

## PROJECT ABSTRACT

**Project name:** BCT Bank International SME Loan  
**Project number:** PN-L1092  
**Country:** Panama  
**Facility Type:** Senior Loan  
**Department:** Structured and Corporate Finance (SCF)  
**Division:** Financial Markets (FMK)

### I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project entails a loan (the “Loan”) to BCT Bank International (“BCT”) to support the expansion of its commercial loan portfolio to small and medium-sized enterprises (“SME”) in Panama. The Loan would provide a senior A Loan (the “A Loan”) of up to US\$10 million to be financed by IDB and a B Loan (the “B Loan”) to be financed by commercial investors in an amount to be determined based on the market conditions and needs of the client.

### IDB PARTICIPATION

The proposed Loan would be made under the Regional SME Facility (RG-X1092). By supporting BCT in the provision of credit to the SME segment in Panama, IDB complements its strategy in the region by improving the competitiveness and efficiency of private sector development and expanding the sources of sustainable growth and poverty reduction.

This Loan is aligned with several strategic goals of the IDB as is the support for the strategy of inclusion, social policy for equity and of growth and social welfare, outlined among the main institutional priorities for the ninth general capital increase of the IDB (GCI-9).

The Loan also contributes towards SCF’s vision targets to meet the funding needs of SMEs. It also promotes access to finance as part of the *beyondBanking* program. Finally, the Loan is aligned with the Panama Country Strategy (2010-2014) in that it provides financial support to the financial sector through direct non-sovereign guarantee (NSG) interventions.