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INVITATION TO THE ALIDE ANNUAL MEETING – ASUNCIÓN 2026

Dear Guest,

It is a privilege to invite your esteemed institution to participate in the **2026 Annual Meeting of the ALIDE General Assembly** (Latin American Association of Development Finance Institutions), to be held in **Asunción, Paraguay, from Wednesday, May 20, to Friday, May 22**. This distinguished gathering is hosted by the **National Development Bank (BNF)** under the auspices of the **Government of Paraguay**, which has formally designated the assembly as an event of National and Tourism Interest. The Meeting serves as a premier high-level forum for development bankers, international financial institutions, and global cooperation agencies operating throughout the region.

Theme: Innovate, Invest, Include

Development Banking Driving Inclusive and Transformative Growth in the New Global Economic Landscape

The assembly will examine the pivotal role of financial institutions in fostering productive, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth. In a global landscape characterized by monetary normalization and stabilizing fiscal conditions, development banks must transition from a reactive, crisis-mitigating stance to a **catalytic role**—shaping strategic portfolios and mobilizing capital effectively.

During the plenary sessions, international experts will address:

- **Regional Positioning:** Navigating the new global economic landscape.
- **Investment for Development:** Driving job creation and poverty reduction.
- **The Innovation Ecosystem:** Fostering entrepreneurship and technological progress through a sustainability-focused lens.

The current context demands a coordinated effort to mitigate risks and accelerate the implementation of projects that translate a predictable environment into tangible results for sustainable productivity.

Program and Institutional Affairs

The Assembly will feature a comprehensive series of conferences and panels addressing cutting-edge topics, including:

- Climate change and nature conservation financing.
- Artificial Intelligence and food security.
- Sustainable infrastructure, social investment, and nearshoring.
- And more...

In the **Institutional Affairs session**, ALIDE member representatives will deliberate on the 2025 Annual Report, the 2026-2027 Work Program, and the appointment of the **Secretary General for the 2026-2031 term**. Furthermore, we will celebrate excellence in the sector with the announcement of the **2026 ALIDE Awards** for Best Practices and the "**Bank of the Year**".

Networking and Bilateral Cooperation

Beyond the formal sessions, the Assembly provides a strategic platform for **bilateral meetings** with multilateral banks and international agencies to advance project financing and investment initiatives. Additionally, our hosts have curated a series of social events and a specialized program for accompanying persons to ensure a cordial and productive stay in Asunción.

Registration and Contact

In the coming days, you will receive a link to the official Meeting website for online registration and access to the full agenda. For any immediate inquiries, please contact **Marlene Zamora, Head of the Conferences Unit**, at mzamora@alide.org.

In an era of global transformation, your personal participation is essential to accelerating our region's progress toward sustainable development.

We look forward to welcoming you to Asunción.

Sincerely,

Edgardo Alvarez
Secretary General of ALIDE