

Access to information policy



I. Introduction

This document describes the public consultation process that IDB Invest will launch for adoption of the Implementation Guidelines of the Access to Information Policy (hereinafter the “Guidelines”).

The Access to Information Policy, (hereinafter the “Policy”) was adopted on April 23, 2019 by the Board of Executive Directors of IDB Invest. In order to support IDB Invest in the implementation of the Policy and aware of the importance of its application for the various interested parties, the Administration has developed draft Guidelines that seek to create greater predictability regarding the main processes needed to achieve the purpose and aim of the Policy.

Based on the principle of maximum access to information, subject to a list of clear and delimited exceptions, the Guidelines focus on developing in practical terms the main provisions contained in the Policy. The processes incorporated in this document take into consideration the need to maintain a balance between the principle of maximum access to information and the need to protect its clients’ business information, including information that could affect the markets.

II. Main purposes of our Public Consultation process

Considering that IDB Invest has incorporated in the Policy the best trends on the subject of access to information – including precise non-disclosure exceptions, an approach based on principles, among other aspects that confirm the Institution’s position in favor of disclosure – the Policy about which IDB Invest has consulted extensively with the public, this public consultation process will focus exclusively on receiving comments regarding the internal procedures for implementing the Policy.

With an approach based on transparency, the consultation process is designed to give all stakeholders the opportunity to express their viewpoints regarding the Implementation Guidelines. In this regard, while all comments will be accepted, IDB Invest will consider the impact, costs, and viability of the proposals, based on a business approach, when deciding on the comments received.

III. Consultations and communications

On this occasion, IDB Invest will be making use of the following tools during the public consultation process:

a. Notifications mechanism: IDB Invest will announce its intention to engage in public consultation regarding the Guidelines by using its website <https://www.idbinvest.org/en/access-information-policy>. The website will enable interested parties to download the relevant documents, including the draft Implementation Guidelines. It will also enable stakeholders to monitor the consultation process.

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b. Electronic comments: IDB Invest will be using an on-line platform, whereby any individual or organization with Internet access will be able to participate in the consultation.

Methods for expressing opinions regarding the draft Implementation Guidelines			
Ways to make contact with IDB Invest	How to make contact with us?	Who?	When?
By e-mail	consultation@idbinvest.org	Everyone	November 4 to December 5, 2019
By mail	IDB Invest: Implementation Guidelines of the Access to Information Policy 1350 New York Avenue, NW. Washington, DC. 20577. USA.	Everyone	November 4 to December 5, 2019

c. Comments on the contributions received: IDB Invest will summarize the comments received during the consultation and will publish a summary on how the Administration has addressed the key questions that have arisen in the process.