gender and equity as a new crosscutting theme, as well as the evolution of the environmental and social approach to face the challenges of being one of the region's most vulnerable to climate change, but also with many opportunities for sustainable development.

To meet these challenges, in addition to alignment with the institutional strategy, the 2020-2024 EAS proposes global, regional and local development agendas, helping each country to achieve its SDG targets and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), accredited before the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

One of the advantages of the 2020-2024 EAS is that it allows for more agile responses to assist countries under the cross-cutting foundation of community resilience, mitigation and climate adaptation in the face of phenomena such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The other three cross-cutting elements of the strategy are social inclusion and environmental and social risk management of operations. The latter is based on the principle of measuring positive impact in relation to development and environmental sustainability indicators.

Another important advantage of the EAS is that it allows for the permanent measurement and evaluation of the expected impacts, especially in each of the ten key sectors promoted through the EAS to strengthen environmental and social sustainability in full compliance with the 2022-2024 Institutional Strategy.

## **The road traveled by the Green Bank of Central America**

*"The design of this strategy is framed by the lessons learned in more than two decades, during which the Bank has distinguished itself for its contribution to environmental and social development, he added.*

CABEL has achieved an important experience as one of the 23 institutions that make up the International Development Finance Club (IDFC), with the commitment to contribute to the agendas of the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (UN).

In this regard, CABEL has taken important steps in recent years to position itself as the region's Green Bank. In addition to the accreditation process for the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), CABEL has accepted the role of observer in the UN System with the objective of building a common agenda for the fulfillment of the SDGs in Central America.

In the same dimension, since 2016, CABEL has participated as an observer of the Conference of the Parties (COP), having been accredited to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It also participates within the Alliance of Secretariats and Instances of the SICA Social Subsystem, always focused on achieving the SDGs targets.

All of this international participation is linked to institutional strengthening through important achievements such as the declaration of the Environmental and Social Policy and the approval of the first Environmental and Social Strategy for 2016-2017, which defined



the principles that govern CABI's management within the framework of good practices and international standards. In addition, the strengthening of the institutional structure, which, through the Social and Environmental Monitoring Office, is responsible for following up on and compliance with the implementation of the social and environmental strategies.

With the valuable contribution achieved in the socialization process, CABI has managed to structure a tool that will contribute to ensuring social inclusion in all its processes, strengthening transparency and access to information, as well as greater community participation and ownership as fundamental elements for sustainable development.

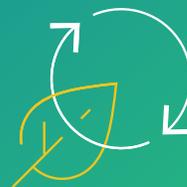
## Learn about the key cross-cutting elements and sectors of the ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STRATEGY 2020-2024

The 2020-2024 EAS is based on five strategic lines of action: financing in key sectors for environmental and social sustainability, resource mobilization from external sources, strategic alliances, institutional strengthening, and environmental and social risk management. From these lines, aligned with the 2020-2024 Institutional Strategy, four cross-cutting elements and ten key sectors delimit the operations that can be financed by CABI.



### 2020-2024 EAS KEY CROSS-CUTTING ELEMENTS

1. Operational environmental and social risk management.
2. Climate resilience, mitigation and adaptation.
3. Social inclusion.
4. Equity and gender equality.



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