

## THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IDB PROMOTES INNOVATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Inter-American Development Bank IDB, through its **Competitiveness and Innovation Division**, promotes several activities to show that innovation and technology can improve economic and social inclusion.

The IDB has launched the initiative *A World of Solutions* to foster the implementation of pilot projects that would improve the access to education and to the labour market of people with disabilities through the use of technology.

In the webpage of the initiative it is possible to explore [10 innovative solutions](#) to problems identified with a participative methodology, through a contest open to everyone interested in these issues. In 2012 the initiative also launched [three contests regarding high-impact themes](#), whose results may lead to the identification of innovative solutions:

- *Inclusion in Firms*. Call for solutions for the labour inclusion and gender equality of people with disabilities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- *Disruptive ideas*. Call for ideas that can break those barriers that limit the labour inclusion of women and men with disabilities.
- *Inclusive finance*. Call for innovative solutions to make finance more inclusive for people with disabilities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**For further information and to take part in these initiatives:**

<http://www.bidinnovacion.org/en/>

