

AMEXCID

MEXICAN AGENCY
FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



SHARING THE BEST OF MEXICO
SO WE CAN GROW AND FACE
GLOBAL CHALLENGES **TOGETHER**

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1. What **International Development Cooperation** (IDC) is

International Development Cooperation (IDC) is the joint effort by governments, with the engagement of international organizations, civil society, academia, and the private sector, to promote **actions that contribute to sustainable human development**, and to improve the quality of people's life through the transfer, reception, and exchange of information, knowledge, technology and experiences.

It is an instrument of **soft power** that strengthens relations among countries, and whose implementation must be guided by **national development priorities**, a **results-based** approach, the creation of inclusive **partnerships**, as well as **transparency** and **accountability** among stakeholders.

2. Our **Mission**

WHAT WE DO

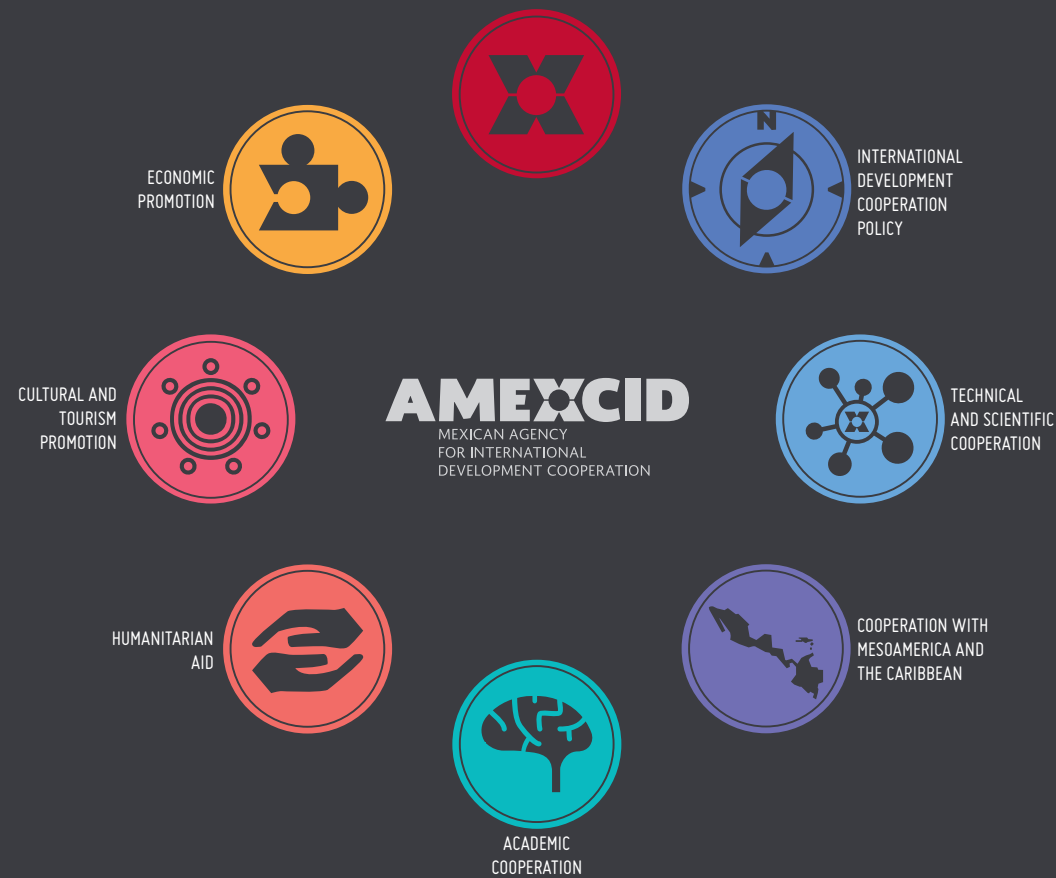
At the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID in Spanish), we understand **cooperation as sharing the best of Mexico so we can grow and face global challenges together**. In Mexico and throughout the world, we work along with specialists and build **strategic partnerships** with the private sector, academia, civil society, local governments, and parliamentarians to coordinate, plan and evaluate our **cooperation and promotion** efforts (education, culture and tourism, technical and scientific, financial and economic). In this way, we contribute to **sustainable human development**, the reduction of inequality, and the improvement of quality of life.

Through AMEXCID, with the support of the Mexican Representations Abroad, Mexico **offers and receives development cooperation**. On one hand, we share successful experiences, **strengthen capabilities**, and exchange human, technical and financial resources with developing countries, with particular emphasis on Central America and the Caribbean. On the other hand, we work with key partners to enhance our own capabilities and institutions, and generate concrete **results for Mexico's development**.

MEXICAN IDC PRINCIPLES

- National ownership
- Results-based management
- Transparency and mutual accountability
- Inclusive partnerships
- International solidarity
- Strengthening the rule of law
- Gender perspective
- Human rights
- Inclusion
- Complementarity
- Sustainability
- Co-financing

3. Our **Action Areas**





INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION POLICY

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Mexico promotes a responsible agenda for international development cooperation. To this end, we have established **coordination** mechanisms among diverse development stakeholders, and have created tools and instruments to plan, monitor, and assess results-oriented, transparent, consistent, and effective cooperation.

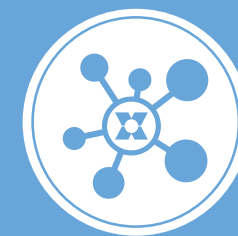
Moreover, we participate in several processes, **organizations, and international fora** that analyze development issues and cooperation challenges, and where we contribute to setting common objectives and principles. Mainly, we are involved in United Nations cooperation fora, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, South-South Cooperation mechanisms, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the G20 Development Working Group, among others. We also take part in the implementation of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the financing for development agenda.

TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

As a provider and **South-South Cooperation partner**, we focus our efforts on providing technical and scientific cooperation in priority sectors (health, environment, education, infrastructure, agriculture, science and technology), sharing experiences, good practices, and knowledge from Mexican institutions, all of which have been acquired by **turning development challenges into opportunities.**

We contribute to capacity development through bilateral, triangular, and regional cooperation in different countries. Furthermore, we encourage collaboration with the **private sector and civil society** to work together and achieve better results.

As a **recipient of official development assistance**, we coordinate negotiation processes with development partners to consolidate cooperation programs that contribute towards meeting the **development objectives and priorities of Mexico.**



TECHNICAL AND
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION



COOPERATION WITH
MESOAMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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Our development cooperation efforts intend to have a long-lasting impact. Mesoamerica and the Caribbean are our priority cooperation regions to foster integration and achieve shared development. We direct our actions through bilateral programs, trilateral initiatives, and regional mechanisms among the following:

- **The Mesoamerican Integration and Development Project:** regional mechanism that enhances complementarity and cooperation among 10 countries in order to expand and improve their skills and make effective the implementation of projects with common benefits in infrastructure, interconnectivity and social development.
- **The Infrastructure Fund for Mesoamerica and the Caribbean,** also known as the Yucatan Fund: a financial instrument to support the implementation of infrastructure projects that contribute towards enhancing connectivity and economic development in the region.
- **The Mesoamerican Cooperation Program:** a program that promotes the exchange of knowledge and experience in education, health, environment, agriculture and fishing, disaster prevention, and tourism.

ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Education opens a world of opportunities for citizens of any country, but even more to those in developing countries where academic access is limited. Through our **scholarships and academic exchange programs** for students, teachers, researchers, and **foreign** experts, we facilitate education provision to the leaders who will build the future.

We also channel scholarships and **academic exchange programs from foreign governments that benefit Mexican students** who wish to continue their academic training abroad.

Moreover, we coordinate cooperation programs on education among federal agencies, Mexican institutions of higher education, and their counterparts in a wide range of modalities and levels of study.



ACADEMIC COOPERATION



HUMANITARIAN AID

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Mexico is a country of solidarity, especially in times of crisis and when help is most needed. When an **emergency or disaster** arises in other countries, we coordinate humanitarian relief efforts, such as the provision of financial or in-kind resources, as well the mobilization of Mexican experts towards assistance and aid tasks.

Conversely, in the case of national emergencies in which Mexico requests and/or accepts humanitarian aid from foreign governments, AMEXCID in consultation with the National Coordination of Civil Protection, manages the reception of international official support, both in-kind and technical.

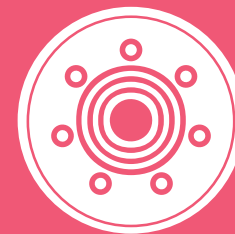
SHARING THE BEST OF MEXICO
WHEN HELP IS MOST **NEEDED**

CULTURAL AND TOURISM PROMOTION

For us, **culture is an essential component of development** and a foreign policy tool.

Through the Mexican Representations Abroad, we contribute to positioning Mexican culture and creative industries in order to **strengthen** the image of Mexico, **promote** tourism, **foster** mutual understanding among societies abroad, and **contribute** to comprehensive development.

SHARING THE BEST OF MEXICO
TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE GLOBAL **CULTURE**



CULTURAL AND TOURISM
PROMOTION



ECONOMIC PROMOTION

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In coordination with ProMéxico and through the Mexican Representations Abroad, **we collaborate with the private sector** to identify trade and investment opportunities with other countries.

In this regard, our actions of economic promotion are focused on increasing the presence of Mexican products and services in international markets, strengthening the image of **Mexico as an attractive investment destination**, and assisting Mexican companies that wish to invest abroad and participate in global value chains.

SHARING THE BEST OF MEXICO
TO GENERATE OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE **GLOBAL MARKETS**

4. Our IDC **Policy Tools**



IDC PLANNING, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION

Methodological tools designed at AMEXCID for enhancing a comprehensive management of ICD projects:

- Formats and guidelines for project proposal
- Project Progress Reports
- Project Evaluation Reports

Furthermore, we are working on institutionalizing evaluation practices of our cooperation.

Available at: www.gob.mx/amexcid



CATALOGUE OF MEXICAN IDC CAPABILITIES

An online platform developed by AMEXCID that gathers the **best sustainable development practices** of Mexican institutions and international organizations working in Mexico.

The catalogue is designed to underpin and encourage international development cooperation through highlighting and making visible best practices in Mexico and thereby promoting better partnership opportunities with international counterparts.

Available at: www.capacidades.sre.gob.mx



InfoAMEXCID

An internal system that gathers data about IDC actions and projects, as well as economic, cultural, and tourism promotion activities. All these actions are implemented in coordination with the Mexican Representations Abroad and the institutions of the Mexican Federal Public Administration.

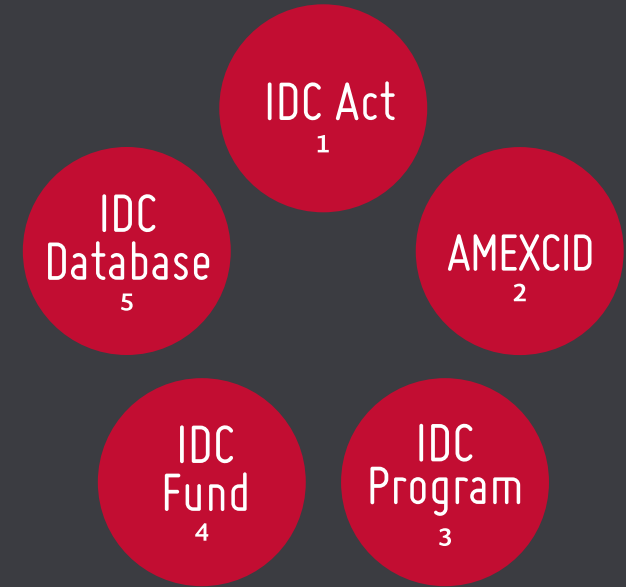
By using the Logical Framework approach, an international reference for the design, implementation, and evaluation of projects, this system allows a **comprehensive data management** of IDC projects.

Disponible en: <http://infoamexcid.sre.gob.mx>

CULTURAL MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

A digital platform that enhances the management and follow-up of the **cultural promotion programs** that are carried out by the Mexican Representations Abroad and that encompass more than 1,500 activities annually.

5. Mexican **IDC System**



¹ International Development Cooperation **Act**

² Mexican **Agency** for International Development Cooperation

³ International Development Cooperation **Program**

⁴ National **Fund** for International Development Cooperation

⁵ National **Database** of International Development Cooperation



International Development Cooperation Act

The International Development Cooperation Act was proposed in 2007, and approved and enacted on April 2011. It constitutes the **legal pillar** of the IDC policy.

It creates the institutional set-up required for the programming, coordination, promotion, implementation, quantification, evaluation, and monitoring of IDC actions and programs between Mexico and foreign governments, as well as international organizations in order to transfer, receive and share resources, goods, knowledge and educational, cultural, technical, scientific, economic and financial experiences that contribute to the human sustainable development.

The Act establishes the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), and the International Development Cooperation Program as the policy **IDC instruments**. It also mandates the creation of the National Database, the Information System, and the National Fund for International Development Cooperation.

The subjects of law are the agencies and entities of the Federal Public Administration.



Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation

It is the **institutional / administrative pillar** of the Mexican IDC System. It is a subsidiary body of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, with technical and administrative autonomy, authorized to coordinate, program, promote, implement, and evaluate IDC actions and programs, either as a provider or as a recipient of cooperation.

AMEXCID has an Advisory Council aimed at contributing to the formulation of the International Development Cooperation Program and related public policy. Led by the head of the SRE, it is integrated by 18 Secretariats of State, the National Council on Science and Technology, and the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples.

AMEXCID can propose the creation of specialized Technical Councils to develop and evaluate international development cooperation actions.



International
Development
Cooperation
Program

It is the **programmatic pillar** of the System, and the basis for the planning and implementation of IDC actions and strategies for receiving, transferring and sharing resources, goods, knowledge, and experiences.

The institutional members of the AMEXCID Advisory Council contribute to develop the IDC Program.

The Program should also contain strategies on the following aspects:

- encourage our role as development partner for South-South and triangular cooperation;
- maintain strategic relationships with cooperation donors to contribute to national development priorities;
- strengthen the capabilities to improve IDC management, and
- promote the presence of Mexico overseas.

It should also guarantee alignment with internationally agreed development goals, in addition to multilateral agreements on IDC.

Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly Central America, is the priority region where Mexico channels its cooperation efforts, and which are focused on the following priority sectors: health, education, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, and science and technology.



National Fund
for International
Development
Cooperation

It is the **financial pillar** that allows the integration of resources from various sources to implement the IDC policy.

The fund can receive resources from the federal budget, but also from foreign governments, international agencies, federal entities, and the private sector.

Established in 2012, it is managed through a public trust fund and has a Technical and Management Committee integrated by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, AMEXCID, and the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit.



National Database
of International
Development
Cooperation

It is the **statistical pillar** of the Mexican cooperation policy. At AMEXCID, we have the mandate to coordinate the Database administration. Agencies and entities of the Federal Public Administration are required to collaborate with AMEXCID for the annual update of the information.

The purpose of the Database is to create a **bank of information** of the international development cooperation in which Mexico partakes either as a recipient or as a provider. This information will allow AMEXCID to identify convergence and avoid duplication of efforts.

Our ultimate goal is to generate quality information to nourish the planning process of the Mexican IDC policy, **optimize the use of human, technical, and financial resources**, and improve outcomes.

The Database includes details on technical and financial cooperation, as well as academic exchanges, contributions to international organizations, humanitarian aid, and IDC legal instruments.

Based on the information collected through the platform and the methodology designed at AMEXCID, **the amount of international cooperation that Mexico offers can be regularly quantified.**

The quantification results are available at the following link:

<https://infoamexcid.sre.gob.mx/amexcid/ccid2013/home.html>

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