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The Laboratory of Financial Innovation (LAB) is a project of the Brazilian Development Association (ABDE), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (CVM), launched in August 2017, which works as a multi-sectoral discussion forum. Its purpose is to promote dialogue between the public sector and to share experience among various agents of the economy. In order to do so, we count on the participation of critical institutions in these sectors, in addition to the third sector for the development of sustainable development innovation in Brazil. LAB’s objective is to encourage the creation of new products and financial solutions that increase private sector participation in sustainable solutions in markets such as energy, water, transportation, agriculture and finance (fintechs). The LAB proposes to go beyond a space of knowledge production, and effectively promote the structuring of new financial products, using research, analysis and the technical seniority of its participants. To this end, the LAB analyzes innovative instruments and good local and international practices that can be replicated by the financial institutions of development, as well as seeks to structure solutions that increase the efficiency of the resources of impact investors. To meet this objective, the LAB was organized into working groups (WG) focused on four themes: Green Finance, Fintechs, Financial Instruments, Impact Investments and Green Bonds. Each of the WGs developed products during the first year of the LAB and this work stems from this effort.
PARTICIPANTS

Other participants: ABCD, ANEEL, ANPROTEC, BDMG, BNB, BNDES, BRB, CAIXA ECONOMICA FEDERAL, CAMARA-E.NET, CNI, CNSEG, COMPORTEMENTAL CONSULTORIA, CUBO DIGITAL, ELETROBRÁS, EPE, FGV-DIREITO, FOMENTO PARANÁ, KPMG, MATOS FILHO, MCTIC, MDIC, MINISTÉRIO DA CULTURA, MINISTÉRIO DA FAZENDA, MINISTERIO DE MINAS E ENERGIA, MINISTÉRIO DO PLANEJAMENTO, MOODY'S, PROCURADORIA DO ESTADO, SUSEP, UFRRJ, UNEP, USP
Innovation is necessary. Especially when innovation proposes to bring solutions to a subject as relevant as socio-environmental issues. It was for this purpose that the Brazilian Development Association (ABDE) promptly embraced a partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (CVM) and took up the challenge of implementing the Financial Innovation Laboratory in Brazil (LAB). In line with its mission to contribute to the sustainable development of the country, ABDE believes that the strengthening of the National Development System, composed of the Development Financial Institutions (DFIs), and its union with public and private actors, for the elaboration of new financial mechanisms, will create significant gain making the Brazilian economy more sustainable promoting a necessary environmental balance.

Throughout its first year of operation, LAB has contributed to the institutional strengthening of its members, considering its special capacity to unite and articulate different national and international actors and to generate vast multisectoral knowledge. Throughout this period, numerous debates were held, which inspired the formulation of documents that, in turn, contributed to increase knowledge and enabled the construction of a series of mechanisms that are gradually materializing. Although there are many challenges to overcome regarding creating and improving practices, processes, systems, instruments and regulation, through LAB, it is possible to create and formulate public policies that allow an increase in investments and, consequently promote the necessary advances that Brazil both needs and desires in a safe and sustainable way. Initiatives such as The LAB’s are a stimulus for ABDE and the National Development System to remain vigilant and firm in the relentless vocation for Brazilian development. And nothing is better than being an integral part of an active and timely initiative like this that points to goals for concrete, inclusive, participatory and, above all, innovative action.

Many thanks to the many actors who made the LAB a reality.

Marco Aurélio Crocco
President of ABDE
EXPERIMENTING TO CONVERT POTENTIAL INTO REALITY

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a step.”
(Lao-Tsé)

A laboratory is a place of great operations or transformations. Reflecting on our challenge to promote development in Latin American and Caribbean, it seems clear that there is a convergence between our challenge and what happens at a laboratory. However, our challenge is to take the development scale of the laboratory that allows us to change the situation of countries and improve the lives of their inhabitants.

If the challenge of development is, on the one hand, a question of scale, on the other - and increasingly - it is a question of innovation and leadership at a time when technological changes point to a society that will be organized socially, economically and environmentally into new paradigms.

The opportunity for Latin America, and particularly for Brazil, is to position and sustain itself as leaders on issues where the region has comparative advantages and great opportunities, such as climate mitigation and adaptation, social impact and digital finance. We understand that in this context, finance plays a transformative role in enabling projects and investments that will transform the economy and channel resources in sufficient volumes to provide the necessary transformational scale. After a record 160 billion USD in 2017, green bond issuances globally are expected to hit another mark with 200 billion in 2018. With the Laboratory of Financial Innovation (LAB), incorporating a collaborative environment of public and private actors from the financial and capital markets and sector specialists, a structured process was created to generate ideas, work solutions, and produce knowledge products that allow advancement the innovation agenda and seek leadership in concrete activities. Above all, it represents an environment conducive to inter-institutional innovation and to strengthening the competitiveness of Brazilian actors, allowing them to glimpse opportunities, identify barriers and present solutions that signal to society the alternatives to be pursued.

For the Inter-American Development Bank, it is a great pleasure to note that the first year of LAB has resulted in a series of concrete products and proposals being implemented. We highly value being able to be part of this network and accompany the Brazilian Development Association (ABDE) and the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (CVM) in this initiative that will undoubtedly outline visions and solutions that will transform and characterize Brazil of the future.

Juan Antonio Ketterer
Head of Connectivity, Markets and Finance Division (CMF)
Inter-American Development Bank
The challenge of promoting sustainable development requires collective and intersectoral action to diagnose barriers and build appropriate planning. This conviction was behind the launch of the Laboratory of Financial Innovation, a platform for dialogue and action that gathered, from the outset, a wide range of public and private entities from various sectors around the goal of ensuring economic growth with social responsibility and environmental.

The timing of the initiative could not have been timelier. In the international arena, political commitments made by Brazil, such as adherence to Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the United Nations and the promulgation of the Paris Agreement, require concrete actions that require substantial investments in infrastructure. The Brazilian contribution to global climate protection, coupled with other climate investments, will require about USD $1.3 trillion between 2016 and 2030, according to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) estimate, requiring significant participation from private sources.

Without minimizing the challenge, it is true that Brazil offers so many investment opportunities that, under the right market conditions, is a candidate to be the preferred destination of investors who incorporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk factors into their analysis and decision-making processes. The issuance of green bonds, for example, can provide solutions to finance large-scale efforts to adapt to climate change, at the same time generating employment, income and positive impacts for society.

However, the full use of these opportunities requires the ability to incorporate sustainability considerations into the regulatory agenda. On the one hand, new classes of assets require a review of the adequacy of the regulatory framework related to the specifics of the instruments. On the other hand, investors who have incorporated ESG factors in their analyzes have specific information needs that need solving, even by voluntary standards, such as those proposed by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures instituted by the FSB.

In March 2018, the European Commission adopted a strategy on sustainable finance, drawing up a plan with several actions to stimulate investment in sustainable projects.

The Laboratory of Financial Innovation was thus launched in good time, and has the potential to be a relevant differential of the Brazilian market, highlighting the needs of the actors involved and allowing the joint construction of the consensus that will pave the way for a regime that fosters financial innovation and contribute to the sustainable development of the country, while preserving fundamental values for any capital market regulator: investor protection, efficient and equitable markets and reduction of systemic risks.

Marcelo Barbosa
President of CVM
Interest in Green Finance in the LAB is a development of the change in market perception in 2014. Environmental issues are no longer only treated as a risk factor for investment and financing but instead are treated as objects of study in several groups created for this purpose within the private sector.

Thus, the Green Finance WG aims to build an intersectoral dialogue, led by the National Development System, to originate, evaluate and test financial innovations that support sustainable development in Brazil, especially about environmental issues and social inclusion.

Over the last year, the WG has focused on financial mechanisms that could boost projects related to Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation. The WG was divided into three subgroups to study the following topics: (I) Funding alternatives; (II) Guarantees; and (III) Investment Vehicles. Also, a subgroup was created to assist others with regulatory doubts in the formulation of products.

The subgroup of funding alternatives aimed to design ways to overcome barriers to funding and leveraging financing from public and private banks. The subgroup of guarantees proposed to design a guarantee instrument to operate in the first year of LAB. Finally, the investment vehicles subgroup had as its goal the design of a pilot project whose main indicator was the lower cost of capital allocation.

As results of the first year of LAB, Green Finance GT has designed and presented three products.

In addition to these, further discussions are under way within the WG. Examples of proposals that still remain on the agenda of this WG are: (I) the Green Inter-finance Deposit; (II) the design, for Financial Institutions, of the program of Eletrobrás that promotes the efficient use of electric energy; (III) the RenovaBio, a state policy aimed at designing a strategy to strengthen the participation of biofuels in the Brazilian energy matrix, and (IV) the Energy Efficiency Fund (F2E), an initiative of CNI and the World Bank with the objective of stimulating implementation of energy efficiency projects through off-balance model financing.
Energy Saving Insurance (ESI) is a model that combines methodologies of technology evaluation and energy performance insurance, through a performance contract, aiming to stimulate lines of credit for projects of energy efficiency and solar generation, allowing greater security to the client in the making for greater investment in green projects.

The ESI methodology is an innovative combination of a traditional line of credit and the ESCO model, with the difference that the client is who takes the credit. The scheme is based on a performance, and technical assessment methodologies implemented by a third body with high credibility in the Brazilian market - ABNT.

The ESI methodology will be launched in the pilot phase in Brazil in September 2018. The first financial institutions to promote the ESI credit lines will be the Development of Espírito Santo (BANDES - ES), Goiás Fomento (GO), and the Development of the Extreme South (BRDE - RS). At least one project by the institution at this stage with the possibility that the resources allocated for the pilot phase in each bank and development agency will be depleted.
The ESI methodology is based on a series of elements that aim to bring greater security to the client borrowing from financial institutions, especially technical evaluation methodologies on energy efficiency technologies and distributed solar generation, an insurance policy on energy performance and a contract between the customer and the technology services provider (TSP). ABNT (Brazilian Association of Technical Standards) was chosen as the certifying and validating body that will carry out the technical interface between the insurance company, bank, customer and TSP, evaluating both the project and the technical capacity of the TSP, to ensure greater customer security for projected earnings.
THE PRODUCT

It is a model of risk analysis that banks can adapt to finance photovoltaic projects for small and medium-sized operations in transactions ranging from R$ 500 thousand to R$ 30 million. The model considers the client’s credit risk and the risk of the project to be financed to define the risk of the operation.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The project’s risk rating is composed of a derived score of their payback and the technical and financial guarantees offered to bank financing. Scores are used for different paybacks and guarantees.

- The longer the payback, the greater the risk of the project and, therefore, the lower the score.
- Technical and financial guarantees follow liquidity and solidity criteria and. The score depends its value to the bank. For example, the guarantee of property or performance insurance would have a score greater than the equipment warranty, which is difficult to execute and monetize. The client’s risk is assessed in a traditional way by the bank. It is up to the bank to determine what weight will be attributed to the risk of the project and the risk of the client in determining the risk of the operation.

CURRENT STATUS

In a joint initiative, FEBRABAN and the IDB, within the scope of the LAB, encouraged eight financial institutions to analyze the model proposed. The banks consulted considered it a viable model and that it could increase the number of operations. The application of integrated analysis changes the paradigm of the analysis of credit risk of operations and reduces the need to guarantees. They also indicated the need to calibrate the model in accordance with risk and credit policies of each bank. Of the eight banks that evaluated the model, three expressed interest in testing the tool.

INNOVATION

The innovation model is in integrated risk analysis that considers the client’s credit risk and the risk of the project to be financed. The proposal aims to encourage banks to test an innovative model, applying it to photovoltaic projects that they intend to finance. The combination of technical and financial guarantees offer the model a more complete analysis of project risk in the composition of the risk of the operation to be financed.

PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECTS AN ANALYSIS OF INTEGRATED RISK

We thank Alessandra Panza (FEBRABAN) for the assistance of this material.
The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) suggests that the subordination structure is created to foster socio-environmental impact in the investment sector. The impact investment market is incipient, but some investment opportunities with strong potential for social or environmental impact are perceived as having a high financial risk. While some funds from this profile are viewed with caution because they do not produce enough returns for their level of risk, others suffer from lack of information or history due to the novelty of the opportunity. The supply of innovative credit, a sector in which this mechanism is included, already has as a common feature the traditional financial market’s power to encourage the flow of capital to these investment opportunities. It improves profiles and thus encourages more investors to co-invest because it is an innovative tool to reduce risk and catalyze impact. Multilateral providers are the protagonists in impact investment. Its capacity and willingness to offer protection to other investors are the most important factors in driving greater capital flows through these structures.

The construction of this mechanism was led by the Aggrego in conjunction with the Brazilian Association of Financial and Capital Markets (Anbima). Currently, Aggrego is seeking partners to launch the pilot project in the market.

We thank Marco Antonio Fujihara (Aggrego) for the assistance of this material.
First Loss Funds can be incorporated into a capital structure through a variety of instruments (grants, equity, subordinated debt and guarantees) defined by two main characteristics. First, they improve the recipient’s risk-return profile and catalyze the participation of investors who otherwise would not be able to participate. First, they are purposely targeted: channel commercial capital is earmarked for the achievement of certain social or environmental results. In addition, often - though not always - the purpose may be to demonstrate the commercial viability of investing in a specific market.

### Investment vehicle

**Investment Fund (FIP) or Credit Rights Investment Fund (FIDC) with subordinated Tranche**

- **Senior Tranche**: Institutional Investors, Specific Families and Others
- **Mezzanine Tranche**: Institutional Investors, International Foundations, Endowment
- **Subordinated Tranche**: Multilateral Organizations, Development Organizations, Public Agencies

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**FIRST LOSS FUND – HOW DOES IT WORK?**

**Senior Tranches**

- It is structured to achieve degree of investment, by agency classifier of risk. It aims to profitability and priority in the allocation of remuneration.

**Mezzanine Tranches**

- Attracts funds with high tolerance to high yields or equity investors. It has a profitability and is remunerated with the balance remaining after senior quota.

**Subordinated Tranches or First Loss**

- Usually does not have a rating. It is retained by the originator or sold to a development financing at rates below the market. It aims to profitability but bears the risk of first loss, being remunerated by the the remaining balance, after senior and mezzanine.
WG FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND IMPACT INVESTMENTS

The WG dedicated to Impact Investments appears in the context of the LAB, considering two observed needs. First, the need to discuss financial instruments aimed at financing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in force by the United Nations since 2016. Likewise, it has been observed that the DIFs could play a relevant role in promoting investment because of its unique role of being a public agent with access to the private market and have as their primary objective the mandate of promoting policies, tools and solutions for economic, social and environmental challenges in their areas. Thus, the purpose of this GT for the first year was support the Financial Institutions for Development (DIFs), banks, players and market regulators financial and capital markets to identify, develop, support pilots, and disseminate financial instruments which can stimulate impact investments that social objectives of the SDGs, as well as the better align and post what they already do in the financing of development with the objectives of SDGs. In the last 12 months the group has gone back to studying ways that DFIs could act against three instruments financial instruments: (I) Impact Contract Social (CIS); (II) Crowdfunding; and (III) Solidarity Revolving Funds. In addition, a metric subgroup for social impact assessment was structured with the objective of studying methods of impact assessment available socio-environmental and suggest alternative implementation of the financial instruments studied. Much progress has been made in each of these instruments. As a result of the first year of the LAB, the Financial Instruments and Impact Investments carried out a publication dealing with Metrics for Social and Environmental Assessment, in a perspective regional development institution and the design of two products that are presented on the blades subsequently. In addition, the group made aimed to understand the current state of implementation of the CIS in Brazil, which motivated him to include the SDG theme Bonds in the agenda of next year, to design a pilot project in this line.
LAB’s goal was to think about how IFDs could use the platforms for local business financing. In this way, it was designed for the performance of these entities as Investor Leader and as an Electronic Platform. Some challenges have been encountered, which include the need for greater involvement of development institutions for the leveling of knowledge and for the validation of alternatives identified, which motivated the LAB to carry out a Webinar on the subject. Regulatory uncertainties as to the possibilities of action of the DFIs, and the use of public funds for the acquisition of distributed securities through electronic platforms should also be addressed to the regulators.

The innovation lies in the identification of the alternative uses of this mechanism by the institutions. Two options were available:

- **Leading investor** - can vary the level of responsibility and attributions depending on the size and structure of the Institution.
  - **Option 1** - Leading Investor (broad role), exercising all planned activities.
  - **Option 2** - Leading Investor (restricted role), outsourcing activities, with the follow-up of the execution of the tasks performed by the contractor.
  - **Option 3** - Articulating and promoting the Union - choosing and monitoring the execution of the tasks by the Leading Investor, among other actions.

- **Platform** - design of three models:
  - Own platform, which would require registration with the CVM.
  - Platform of third parties, without ancillary obligations.
  - Third-party platform (white label format), with use of the institution’s logo, which allows one to form a personalized network.

The group is dialoguing with Development Agencies and Development to disseminate information and capture the perception about potential restrictions (legal and operational) on the use of crowdfunding, including with the Webinar. Has approached regulators for the clarification of doubts and suggestions for improvements, in addition to being modeling of a pilot project.

Crowdfunding enables public offerings of securities, with an exemption for small business enterprises (revenue up to R$ 10 mm a.a.), exclusively through participative electronic investment platforms. It reaches investors in general, observing the limit of R$ 10 thousand year. For investors with gross income/financial investments above R$ 100 thousand a.a. the limit is 10%. There is no limit for leading investors or qualified staff.
The Solidarity Revolving Funds consist of the availability of resources, or not, by the public and/or private entities, for the constitution of regional, local or thematic funds dedicated to financing social impact projects. Repayable credit operations on the tip are made within deadlines and rates compatible with the size and maturity of the projects and according to the socioeconomic conditions of the beneficiaries. This recycling of resources at the tip maintains the flow of financing to new projects.

LAB worked to strengthen this Instrument typical of Solidary Finance, aiming at the prediction of the use of non-reimbursable public funds and the management, among others, of Development Agencies and Development Banks. The challenge was the lack of specific regulation which gives legal certainty to the creation of revolving funds constituted with non-refundable public resources. The legal basis is the Federal Constitution and Code in which the Revolving Fund is a particular private law. In this way, it can be suggested to the competent bodies.

A letter was sent by LAB to the Senator Ana Amélia, PLC rapporteur 137/2017, proposing amendments to the Paragraphs 1 and 2, and the inclusion of Paragraph 3º. In addition, interlocution with parliamentarians and follow-up of PLC 137/2017 in the Federal Senate.

Regulatory improvement of the Solidarity Revolving Funds with suggestion of amendments to the Draft Complementary Law (PLC) 137/2017 (National Policy on Solidarity Economy) aiming at:
- Allow for repayable and non-repayable credit operations, expanding the reach of supported projects and beneficiaries.
- Expand the range of agents that can be used to operationalize such funds, including development institutions.
- To decide on the nature and constitution of Solidarity Revolving Funds, allowing the inversion of public resources (refundable or non-refundable).
The publication originates the study of conceptual leveling of tools available for performance evaluation socio-environmental perspective from the IFD perspective. The document was structured to support the subgroups of the Instrument Working Group Financial Instruments and Impact issues involving the need to use of socio-environmental metrics. At the beginning of the LAB, the participating members of the our WG were in stages of maturity. Therefore, it was necessary to equalize the level of knowledge among participants by means of indications of readings, interviews with experts and discussions in group. In addition, there was a need to study tools appropriate to the different financial instruments studied by the other subgroups. Finally, guidelines to assist the IFDs to incorporate impact assessment metrics management. A framework was proposed by the subgroup conceptual framework that facilitates understanding of necessary components in an assessment of socio-environmental performance. In summary, the structure proposed suggests the use of change at all stages, gives examples of indicators available to managers and indicates different approaches for evaluation socio-environmental and impact assessment. Provided also a basis for various tools were compared to each other and suggestion to use each one according to different instruments: impact contract social, crowdfunding and solidarity funds. This study is available for access to the LAB site.

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GT GREEN BONDS

Green Securities are debt instruments of the capital markets in which the funds raised must be investments and projects with externalities and positive environmental impacts. Its market voluntary, however, some regulators, such as the People’s Republic of China, have encouraged local green bonds with specific standards. In Brazil, up to creation of the LAB, the subject had been widely debated in private sector forums. Some examples of results achieved until then were the publication and guidelines to guide issuers (Febraban and CEBDS - Brazilian Business Development Agency Sustainable Development), the creation of a dedicated fund for green certificates from the energy sector by BNDES (Banco National Economic and Social Development), training program and actors by CEBDS and GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation). Thus, the objective of the GT Green Bonds of LAB was to establish a working group for regulators and other public agents in the financial markets, and strategic sectors can better the development of the international organizations bond market and develop and evaluate intervention in the Brazilian green bond markets including:

The group should also serve as the interface of entities for dialogue with the private intersectoral council of green bonds. Thus, in the last twelve months the group has advanced work on various fronts. The main result of the group was conducting research with issuers and investors on the green bond market in Brazil. The report with this research was published and has recommendations to promote this market. This is displayed in the graph that follows. Other points raised by the WG and which remain on the agenda are the possibility of sovereign issuance, regulatory changes, financial instruments to encourage emission and alignment with the best international practices. As for the sovereign issue, after analysis with the Federal Government, a conclusion was reached which would not succeed in the short-term. Like this, it entered the WG agenda, a benchmark on this subject. Susep presented a proposal for change by introducing environmental, social and environmental risks. And governance (ASG), which is being analyzed internally. In addition, the LAB was recently invited by the Ministry of Finance to assist the Working Capital Markets on proposals to encourage the green bond market.

Consider types of incentives and activities to develop a market for national green bonds.

Opportunities to promote sovereign bonds.

Possible financial instruments emissions.

Aligning the local market with international best practices.
The Sustainability Guide: Business Opportunity for the intermediation sector aims to stimulate debate on sustainability in the intermediation sector and encourage brokers, distributors and banks (participants) that operate in markets managed by B3 to integrate environmental, social and environmental Governance (ESG) processes and products, as well as the relationship with customers. Therefore, it takes up the subjects covered in the Basic Qualification Program Operational Plan (PQO) of B3 through which such integration is possible, describes good practices and examples of products and suggests steps to make it viable. The document is divided into 2 sections. In section 1, it is possible to find products that exemplify such integration, without the making them guidelines or impositions of structures, a time you want to invite the participants in this sector to reflect on and develop their own proposals to make sense of their respective models of business and the reality of their customers. Already in section 2, excerpts from the Bacen Resolution 4,327 / 2014, highlight some guidelines for the preparation, implementation and possible revision of PRSA. In this sense, it is also a material exchange of information, presents good practice and opens up more space for dialogue between the various market players and institutions. Of course, the integration of ESG to the mainstream of business, despite its challenges, represents a great opportunity and gain for participants, their customers, the market and, consequently, the country. Therefore, the debate on the subject is of extreme importance for the subsistence of business, customer satisfaction and the strengthening of the sector.

The Sustainability Guide: Business Opportunity for the intermediation sector was launched during International Organization of Investors Securities Commission (IOSCO) Week in 2017, held at B3 and with the support of the Innovation Lab Financial Statements (CVM, IDB, ABDE).
The research that is based on this report was by done the Green Securities WG with issuers and investors in the Brazilian green bond market. This arises from the need to promote greater knowledge about the market demanded by the participants of the debt securities market, and also to identify new instruments and ways that are being discussed to develop this market in Brazil. Thus, the research aims to create a map: it was conducted via an online questionnaire and interviews with potential issuers and investors. The distribution of the questionnaires was with the participation of members of the Financial Innovation and Sectoral Associations, the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (CVM), the Brazil Stock Exchange Counter (B3), the Superintendence of Private Insurance (SUSEP), the Business Council For Sustainable Development (CEBDS), the Brazilian Association of Wind Energy (ABEEOLICA), the Industry Union of Sugarcane (UNICA), the Brazilian Federation of Banks (FEBRABAN), the Brazilian Association of Closed Entities of Complementary Pension Plans (ABRAPP) and the Brazilian Association of Entities of the Financial and Capital Markets (ANBIMA). The report is available on the LAB website (www.labinovacaofinanceira.com) and presents an analysis of the results obtained, identifying the potential of the market and the challenges to be faced. Finally, recommendations are made to boost the Brazilian green bond market.
The Fintech GT was launched in December 2017 and as a new work front to be handled by LAB - digital innovations in the financial system. The news financial technologies (fintechs) emerged at last for the entire financial services market world. They are responsible for bringing solutions to challenges of the financial system. First of all, they contribute to the greater financing of the productive sector, mainly aimed at small and medium enterprises. In addition, they are responsible for allowing the inclusion of financial agents previously excluded from the financial system traditional. However, there is still much discussion about how to incorporate these innovations to the market both in the regulatory institutional. In this sense, the LAB Fintech GT arises with the objective of creating a platform to articulate the institutional framework, which makes it possible for the Brazilian market and its different sectors. In addition, it allows design, in a dialogued way, and the technological services for Brazilian society by a future joint action between organs and governmental entities, the financial institutions of developing countries that are part of National Development, investors, private financial institutions and other local actors.

The GT delimited two main focuses of action: Thus, the ecosystem necessary for these to develop, the necessary regulatory apparatus and interaction with traditional financial institutions have become part of the WG which was divided into three subgroups.

Regulation and innovative solutions: studies how to implement a regulatory framework in Brazil. The group documents that will serve as the basis for regulators who wish to implement it by instituting rules and parameters.

Ecosystem development: studies opportunities and current challenges of the market, outlining how to promote an ecosystem conducive to the development of fintechs.

Public and private financial institutions: deals with forms of cooperation that may emerge between this new market and the traditional financial system, complementarities between them and ways of establishing partnerships.
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