

**CEI-RD is the official Agency responsible for the promotion of international trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). It was created product of the fusion of the Center for the Promotion of Exports of the Dominican Republic (CEDOPEX) and the Office for the Promotion of Investments of the Dominican Republic (OPI-RD), according to Law 98-03, effective as of June 17, 2003.**

**This Institution is comprised of two main operational areas:**



## Functions

- Promotion abroad of the country's export offering
- Development of support and training programs for potential exporters (PYMEX program and "Creating Exporters")
- Training, Incubation, and Acceleration of Exporting Companies.
- Promotion of the country's advantages to attract foreign investment
- Coordination with other government institutions related to foreign trade in the interest of achieving an expedient and efficient flow of exports and investments in the country.
- Promotion and development of FDI and business from the CEI-RD offices abroad, actually in Miami, New York, and Chicago. Also throughout the Foreign Service network. Offices opening soon in Puerto Rico and Silicon Valley.
- Participating actively in trade negotiations and administration of resulting agreements
- Contribute to the improvement of the legal framework and its proper application
- Programs to support exporters, and the simplification of the export process (automation and cost and time reduction, for example, SIVUCEX Program).

## Services

- One stop shop for exports
- Specialized consulting
- Technical assistance in meeting the regulations and norms required for the export of goods and services
- Validation of Certificates of Origin
- Technical assistance relating to Trade Agreements

- Recommendations for improving the production process and benefiting from tariff preferences
- Visits to companies to evaluate the production process under Trade Agreements and Preferential Programs
- Ensure the correct application of norms relating to export and investment procedures
- To administer Law 84-99 on the Reactivation and Promotion of Exports and Law 16-95 on Foreign Investment
- Product Profiles and Market Analysis
- Business Intelligence
- Legal and economic information
- Registration of Exports and Foreign Direct Investment
- Network of Representatives abroad
- Foreign Trade Documentation Center.

## Promotion Programs

- National and International Trade Shows and Expos.
- Coordination of Trade Missions.
- Training programs relating International Trade.
- Coordination of business meetings to present the country's offering as well as to contact potential investors and exporters.

## Regional Cooperation

- We offer to share our experiences and lessons learned.
  - We look to learn from other promotion agencies (International Best Practices)
  - We recommend a Regional Cooperation Plan with concrete steps and activities
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