



SURINAME'S EXPERIENCE

TITLE: PILOT PROGRAM INNOVATION FOR FIRMS IN SURINAME

GENERAL INFORMATION

Country: Republic of Suriname

Coordinating Institution: Competitiveness Unit Suriname

Other institutions involved: National Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Suriname Business Forum, Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

Duration of the experience: October 2014- October 2017



1) Objectives

The objective of the Pilot Program Innovation for firms in Suriname is to support innovation and development of local firms in Suriname –particularly Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) by strengthening their integration into value chains and clusters and their linkages with firms and buyers and among themselves.

2) Relevance

The program is oriented to improve local firms, through projects developed by groups of firms, clusters or value chains aiming at fostering innovation improving productivity and upgrading in firms.

3) Concrete activities and actions

Stakeholder engagement

Technical assistance

4) Achievements and results

Improved Business Climate

Value Chain strengthening for the local markets

Economic Diversification and SME productivity

5) Sustainability

The Program is created within IDB loan SU-L1043, and it is open to additional private and public contributions. The Pilot Program will be monitored and supervised by the Strategic Board of the Program (SBP) that will also guide its strategic implementation and ensure coherence with the overall industrial development strategy.

6) Lessons learned

Stakeholders mapping and involvement.

-Communication for broad support and participation.

-Knowledge sharing.

-Public and Private sector, and civil society contribution.

7) Capacity for the exchange of this experience

Cooperation modality	Cooperation modalities the institution can provide to others	The institution may be able to provide this cooperation to others by
Information Sharing	x	TBD in mutual agreements
Conference Calls	x	TBD in mutual agreements
Videoconferences	x	TBD in mutual agreements

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