At a Glance: Information gathered at the RIAC Covid-19 Ideas Accelerator

In this report you will find initiatives related to:

- Economic Recovery and Development Plans
- Tech-Based Tools and Health Solutions
- Business and Entrepreneur Support Programs

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Low-cost ventilators being developed in Argentina
National Institute of Industrial Technology – INTI
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Vecino Salud App provides health information to help prevent Covid-19 spread in Cordoba, Argentina
Province of Córdoba
*Shared by: Guillermo Acosta, Secretary of Economy and Finance, Municipality of Cordoba (ACE Ambassador)*

Public-Private Initiative to Identify and Accelerate Innovative Solutions to Address COVID-19
Innovation and Entrepreneurship Agency of the Municipality of Córdoba
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Measures to Support SMEs Overcome the Challenges of the Pandemic in Tucumán
Observatory for Labor, Production and Business of Tucumán, Government of Tucumán
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Brazil

Production and Deployment of Fast Diagnostic Covid-19 Tests
Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU) and Brazilian National Institute of Science and Technology on Theranostics and Nanobiotechnology (INCT-TeraNano)
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Quick deployment Ambu-bag ventilators
University of São Paulo
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Checklist of good governance policies for Covid-19 readiness in municipalities
Coronacidades
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Call for Research Proposals to fight Covid-19
Brazilian Innovation Agency – FINEP
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Overview of Inventions, Technologies, and Tools to Address Covid-19’s Impact
Multiple Entities
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Economic Strategies and Initiatives to Support SMEs and Entrepreneurs
Multiple Entities
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Best Practices and Strategies for Moving Work Online
Multiple Entities
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Online Platforms and Mobile Apps to Address COVID-19
Multiple Entities
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Public-Private Partnership to Develop an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)
Brazilian Company of Research and Industrial Innovation and Braile Company
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Disinfectant Created with Nanotechnology that Could Eliminate the COVID-19
Aya Tech
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Free Transport Services for Donations to Hospitals and Medical Assistance Initiatives in Brazil
Truckpad
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Quick Test for COVID-19 Diagnosis
Multiple Entities
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Support for Research on Medicines to Treat Respiratory Symptoms of COVID-19
The São Paulo Research Foundation – FAPESP
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Personal Protective Equipment
Multiple Entities
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Decontamination Technologies
Multiple Entities
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Artificial Intelligence Systems to Overcome the Challenges of COVID-19
Multiple Entities
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Tech-Based Medical Devices for Treatment of COVID-19 Patients
Multiple Entities
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Identification and Sequencing of COVID-19 Genome
National Laboratory for Scientific Computing – LNCC and Oxford University
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Partnership to Promote Research Projects and Innovation to Address COVID-19
The Federal District Research Foundation (FAPDF) and the Foundation for Scientific and Technological Enterprises (Finatec)
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Canada

**Help SMEs Accessing Funding and Technical Assistance for Research to Develop Innovative Solutions to Address Covid-19 Pandemic**
Mitacs
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**Economic Response Plan to Support Canadians and Businesses Facing Hardship Due to the COVID-19**
Government of Canada

Chile

**Reusable modular mask being developed by Chilean entrepreneurs**
Copper3D Global
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*Shared by: Javier Cueto, CEO, ImagineLab (ACE Leader)*

**Covid-19 home diagnosis kit**
Genosur
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**Free App for occupational health management to mitigate Covid-19 contagion**
Zyght Sanitary
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**Comprehensive emergency economic plan of Chile in response to Covid-19 crisis**
Government of Chile
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**Mobile App that helps identify Covid-19 patients based on Artificial Intelligence**
Cognitiva
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**Free software for hygiene control of health institutions**
Fracttal
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**Call for applications to seed funds for technologies and innovations to mitigate Covid-19’s health and economic impacts**
Start-up Chile
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**Mentors network for SMEs and entrepreneurs to adapt to Covid-19 economic impacts in Chile**
ImagineLab
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**Webinars and toolkits to facilitate the digital transformation to promote telecommuting in Chile**
ImagineLab and Microsoft Chile
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**Digital platform to gather information about needs and donations in Chile**
Movidos por Chile
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**Economic Emergency Plan of Chile**
Government of Chile
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**Strategic Pillars for Economic Recovery in Chile**
Presidency of the Republic, Government of Chile
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**Colombia**

**Open source low-cost ventilators being developed in Medellín**
InspiraMED
*Shared by: Santiago Acosta, CEO, Reflejarse (ACE Leader)*

**Online platform to connect tech companies with clients**
Colombian Federation of the Software and IT Industry - FEDESOFT
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**SMEs Can Create Websites for Free Under the Digitalization Plan**
Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications (MinTIC) and the Organization of American States (OAS)

**GeoVisor of Vulnerable Index to Identify High-Risk Population in Colombia**
Statistics National Administration (DANE) and National Planning Department (DPN)
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**3D printed masks being developed in Bogotá**
Makers Colombia
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**Call for Development projects on personal protective equipment in Colombia**
United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
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**Fast Deployment Ventilators Manufactured in Bogota**
University of Sabana and Colombian Military Industry (INDUMIL)
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**Virtual Platform to Support MSMEs Digitization Process in Colombia**
Colombian Chamber of eCommerce (CCCE)
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Costa Rica

**Online platforms to facilitate e-commerce**
Ministry of Economy, Industry, and Commerce

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**Open Innovation Project to manufacture medical devices**
Ministry of Science, Technologies and Telecommunications (MICITT), National Education Institute (INA), Chamber of Industries of Costa Rica (CICR) and Partners

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**Call for research and open innovation projects and technical assistance for SMEs to mitigate Covid-19**
Ministry of Science, Technologies and Telecommunications (MICITT) and Innovation and Labor Force for Competitiveness (PINN)

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**Interactive digital platform that provides best practices to mitigate Covid-19's economic impacts on SMEs**
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**Communication Campaign to Promote Coordinated Actions to Support SMEs to Overcome COVID-19 Challenges**
Ministry of Economy, Industry and Commerce (MEIC), State Distance University (UNED), the Chamber of Industries of Costa Rica, and the Social Responsibility Council

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**Chat Bot that Facilitates Access to Administrative Procedures in Costa Rica**
Distance State University (UNED)

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**Covid-19 impact assessment and summary of economic plan proposed by the Government of Costa Rica**
UNED

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**Funding available for SMEs in Costa Rica**
Ministry of Economy, Industry, and Commerce

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**Open innovation hackathon to accelerate technologies and solutions to mitigate Covid-19 in Costa Rica**
Entrepreneurship Management Agency (AUGE) of the University of Costa Rica

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**Business Assessment to Launch a Virtual Business Accelerator in Costa Rica**
TechBA Latam

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**Toolkit for Entrepreneurs to Increase Digital Presence**
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**Proposal for the Presidential Articulation Council for Subnational Development of Costa Rica**
Ministry of the Presidency

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**Toolkit to Improve the Digital Presence of Startups and SMEs**
Distance State University (UNED)

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Dominican Republic

3D Printed Face Masks and Ventilators Manufactured in Dominican Republic
Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University and Santo Domingo Technology Institute

Information Technologies and Data Analytics Tools to Support Health Services
Multiple Entities

Financial Support Available for Independent Workers
High-Level Commission for the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus

Informative Guides to Support SMEs Economic Reactivation
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and SMEs and United Nations Development Program

Ecuador

Expedited Line of Credit for SMEs and Entrepreneurs
Ministry of Economy and Finances

National Campaign and Digital Marketplace to Stimulate Consumption of Local Goods and Services
Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investment, and Fisheries

Seed Funds Available for Entrepreneurs
Ministry of Production, Foreign Trade, Investment, and Fisheries

Interactive Platform that Centralizes Measures Taken Prevent the Dissemination of Coronavirus
Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion

Crowdsourcing Platform to Connect Communities in Need with Free Solutions and Volunteer Services in Ecuador
Fundación San Francisco Global and United Nations Development Program - UNDP

Mobil App that notifies users who were in contact with Covid-19 patients in Ecuador
Hypelabs

Open Call for Medical Supplies and Health Equipment
Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation - AEI

Virtual Marketplace for Entrepreneurs in Ecuador
Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation - AEI

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Guatemala

- **Fundraising to purchase Covid-19 tests**
  Foundation for the Development of Guatemala – FUNDESA
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- **Mobile Apps and Social Media Platforms to Facilitate eCommerce for SMEs**
  Todito-GT
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- **Strategic Development Plans for 5 Productive Sectors in Guatemala**
  Mejoremos Guate
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- **Network Simulator to Analyze Infection Patterns**
  Universidad Francisco Marroquin
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- **Assessment of 25 Productive Sectors in Guatemala**
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- **National Policy for Competitiveness 2018 - 2032 of Guatemala**
  National Program for Competitiveness of Guatemala (PRONACOM)
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Haiti

- **3D printed masks developed in Haiti**
  Alpha Haiti
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Honduras

Virtual Health Clinic platform in Honduras
Central American Technological University - UNITEC
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Economic Development Strategy with a Territorial Approach for Honduras
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
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Preliminary Research on Economic Reactivation
Government of Honduras
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Jamaica

Emergency ventilators and 3D Face Shields manufactured in Jamaica
Bludot
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Research Project to Assess and Prevent the Spread of Covid-19
National Foundation for Development of Science and Technology - NFDST
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Mexico

Covid-19 quick diagnostic tests and non-invasive ventilators
CIBNOR
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Strategies to mitigate Covid-19’s impact on SMÉs and entrepreneurs
Entrepreneur Association of Mexico – ASEM
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Open Call for a Latam Hackaton in search for innovative solutions to Covid-19 challenges
Impact Hub Tegucigalpa
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Preliminary Options to Gradually Reopen Economic Activities
Government of Honduras
*Shared by: Dr. Marlon Breve, Chancellor, UNITEC (ACE Leader)*

Open innovation platform to address Covid-19 impacts
Red OTT
*Shared by: Michel Marfil Rivero, General Manager, R+D+I Hub (ACE Leader)*
Digital Platforms That Centralize Information About Medical Devices to Treat COVID-19 Patients in Mexico
The United States-Mexico Foundation for Science - FUMEC
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Online Talks with Experts to Promote Entrepreneurship
Innovative Entrepreneurship Zone of the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education
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Artificial Intelligence Platform and X Rays to Facilitate Diagnose COVID-19
Klusteria
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State and Regional Innovation Plans in Mexico
National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)
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Panama

Fast Deployment Locally Developed Ventilators
Ventilators for Panama Initiative by Multiple Entities
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Paraguay

National Development Plan 2023 of Paraguay
Government of Paraguay
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Economic Measures to Overcome Challenges Created by the Pandemic in Paraguay
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Regional Business Platform of Paraguay
Ministry of Industry and Commerce
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Economic Recovery Plan
Government of Paraguay
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Low Interest Loans for MSMEs in Paraguay
Ministry of Industry and Commerce
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Overview of Strategies to Address de Pandemic in Paraguay
Deloitte
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Peru

**Telemedicine Services Through Video Call to Optimize the Triage Process of Potential COVID-19 Patients in Peru**
Ministry of Health and Smart Doctor

*Shared by: Roberto Vargas, Global Advisor, SmartDoctor (RIAC Partner)*

**COVID-19 Test Taken at Home in Peru**
EsSalud

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Saint Lucia

**Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan**
Government of Saint Lucia

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Suriname

**Open Source Low-Cost Ventilators Kit That Can Be Assembled**
FreeBreathing

*Shared by: Reina Raveles, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Suriname (ACE Leader)*

The Bahamas

**Economic Recovery Plan for Reopening the Tourism Sector in The Bahamas**
The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and the Tourism Readiness and Recovery Committee

*Shared by: Edison Sumner, President, Sumner Strategic Partners (ACE Leader)*

**Economic Recovery Strategy of The Bahamas (Executive Summary)**
Government of The Bahamas

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Trinidad and Tobago

**Online training to implement copper coating**
Caribbean Industrial Research Institute

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**Tobago Tourist Sector Relief Grants**
Tobago Tourism Agency

*Shared by: Tricia Beckles, Strategic Business Development Manager, Division of Finance and the Economy, Tobago House of Assembly*

**Policy Roadmap for Economic Recovery of Trinidad and Tobago**
Roadmap to Recovery from the National Committee

*Shared by: Meera Ramesar, Acting Director of Socio-Economic Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Planning and Development*

**Agricultural Incentives Available**
Tobago House of Assembly

*Shared by: Tricia Beckles, Strategic Business Development Manager, Division of Finance and the Economy, Tobago House of Assembly*
United States

**Experimental system designed to detect signs of Covid-19 infections in the voice using artificial intelligence**
Carnegie Mellon University

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**Search Engine for SMEs to Find Actionable Funds, Grants, Loans and Services**
Grants.World and Parallel 18

*Shared by: Sebastian Vidal, Executive Director, Parallel 18 (ACE Leader)*

**Business Support Services for SMEs Manufacturers in Arizona**
Arizona Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Arizona MEP)

*Shared by: Alan Pruitt, Executive Director, Western Arizona Economic Development District*

**3D Printed Face Shields and Masks for Health Professionals**
Florida Institute of Technology – Florida Tech

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**Face Shields and Intubation Chambers Under Development in the United States**
Georgia Institute of Technology

*Shared by: Lynne Henkiel, Director of Innovation Ecosystems, Georgia Institute of Technology (ACE Leader)*

**Low-cost sequencing equipment for Covid-19 routine diagnosis (under development)**
Ithaka Innovation Center, Catholic University

*Shared by: Maria Magdalena Giuria, Director of Ithaka Innovation Center, Catholic University of Uruguay*

**Impact Report of Innovation Programs to Overcome the Challenges of the Pandemic**
National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII)

*Shared by: Sara Goldberg, Chief Operations Officer ANII*

Uruguay

**Open Call for proposals of low-cost fast-manufacturing ventilators**
Research and Innovating Agency of Uruguay – ANII

*Shared by: Sara Goldberg, COO, Research and Innovating Agency of Uruguay – ANII (ACE Leader)*

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Germany

**Measures Implemented in Germany to Restore Liquidity and Next Steps**
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy – BMWI

*Shared by: Dr. Ole Janssen, Deputy Director General, BMWI (ACE Ambassador)*
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Multilateral institutions’ initiatives and funding opportunities

- **WORLD BANK** - [https://www.worldbank.org/](https://www.worldbank.org/)
- **IDB** - Inter-American Development Bank - [https://www.iadb.org/](https://www.iadb.org/)
- **IMF** - International Montary Fund - [https://www.imf.org/](https://www.imf.org/)
- **ECLAC** - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - [https://www.cepal.org/en](https://www.cepal.org/en)
- **WEF** - The World Economic Forum - [https://www.weforum.org/](https://www.weforum.org/)
- **UN Habitat** - [https://unhabitat.org/](https://unhabitat.org/)

Additional Information and Links

- **Rolling Updates on Covid-19**
  World Health Organization – WHO

- **Interactive map that tracks Covid-19 cases**
  Center for Systems Science and Engineering at John Hopkins University
  [https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html](https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)

- **Online report on Covid-19 global cases**
  Worldometer
  [https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries](https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries)
  *Shared by: Ancel Bhagwandeen, Founder, ProtoFABTT, Trinidad and Tobago (ACE Leader)*

- **Grants for organizations mitigating Covid-19’s impact and loans for organizations affected by Covid-19**
  Open Road Alliance
  [https://openroadalliance.org/covid-19/](https://openroadalliance.org/covid-19/)
Online platform to track Covid-19 global cases
Students at Carnegie Mellon University
https://www.covidvisualizer.com
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Online Latin American platform promoting wellness during quarantine
https://inti.tv
Shared by: Roberto García, Research Coordinator, Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil (ACE Leader)

Socioeconomic Impact Assessment of Covid-19’s Impact on Africa
United Nations
Shared by: Marco Kamiya, UN Habitat (ACE Leader)

Non-profit organizations have free access to Microsoft Office 365
Microsoft
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Open Source Low-Cost Ventilators Kit That Can Be Assembled
FreeBreathing
https://freebreathing.org
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Business Development Fair for Women-led Companies in the Creative Industry in Puerto Rico
Women Economic Forum of the Caribbean
Shared by: Johanna Lizcano, Directora, Women Economic Forum of the Caribbean
About the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC) and the Covid-19 Campaign

Under SEDI's Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC), the Organization of American States (OAS) launched the RIAC COVID-19 Ideas Accelerator to identify and share solution-driven innovative products and services to address some of the most pressing needs generated by the COVID-19.

The purpose of the platform is to share good practices to support government authorities, local leaders, academic experts, innovators, and entrepreneurs from the Americas and beyond engaged in efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Facilitating collaboration opportunities with timely information, contact points, and new technologies can provide valuable resources for leaders and policymakers.

We are looking to inform, inspire each other, and spur partnerships among countries.

Let’s join forces and leverage our expertise to think creatively on effective ways that can help address COVID-19’s impact! You are invited to share initiatives, technologies, economic development strategies, and other mechanisms to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. If you would like to contribute, please take a few minutes to fill out the following form: https://www.questionpro.com/t/APtnCZgxLO

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