

Priority Sectors

SBF primarily focuses on high-growth sectors aimed at sustainable job creation and entrepreneurship:

- Agro-processing
- Business Process Outsourcing
- ICT
- Tourism.



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Suriname Business Forum (SBF)



“For Sustainable & Innovative Development of the Local Private Sector & to Stimulate Entrepreneurship”





Who are we?

The Suriname Business Forum (SBF) is a permanent dialogue platform committed to the development of the local private sector through consultation between the private and public sectors within a public-private partnership framework. The SBF is a legal entity established by law on October 18, 2006.

Our Mission/Goal

Jointly formulating, implementing and monitoring a national strategy to support the sustainable development of the local private sector within a public-private partnership framework. This includes, among other things, actively stimulating the local business community, promoting sustainable economic growth and creating productive & full employment in Suriname.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Establishing a permanent platform for dialogue between the private and public sectors within a public-private partnership framework;
- Engaging in dialogue and collaboration with the government and other stakeholders in the development of the local private sector;
- Establishing cooperation with similar institutions and/or (donor) organizations in Suriname and abroad;
- Establishing mechanisms to identify high-priority development sectors;
- Undertaking all other activities that may contribute to the development of the local private sector.



Suriname Business Development Center (SBC)

The SBC acts as the operational and executive arm of the SBF. We turn strategy into action by delivering concrete results on the ground:

- Capacity Building: Providing technical assistance to boost local business productivity.
- Advocacy & Reform: Proposing economic reforms and organizing public-private dialogue sessions.
- Market Readiness: Enhancing the competitiveness of local enterprises for global market integration.

Programs/Partnerships

SBF actively collaborates with international institutions, foreign governments, and global donor agencies to drive economic growth and market integration. With two decades of experience, we have successfully managed and executed multi-year technical assistance schemes and development programs co-funded by major (inter)national partners.

Our experience includes collaborations with and expertise in:

- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB, IIC & Compete Caribbean): Executing private sector cluster programs, studies and technical assistance projects such as FINPYME.
- Caribbean Development Bank (CDB & CTCS): Developing and implementing regional capacity building and Export Readiness.
- EU, ITC, FAO, UNDP, ILO, WIPO, GIZ & SELA: Driving large-scale (agricultural and rural) development initiatives like SAMAP.
- Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA, MFDR, DAGS, DSGP & BRIDGE): MSME training/marketing/technical assistance programs and grant schemes.
- International Trade Missions/Fairs, Seminars & B2B/Matchmaking (TTMA/TIC): Organizing high-level business events with countries such as the Netherlands, India, USA, Canada, Brasil and Trinidad & Tobago.