

ILS LEDA and the Colombian Network of LEDAs in support to a new national policy for local economic development



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An agreement between ILS LEDA and the Colombian network of LEDAs (ADELCO) is going to be signed, aimed at the elaboration of a framework for governmental policies on local economic development.

The national network of Local Economic Development Agencies of Colombia includes the following LEDAs: ADEPROA, ADRA, APRODEL, Water House, DINOSAURS, METROPOLITAN NARIÑO, URABA, VELEZ, and ZAPATOSA.

ADELCO, which is a partner of the ILS LEDA network, was committed by the National Government to implement the following tasks:

- Elaborate instruments to collect and analyze relevant information on local economic development, available for consultation and dissemination
- Define a roadmap for the design of the public policy on local economic development for 2012, and action plan for public entities working in this field.
- Draft a policy document on Local Economic Development, also with an international overview.



The purpose of this assignment of the Colombian Government to ADELCO is to strengthen its role in generating employment opportunities and permanent income for poor people, in order to eradicate poverty and promote human development, overcoming the traditional model of welfare, that produced few results on the improvement of employment, income, living conditions and quality of life of the population.



The Government is designing a new strategy based on strengthening local economies through the valorization of the great potential of the territories, each one with its peculiarities and competitive advantages for sustainable development. This strategy will contribute to the inclusion of the marginalized population and regions into sustainable human development processes.

The creation of appropriate national instruments for the coordination and implementation of local level initiatives through the Local Economic Development Agencies is a part of this new strategy to facilitate the implementation of projects in the territories and the provision of financial and non financial services accessible to local actors.

ILS LEDA will realize a first mission in Colombia in November to contribute to the drafting of the documents and to hold meetings and seminars with all the involved actors.

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