

SMALL BUSINESS NETWORK OF THE AMERICAS (SBNA)

The [Small Business Network of the Americas \(SBNA\)](#) seeks to promote and support job creation in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and promote trade. The SBNA will expand the resource base available for commercial development, increase access to business advisory services for entrepreneurs and encourage the growth of SMEs through a network to connect small businesses throughout the hemisphere.



SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

To promote economic growth with equity and social inclusion by strengthening cooperatives, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, including cultural industries, in addition to grassroots economic initiatives and other production units, innovation, and competitiveness in the countries of the Americas. (Poverty, Inequality and Inequity)

ACTIONS:

- Expand the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) model to provide support to SMEs.
- Connect over 2000 SBDCs and similar institutions that serve approximately two million US-Hispanic and Latin American businesses.
- Improve the use and availability of existing virtual commercial platforms.
- Provide matchmaking services and export counseling.

PARTNERS:

