



PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED COMPETITIVE CARIBBEAN TECH HUB

“Think caribbean innovation”

GENERAL INFORMATION

Experience: Program to establish a unified competitive Caribbean tech Hub

Country: Suriname and United States of America

Coordinating Institution: PIEDATA

Other institutions involved: CANTO, CodeforSu Foundation, Domus Semo Sancus (DSS), Telesur, Apura Networks, BTC and more

Duration of the experience: August 2014- Present

Webpage: <http://piedata.co/>

Social networks: - “PIE Visuals” (at YouTube) and “PIE Data” (at Facebook)

Area of the successful experience: Hackathon, ICT Summit for economic development and to investments Collisions.

DETAILED INFORMATION

1) Description

PIEDATA, officially launched on January 27, 2015, serves as the marketplace for Caribbean Innovators, Entrepreneurs and Investors to build their inventions and export Caribbean made technological Solutions to the world. Our ecosystem is designed to facilitate and promote Caribbean innovation that Inspires, Educates, and Sustains.

2) Beneficiaries

All promising Caribbean Millennials between the ages of 16 and 35.

3) Implementation



The Executive Board guards over the legal and financial management of PIEDATA. Given that the Chief of Staff's board of PIEDATA resides in different parts of the world, its weekly board meetings are held through Google Hangouts, where the overall progress is being evaluated. All board members have specific weekly tasks to account for. They are responsible to develop policies proposals pertaining to their specialized fields. Weekly evaluation meetings are

also held with the PIEDATA Ambassadors. On a regular basis meetings are held with our partner companies, Caribbean Champions, as well as high level public sector officials in the field of Education, Trade, Business, ICT development, (Youth) Entrepreneurship & Innovation.



4) Accomplishments and Results



PIEDATA recognizes a growing list of Caribbean (Diaspora) Champions and provides an opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with the interested Caribbean audience through its platform and that of partnering organizations. So far the initiatives undertaken by PIEDATA has been received with widespread enthusiasm from Caribbean millennial and investors. Some events successfully completed through PIEDATA's facilitation are CANTO's first Annual Regional Youth Forum- "The Caribbean Start-up: Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation", in Paramaribo, 27th of January 2015 and CANTO's First Annual C.O.D.E 1.0 Caribbean Organized Developers & Entrepreneurs: "crack it, hack it, code it", Miami, 27th-29th July 2015. Such events have given exposure to young promising innovators developers, and entrepreneurs to the investment

world. Other events worth mentioning are Telesur’s “Silicon Valley Meets Suriname” Event (October 23-24 2015), a live broadcasted interactive event where keynote speakers from Silicon Valley and successful Surinamese Diaspora Entrepreneurs interacted with the audience; and PIEDATA’s YOU2020 series: Live YouTube broadcasts where Millennial Caribbean Champions share experiences and exchange practical tips of success in the field of ICT, Entrepreneurship & Innovation with the international audience. PIEDATA continue to scale developing partnership with the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) to facilitate Bahamas’ upcoming 1st Annual Youth Innovation & Entrepreneurs Conference- “Made in the Bahamas”, that will take place in January 2016. PIEDATA was hired by the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) to facilitate Bahamas’ upcoming 1st Annual Youth Innovation & Entrepreneurs Conference- “Made in the Bahamas”, that will take place in January 2016. Last but not least PIEDATA has an active team of PIEDATA Ambassadors at its disposal in Antigua, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Suriname who are in charge of collecting national data on developments in the field of ICT, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation. These themes are being promoted through their online blogs and their social responsibility driven behavior.

5) Offers of cooperation with the region to exchange good practices

- Sharing of information via e-mail
- Teleconferences
- Videoconferences
- Workshops
- Mentoring
- Technical tours and visits of experts

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The collection of experiences showcasing successful projects implemented by stakeholders in countries of the Americas is one of the most important tasks of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC). There are more than 200 experiences available in the Signs of Competitiveness in the Americas Reports 2012 -2015: www.riacreport.org.

The Organization of American States (OAS) serves as the RIAC Technical Secretariat to facilitate the knowledge sharing between countries, multilateral and academic institutions. The experiences and intellectual contributions presented by RIAC members for the 2015 Signs of Competitiveness in the Americas

Report will provide valuable input for the RIAC Annual Meetings and the panel discussions during the IX Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF) to be held in Guatemala City, on November 16-18, 2015.

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