

Inter-American Development Bank



Focus

Latin America and the Caribbean

Headquarters

Washington D.C., USA

Established in

1959 (IDB); 1984 (IDB Invest); 1993 (IDB Lab)

Member countries

IDB, IDB Invest: 48 in 14 voting groups

Borrowing countries

26

Lending volume 2025 (USD)

IDB: 13.1 billion

IDB Invest: 7.7 billion

Total portfolio 2025 (USD)

IDB: 118 billion

IDB Invest: 22 billion

The Region's Largest Multilateral Development Bank

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is the largest multilateral financing source for development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). It is a priority partner for Switzerland to reduce poverty and inequality in the region and tackle global challenges. Thanks to its AAA credit rating, the IDB can borrow at attractive interest rates and lend to its borrowers on favourable conditions. The IDB also conducts research and provides policy advice, technical assistance and training to public and private sector clients. The IDB includes the following entities:

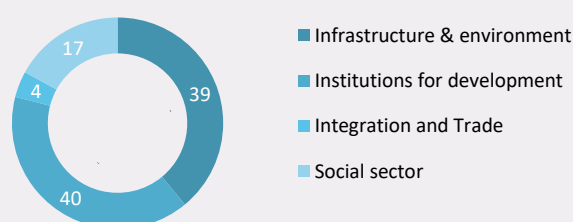
- IDB provides loans, grants, and technical support to governments
- IDB Invest provides loans, guarantees, equity investments and technical support to the private sector
- IDB Lab is IDB's innovation lab, promoting innovative activities to enable private sector participation

Thematic Priorities

	Social protection and human capital development		Gender equality and inclusion
	Productivity and innovation		Climate action and biodiversity
	Regional integration and sustainable infrastructure		Institutional capacity and rule of law

Portfolio

Sectors 2025 (per cent)



Regions 2025 (per cent)



IDB: A Trusted Multilateral Partner for Switzerland

The IDB is a priority partner under Switzerland's International Cooperation Strategy. As a member of a voting group in the governing bodies of the IDB, Switzerland actively participates in the discussions and decisions of the IDB to fulfil its supervisory role as a shareholder. The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) jointly determine the positions Switzerland adopts in the IDB. Switzerland's strategic priorities include:

- Results-orientation, effectiveness, and targeted financing of development projects according to the Bank's core expertise and strategic priorities
- Adequate capitalisation and safeguarding the AAA-rating
- Compliance with international environmental, social and governance standards
- promoting the private sector and mobilising private capital, including in least developed and fragile countries
- Focus on renewable energy projects to support the energy transition
- Systemic coordination and collaboration with development partners

Swiss accession

1976 (IDB); 1985 (IDB Invest);
2007 (IDB Lab)

Swiss voting group

IDB: Germany, Belgium,
China, Israel, Italy,
Netherlands, Switzerland
IDB Invest: Canada, United
Kingdom, Switzerland

Swiss voting share

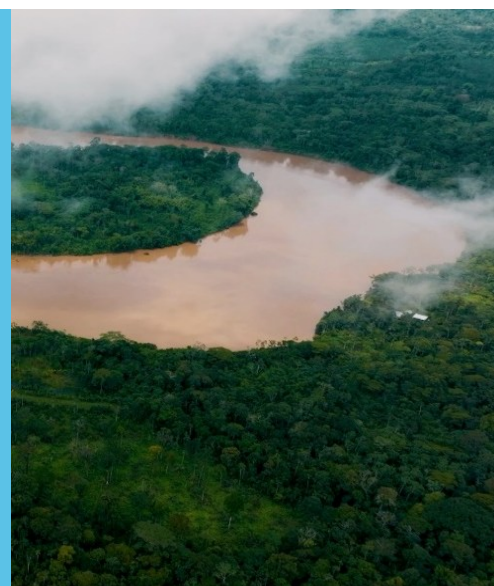
IDB: 0.47 %
IDB Invest: 1.23 %

Swiss paid in capital (USD)

IDB: 28.4 million
IDB Invest: 33.8 million

IDB Preserving the World's Carbon Sink and Biodiversity Hotspot

Latin America and the Caribbean is home to some 40 per cent of the planet's biodiversity. The Amazon region is of critical importance to the world's ecosystems, which is why the IDB launched the Amazon Initiative in 2021 to promote sustainable development models based on the region's climate, biodiversity and forest conservation. Switzerland is contributing CHF 8 million to the initiative through the Amazon Bioeconomy and Forest Management Multi-Donor Trust Fund. Through various activities, the project aims to reduce deforestation, protect and restore forest areas, improve the livelihoods of small- and medium-scale farmers, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Thanks to these projects, so far around 7,430 tons of CO₂ emissions have been avoided and 10,000 hectares of forest - equivalent to around 16,100 football fields - are under improved sustainable management and conservation. The ALIADOS project in Ecuador, for example, has transformed 424 hectares of agroforestry using regenerative practices and engaged 302 families in agriculture workshops, leading to increased local production.



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