

 Early Warning System

IIC-11813-06

Eco-Business Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean



### Quick Facts

<b>Financial Institutions</b>	IDB Invest (IDBI)
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2016-06-28
<b>Borrower</b>	Borrower: Eco-Business Fund S.A., SICAV-SIF ("Eco-Business" or the "Fund")
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 60.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 300.00 million



### Project Description

The objective of the Fund is to promote business practices that contribute to biodiversity conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources through the provision of dedicated financing and technical assistance. Eco-Business is a regional fund and targets only investments in the Latin American and Caribbean ("LAC") region, its investment activities focus on sustainable agriculture and agri-processing, forestry, fishery and aquaculture, and tourism. The Fund channels financing to local producers, primarily via financial institutions ("FIs") that operate according to the principles of responsible finance. In limited cases (max. 15% of the total portfolio), the Fund also provides direct financing for high-impact businesses and projects. To enhance the impact of its investments, the Fund has created a development facility to complement its investments with technical assistance both to the FI level and to the final beneficiaries for capacity building, market studies and impact assessment activities.

The Fund size is targeted at US\$300 million. IIC's Financing would consist of an unsecured subordinated financing of up to the lesser of (i) US\$60 million or (ii) 25% of the Fund size, with a tenor of up to 6 years and an up to 3 year commitment period. It is expected that the financing will include (a) an IIC-IDB subordinated loan of up to US\$40 million, and (b) a potential subordinated co-financing of up to US\$20 million from the China Fund.

The additional funding of Eco-Business will be comprised of equity and senior loans expected to come from domestic and international private institutional investors as well as development financial institutions. The main development impact of the project will be to expand access to finance for sustainable businesses. The success of the project is expected to demonstrate to the financial markets that sustainable businesses can represent an attractive sector with measured risk, attractive returns and substantial growth potential, thus encouraging FIs in the region to direct more resources to this sector. The project will promote the connection of FIs interested in strategically and systematically financing sustainable businesses with institutional investors and technical assistance resources.



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## Contact Information

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