MSMEs Policies in the Dominican Republic and The Central American and Caribbean Productivity Network

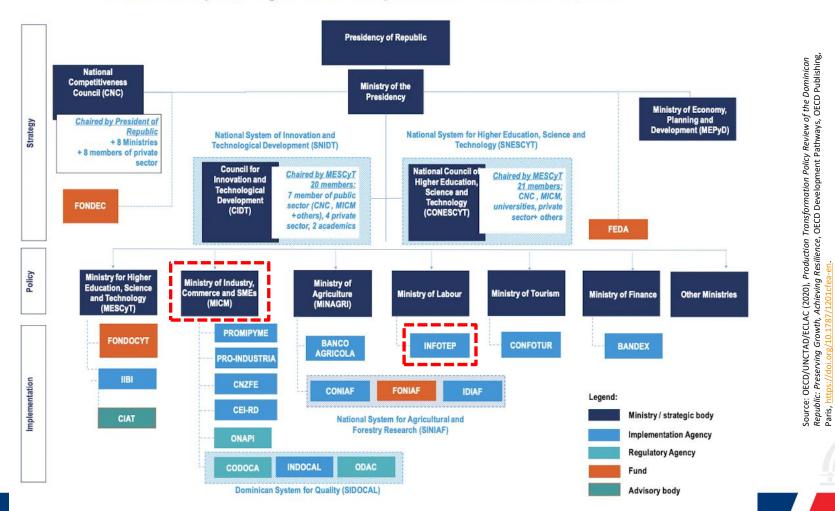
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#### Dominican Republic's governance for production transformation, 2019



5 Sustainable Development Objectives (Agenda 2030) Recommendations to accelerate competitiveness and decent employment to achieve the National Strategic Plan (MEPyD)

- 1. Low levels of multidimensional poverty
- 2. Competitiveness and decent employment
- 3. Sustainable production and consumption
- 4. Resilient populations in the face of climate change and other risks
- 5. A solid and inclusive state institution

- 1. Economic empowerment for women
- 2. Reduce barriers to employment and mobility for people with disabilities
- 3. <u>Inclusive finance and access to venture</u> <u>capital</u> for MSMEs and small farmers
- 4. <u>Entrepreneurship, innovation, better</u> <u>education</u> for quality jobs
- 5. Ease of making trade reforms that reduce inequality



### **Training for Trainers** (JICA, UNDP and EU)



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- MSMEs and entrepreneur policy
- Financial access for MSMFs and competitiveness of MSMEs
- Micro and informal sector •



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- Labor policy ٠
- Skill development for employees ٠
- Small and medium enterprises (only formalized enterprises)

### The MSMEs support service department + related institutions

- Appreciative Inquiry (management)
- Circular economy
- **Digital transformation**
- **KAIZEN + Productivity** ۲
- Innovation culture •

### MSMEs Advisors (senior + junior)

Productivity and quality (KAIZEN)



# Economic Characteristics in the Dominican Republic



Island country (high costs of importing and exporting goods)



Limited domestic market

Challenge in marketing

The major challenges:

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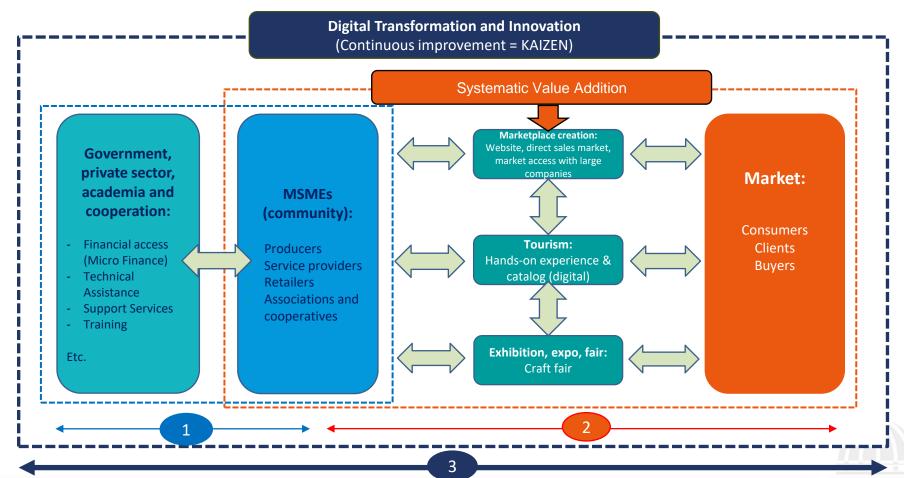
informal and

micro enterprises

Strong industries: agro-industry, tourism, cosmetics sector



### More Innovative and Market-Driven Approach through Digital Transformation

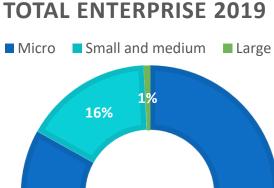


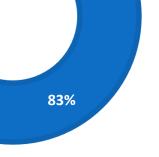
# Towards the Establishment of the Central American and Caribbean Productivity Network

	2013	2019
Total enterprise	740,700	1,582,715
Total MSMEs	726,179	1,570,421
Micro enterprise	647,077	1,315,256
Small and Medium enterprise	79,211	255,165
Large enterprise	14,521	12,294



Source







## Ideas for The Productivity Network Activity



Policy discussions (micro enterprise)



MSMEs support institutions level:

MSMEs advisor development and methodological discussions



Academic role for MSMEs development





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