

Coalition for Sustainable Development through Culture and Arts



ABOUT US

The Coalition for Sustainable Development through Culture and Arts is co-chaired by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The Secretariat is hosted by the Metis Fund / AFD.



MEMBERS

The Coalition has 8 PDBs members and 3 Experts members that actively participate to the Coalition's meetings and work plan. See Annex for the full list of members.



OUR OBJECTIVES

To leverage the power of culture and arts to achieve the SDGs by promoting investments into cultural and artistic projects and related components as part of development projects, programs and initiatives, and by maximizing economic, social and environmental impacts.



KEY MESSAGES

- The latest British Council report (The Missing Foundation Report) found **evidence that culture influences the achievement of 79% of the 169 SDG targets.**
- Together, PDBs manage more than 10% of global investments. As such, they are **well placed to make the cultural sector and its actors more sustainable.**
- **The Arts contribute to strengthen cognitive abilities and learning. Creativity is an essential skill for an evolving society and economy,** and can help to find innovative solutions to tackle global challenges such as the climate emergency.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Coalition **was launched during FICS 2023** and it obtained ten signatories to the Joint Statement of Interest (7 PDBs founding members and 3 experts organizations).
- The Coalition organized a side event on *"When Arts meet Development challenges"*
- In 2024-2025 the first common action of the Coalition was launched: the study **"PDBs, Arts and Culture: Why, What and How"**, focusing on a first panorama on what PDBs are doing to finance cultural and artistic initiatives and the potential of this growing sector and its promising and positive impacts.
- During the **FICS 2025** in Cape Town, the Coalition **held a breakout session** to present the main findings of the study called *"Public Development Banks, Culture, Arts, and Sustainable Development – WHAT, WHY and HOW?"*.

ROADMAP 2025

- The Coalition **will publish the study "PDBs, Arts, and Culture: Why, What, and How,"** marking its first joint initiative.
- The Coalition will launch a **call for additional PDBs to join**, aiming to **expand its membership from 8 to 15 in 2025**.
- The Coalition will seek **other expert members to join**.
- The Coalition will seek **external support to facilitate network coordination** and activities through a consultancy role.
- The Coalition aims to **present the study at other major events** such as FfD4 or the Mondiacult.

LIST OF MEMBERS

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| Agence Française de Développement | AFD |
| Bahamas Development Bank | BDB |
| Belgian Development Agency | ENABEL |
| Banque Ouest Africaine De Développement | BOAD |
| Council of Europe Development Bank | CEB |
| Development Bank of Rwanda | BRD |
| Caribbean Development Bank | CDB |
| Istituto per il Credito Sportivo | ICS |
| One Drop Foundation | - |
| British Council | - |
| The Brazilian Center for International Relations | CEBRI |