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The Inter-American Competitiveness Network

Established in 2009

Through **RIAC**, OAS Member States benefit from

**Policy
Dialogue**

**Good
Practices-
Solutions**



**Exchange of
Knowledge**

**Networks,
Partnerships,
Projects**

RIAC



**The Americas
Competitiveness
Forum (ACF)**

GTECS
GRUPO DE TRABAJO



**The Working Group
of Experts on
Subnational
Competitiveness
(GTECS)**



**The Americas
Competitiveness
Exchange (ACE)**



**The RIAC Covid-19
Ideas Accelerator**

The Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF)

The main hemispheric policy space
for the 34 OAS Member States

An opportunity to find and promote
businesses and develop new
commercial relations in the Americas

Stakeholders from ALL sectors are
invited to join and contribute

10
Editions



Colombia



Guatemala



México



Panamá



Trinidad
and Tobago



United
States

Upcoming



Ecuador
February 2021



The Premier Network of Economic Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the Americas

A result-based program influencing the:

Creation of Centers of Innovation and Entrepreneurship to incubate and accelerate businesses

Opening new markets to companies that are soft-landing in other countries/regions

Starting new projects that support access to capital for entrepreneurs

Establishing initiatives to support women and youth in entrepreneurship and STEM



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36,791 Beneficiaries

970 Projects Showcased

270 Sites Explored

1340+ Jobs created

The ACE by the Numbers



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Marlon Brevé, President of the UNITEC University of Honduras

Leader from ACE 5 Exchange in California



In 3 years, the results are:

To date,

4 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centers
launched at the University in Honduras

150 Startups incubated and accelerated

25,000+ Students and Researchers
supported





ALPHA Haiti Accelerator created



Result:

Inspired by good practices from ACE

**Entrepreneurs can Access
Co-working Spaces**

Coaching/Mentorship Services

Test products at a Maker Lab

Networking Events





Alejandro López, Co-Founder of Vozy, Leader from ACE 8 in Florida



After ACE participation, Vozy was incubated and accelerated in Puerto Rico, United States.

The Result:

Vozy just made the Forbes list of the 100 best startups in Colombia in 2020





Magdalena Giuria, Director of the Ithaka Center of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU)



25 Startups Incubated with an annual budget of \$450,000 for projects

2,500+ Students and Researchers benefit per year





Brazil in ACE



A \$10M program between Brazil and Israel for innovation research ventures launched



The Brazilian Company called Orbital Engenharia expanded operations to Puerto Rico



GTECS

8 Editions

In 2020 this Community of Practice for Local and Subnational Competitiveness
Focus on: Regulatory Reform and Permitting and Indicators

Pilot Project Inter-American Certification of Construction Permits
Publication Good Practices to Simplify Construction License/CONAMER



COVID-19

RIAC's Focus

Support and Accelerate:

Resiliency

Economic Recovery

Digital Transformation

#RIAXelerator
www.riacevents.org/COVID/



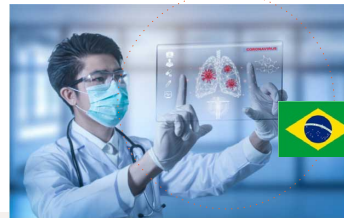
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Vecino SaludApp

Implemented in the Province of Cordoba, Argentina, to share information about the Covid-19 to prevent the spread of the virus.



Corona Cidades Platform

Offers interactive guides to assess policies for Covid-19 readiness in Brazil



Economic Response Plan

Support for Canadians and businesses facing hardship due to the Covid-19



GeoVisor Index Available

With the purpose to locate and identify high-risk population in Colombia to be exposed to the virus



eCommerce Platforms

Developed to facilitate SMEs transition into the marketplace in Costa Rica

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Economic Recovery Strategy

Rebuild Jamaica



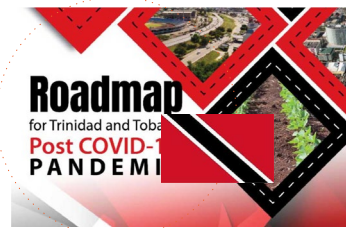
Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan

of Saint Lucia



Economic Recovery Plan for Reopening the Tourism

The Bahamas



Policy Roadmap for Economic Recovery

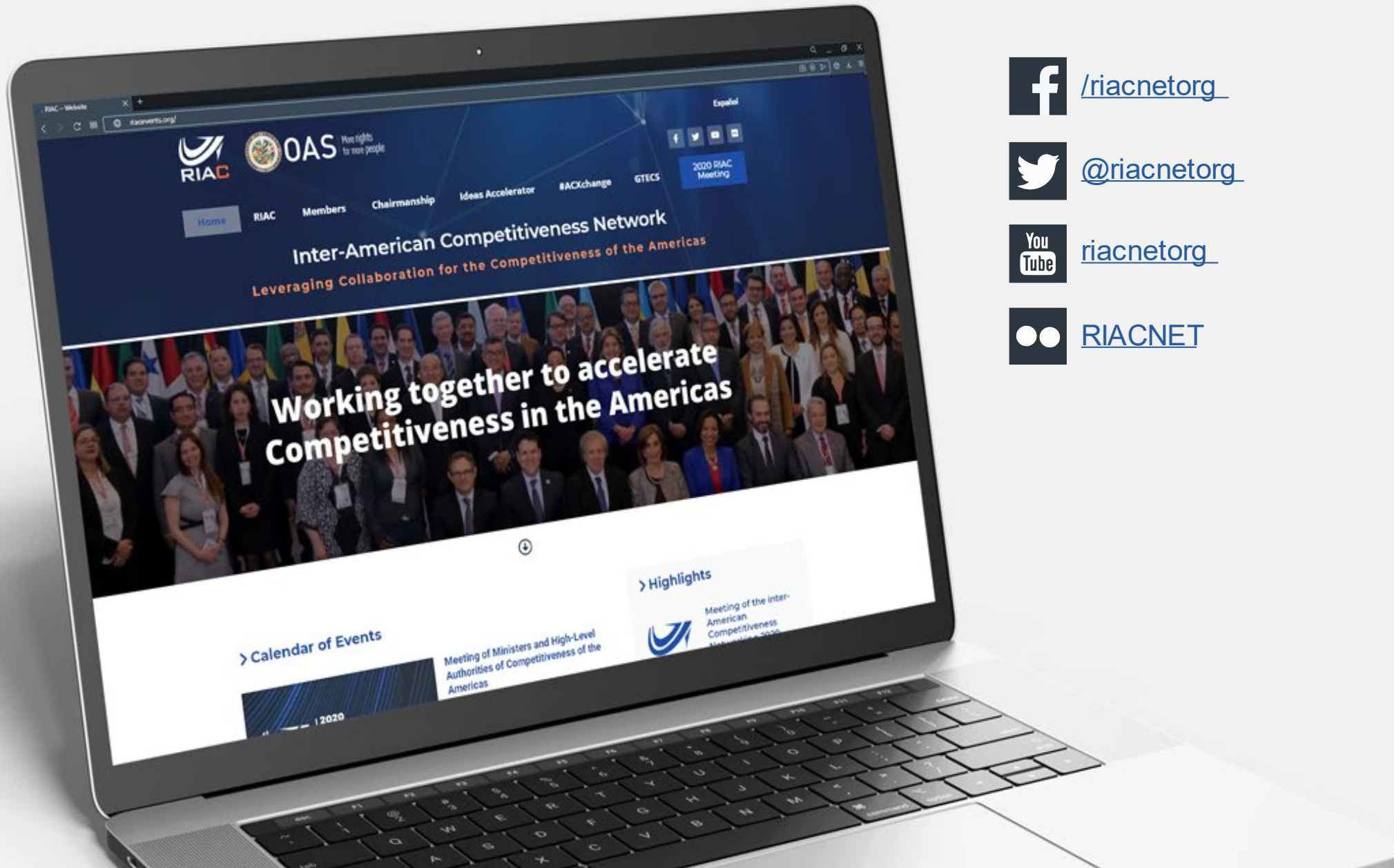
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Grants World

Helps research and organization to find actionable funds, grants, and loans in Puerto Rico

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