



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE



Build capacity

- English language and youth programs
- Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI)
- TechCamps
- U.S. Speaker Program
- 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund
- Fulbright Programs
- Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) ♀
- La Red Innovación e Impacto ★
- YLAI and other Professional Fellows Programs



Support business development infrastructure

- Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)
- Binational Centers and American Spaces
- Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) programs and competitions
- Embassy- and consulate-led entrepreneurship activities
- Providing Opportunities for Women's Economic Rise (POWER) projects ♀
- Women and Girls Empowered (WAGE)'s WE RISE and other projects ♀
- WEAmericas Accelerator ♀ ★
- E-Commerce Capacity-Building in Central America ★
- La Idea Incubator ★



Facilitate networking and partnerships

- Global Entrepreneurship Summit
- Entrepreneurship-related International Visitor Leadership Programs (IVLPs)
- ECA exchange alumni engagement and resources
- Match.state.gov business matching application
- WEAmericas IVLP ♀
- Fortune Global Women's Mentoring Partnership ♀
- YLAI Network



Encourage access to finance

in collaboration with...

- Growth in the Americas Initiative
- GIST Investors
- USAID micro-finance and private sector engagement
- Inter-American Foundation
- U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
- IDB Invest
- World Bank IFC
- Banks and impact investors, through guarantee structures
- Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (WeFi) ♀

Entrepreneurs



Investors

[Illustrative examples of programs as of January 2021]

"The free enterprise system is the best vehicle for inclusive economic growth to create jobs and end extreme poverty, and entrepreneurs are the engine of free enterprise. We are proud to partner with entrepreneurs as they innovate, create value, increase trade, inspire confidence, and demand transparent governance. By empowering entrepreneurs, we foster a more prosperous, democratic, and secure hemisphere."

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