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25	3.46	In addition, community information centers can be established to cater to the needs of both business and civil society.
29	4.2	Since consensus must be based on a shared understanding of how a country's S&T system functions, its strengths, weaknesses and potential, the IDB will undertake studies and inquiries as needed to inform the process of discussion and making decisions. It will support national and international workshops for stakeholders and actors, similar to the one held in February 1998 in Washington on "Diffusion, Assimilation and Use of Technology by Private Firms in Latin America and the Caribbean." To ensure that policies have consensus support and to prevent one side from capturing the decision-making process, the IDB will use its political legitimacy to promote broad-based country analysis and discussion of needs and opportunities. As part of this process, the IDB will provide examples of best practice from the region as well as other parts of the world, and will support improved capacity for monitoring S&T efforts and evaluating their impact
30	4.9	The private sector is expected to co-finance many of these activities.
30	4.10	The IDB will fund programs where institutional governance and incentives are appropriate, or alternatively, where funding is part of the effort to strengthen governance.
31	4.13	The IDB will also expand its support for professional and business associations in science and technology, publications, conferences, and efforts to popularize science and technology. Such support will be designed to encourage linkages between researchers and practitioners working in related fields.