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The General Secretariat of Central American Integration System (SG-SICA, for its Spanish acronym), the Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration (SIECA, for its Spanish acronym) through the Centre for Studies on Economic Integration (CEIE, for its Spanish acronym), and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) through the Regional Information Center for Integration and Development, are launching the second edition of the regional call for papers on issues related to Central American integration entitled **"Central American Integration and the Globalized World"**.

Through this initiative, these institutions seek to generate a space for the dissemination of knowledge and specialized research on specialized research on integration in Central America with the purpose of putting into perspective those issues related to the economic situation of the region, and the integration process per se.

Thus, the current academic debate is expected to be enhanced through the publication of research articles on the Central American integration process in its historical, political, economic, commercial and institutional aspects, placing special emphasis on those aspects that link the regional integration process to the context of globalization and its prevailing challenges.

This requires publications that meet the highest standards of rigorous scientific research processes and analytical robustness. In this sense, the participation of professionals, academics or researchers linked to and interested in the dynamics of the economic integration process in the region and who wish to contribute to knowledge management in this area is encouraged.

1. Conceptual Basis

The internal conflicts in the region marked a pause in the Central American integration process and it was not until 1986 and 1987, with the Esquipulas Accords I and II, that the peace process and the institutionalization of democracy began in several countries of the region. These transformations represented the political impulse for the Central American Integration System (SICA) to be born in 1991 with the Tegucigalpa Protocol to the ODECA Charter.

The SICA relies on multi-level governance, which is why in 2010, with the re-launching of the process, the five priority pillars were established: Institutional Strengthening, Democratic Security, Social Integration, Climate Change and Integrated Risk Management and Economic Integration.

Central American economic integration is defined in the Protocol to the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (Guatemala Protocol) as a gradual, complementary

and flexible process of approximation of wills and policies, and as a means to maximize the development options of its Member States by linking them more profitably and effectively to the international economy.

To this end, a series of measures are defined to guarantee the convergence of economic and trade policies, through different stages of removing barriers to free trade and the harmonization of economic policies. In addition, the Guatemala Protocol contemplates the improvement of specific sectoral policies in matters such as industrial development, protection of consumer rights and competition policies, harmonization of banking systems and other essential services, such as energy, telecommunications, transport and infrastructure.

Research articles focused on substantive issues of the regional integration agenda will be encouraged by taking gender and environment as cross-cutting issues which will be weighed in a special way.

Additionally, the executability of the articles will be considered as an evaluation criterion through the contribution of ideas or solutions regarding regional policies and strategies, Taking into consideration, the current efforts in the framework of SICA.

Subjects to be developed

1. Customs union and trade facilitation: Scenarios and opportunities for Central America.
2. Regional Framework Policy on Mobility and Logistics: Ideas for implementation of an infrastructure master plan with a regional vision.
3. Regional value chains in Central America: Evidence on cross-border value chains in the region.
4. The model of regional economic integration in the face of the fourth industrial revolution.
5. The regional integration agenda facing the challenge of climate change: Sustainable regional policies.
6. Migration and remittances in Central America: Looking for solutions with a regional character.
7. The role of MSMEs in the economic and social transformation of the region.
8. The participation of women in politics: Towards the revindication of women's political autonomy.
9. Towards 30 years of SICA: Functional proposal to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the System.
10. Regional Identity: Building the narrative of Central American integration.

11. Proposals for governance models for the articulation and sustainability of regional integration policies based on intersectoral coordination.
12. Democratic challenges facing Central America in the 21st century
13. The peace processes in Central America: lessons learned and future scenarios
14. Mechanisms for citizen participation in the framework of Central American integration.
15. Decarbonization of the Economy: Scenarios for Central America.
16. Regional Integration as a Political Modernization Project in Central America.
17. The Security Strategy in Central America (ESCA) Proposals to revitalize it.

2. Basis of the Call

- **The call will be open from April 30 (launched in the city of Tegucigalpa, Honduras) until June 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. (Guatemala time).**
- The launch event will be held on April 30 at the headquarters of CABEL en Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- The text of the proposed article must be attached in an electronic file in Word format and the tables and graphs in Excel format. SIECA will set up a minisite on its website where participants will find the essay application form (the application process is completely electronic). The contact point in case of queries will be: **info_ceie@sieca.int** and **sorellana@bcie.org**
- The text can be presented in Spanish or English and must have a minimum structure that includes:

A cover featuring:

- Title of the work
- Name of author or co-authors
- Date of preparation of the article
- Keywords [minimum five and maximum eight]

An executive summary in Spanish, not exceeding 150 words or 900 characters including spaces, addressing the main points covered in the article. It should not include bibliographic citations, figures, charts, or tables.

Body of the document containing:

- Introduction.
- Theoretical framework.
- Methodology.
- Results.

- Conclusions.
- Bibliography in APA 2019 format .

3. Editorial Aspects

About the Text

- The text of the article must be under three thousand (3,000) words.
- The format should use Times New Roman font, body 12, and single spacing.
- The use of italics will be reserved to highlight those concepts or ideas that the author wants to highlight, as well as titles of books and journals, scientific names and words outside the English or Spanish languages. In no case should bold or underlined be used for this purpose.
- Acronyms are written without dots or spaces, and will always be preceded by the article corresponding to the main noun. In addition, acronyms must be specified the first time they are mentioned in the text within a parenthesis; for example, the Central American Economic Integration Secretariat (SIECA).

About the Titles

- Titles will be aligned in the left margin of the text, without numbering, and meeting the following criteria:

Title of the Article [in bold, size 14, Times New Roman]

Title [in bold, size 12, Times New Roman]

Subtitles Level 1 [in bold, size 10, Times New Roman]

Subtitles Level 2 [in bold italics, size 10, Times New Roman]

Subtitles Level 3 [in italics, size 10, Times New Roman]

- Titles corresponding to the Bibliography and Notes should be written in bold, size 12, Times New Roman.

About Graphical Elements

Charts and graphs shall comply with the following requirements:

- Prepared and sent in Excel format.
- Title in each box and graphic [in bold, size 12, Times new Roman]
- The titles will be aligned in the left margin of the text, without numbering.
- Originals must be submitted in a single file.
- They must be duly incorporated in the text of the article.
- They must be duly cited and include explanations of abbreviations and units of measure.
- Titles, notes and sources of the material should be captured as part of the text of the document, not within the body of the graph, figure or table.

About the Bibliography

- Bibliographic citations should follow the APA style standard, 2019.
- All bibliographic references must correspond to the bibliographic citations made within the text.
- The final bibliography should conform to the conditions of the APA style, 2019.

4. Terms of Participation

- Professionals, students, academics and researchers from areas related to regional economic integration are invited to participate.
- Authors of any nationality may participate.
- Excluded from this call are the winners of the previous contest, employees of the Secretariat for Economic Integration (SIECA), the Central American Economic Integration System (SICA), and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI).
- Participation may be in the form of individual authors or co-authors. In both cases, only one research paper per participating author or co-authors may be submitted. In the case of collective authorship, all those involved must approve the submission of the article.
- The participants must vouch for the authorship, originality and unpublished nature of the work presented, assuming the responsibilities that may arise if the intellectual property rights of third parties are violated in its preparation. An unpublished work will be understood as any work that has not been published or disclosed, totally or partially, in any medium.
- The eligibility criteria for this call are as follows:
 - Clarity and precision in writing.
 - Originality.
 - Validity and scientific support.
 - Contribution to state of the art knowledge.
 - Contribution to ideas or solutions in the field of applicable regional policies and strategies.
- Opinion pieces will not be accepted.
- All articles that do not comply with the provisions and requirements established in this call will be excluded.
- All articles received will be subject to review by an Editorial Committee made up of SG-SICA, SIECA, and CABEI officials. The Editorial Committee will verify the fulfillment of

the editorial norms, the thematic pertinence and the adequate structuring of the article. Authors will receive information about the Committee's ruling.

- Where plagiarism is detected in part or in the totality of the research article, it will be excluded.
- The Committee reserves the right to suggest editorial changes to adapt the texts to editorial policy.
- SIECA, SICA, and CABEL are granted the rights to publish the text in any format, printed or electronic, with full acknowledgement of the authorship.

5. Award

The winning articles will be presented at a closing event of the program to be held in the second half of 2019 jointly by CABEL, SIECA and SG-SICA.

The two best articles will be awarded according to the eligibility criteria in the following order:

First place Prize:
USD 8,000.00

Second place Prize:
USD 4,000.00

In case of co-authorship, the prize will be divided and given to each co-author in equal parts.

Research papers that, in the opinion of the Editorial Committee, are recognized with an honorable mention will receive a certificate accrediting it.