

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

## Central American Bank for Economic Integration (security code: -)

<Affirmation>

Long-term Issuer Rating: AA  
Outlook: Stable  
Bonds: AA

### Rationale

- (1) Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) is a multilateral development bank (MDB) aimed to promote the economic integration and balanced economic and social development of Central American countries. The ratings on CABEI reflect: (i) its member countries' strong support, (ii) its preferred creditor status and (iii) sound financial structure and ample liquidity. The ratings are constrained by relatively high political and economic risks inherent in its major member countries in comparison with other MDBs and a high concentration of its loans. CABEI not only retains ample liquidity based on its prudent financial rules but also maintains its financial soundness by diversifying its funding sources. CABEI continues to support its member countries as exemplified by its programs aimed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery from the damage caused by climate change. Based on the above, JCR has affirmed its ratings and kept their outlook Stable.
- (2) CABEI was established in 1960 by the five Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In 2016, amendments to CABEI's Constitutive Agreement (CA) became effective in order to consolidate its preferred creditor status, strengthen its capital base and encourage greater diversification by promoting equal treatment for SICA members, thus enhancing the scope of regional beneficiary countries through the further inclusion of Panama, the Dominican Republic and Belize. It enjoys a preferred creditor status and various privileges such as exemption from the member governments' regulations based on its CA. CABEI is the biggest financier among all MDBs for the five founding member countries and has greatly contributed to the economic and social development of Central America. It is also a recipient of support from multilateral and bilateral donors to the region. CABEI established the division of Social Foundation and opened the office in Republic of China (Taiwan) in 2021.
- (3) CABEI's shareholders have expanded from the five founding member countries to a total of 15 countries/territories that include Taiwan, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Spain, Cuba and the Republic of Korea as non-regional members. Its authorized capital was increased from USD 5 billion to USD 7 billion in April 2020. On July 2020, the implementation of its eighth GCI (General Capital Increase) was completed, through which its subscribed capital was augmented by USD 1.953 billion. These events further boosted its capital base. In addition, in September 2021, its Board of Governors requested the formulation of a plan to increase the authorized capital from USD 7 billion to USD 10 billion. The five founding member countries together held 51.9% of the Bank's shares on a paid-in capital basis at the end of 2021. The ratio has been gradually declining since the end of 2005 when it stood at 63%.
- (4) CABEI's loan balance stood at USD 8.6 billion at the end of 2021. A country-by-country breakdown shows that the loans made to the five founding member countries, which accounted for 99% of the total at the end of 2010, declined to 87% at the end of 2021. While its loan portfolio has been diversified, the level of concentration still remains high. The share of loan exposure to private-sector borrowers (i.e., financial institutions and corporations without sovereign guarantee) stood at 9.2% at the end of 2021. The share significantly fell from the peak-time 44% at the end of 2006. CABEI enjoys a preferred creditor status and the share of loan exposure to private-sector borrowers is limited. Therefore, its asset quality has been kept sound, with its nonperforming loan ratio standing at 0.29% as of the end of 2021, little affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. CABEI continues to support its member countries through its COVID-19 Support, Preparedness and Economic Reactivation Program totaling USD 3.060 billion and Central American Program for Resilient Reconstruction totaling USD 2.513 billion to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery from the damage caused by Hurricanes, Eta and Iota, respectively.

- (5) CABEL holds on to prudent financial management in accordance with its CA and internal guidelines that limit the total amount of outstanding loans and the balance of financial liabilities to less than 3.5 times and 3.0 times, respectively, of its shareholders' equity. These ratios stood at 2.09 and 2.44, respectively, at the end of 2021. CABEL also has a strict capital adequacy requirement of 35% under Basel I. Its capital adequacy ratio stood at 41.0%, reflecting its strong capital adequacy position at the end of 2021. The guidelines also stipulate that its liquid assets shall be kept sufficient enough to cover more than six months of its future gross cash requirements (including projected loan disbursements). CABEL retains resilience to continue its immediate operations even when faced with deterioration of the funding environment and delinquency by a specific member country to other creditors. Like other MDBs, CABEL does not pursue profit maximization. However, it has been constantly registering stable annual profits.

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Issue	Amount (mn)	Issue Date	Due Date	Coupon	Rating
Japanese Yen Bonds – Fourth Series (2015)	JPY 4,500	December 4, 2015	December 4, 2025	0.96%	AA

Rating Assignment Date: March 23, 2022

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Multilateral Development Banks" (March 29, 2013) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

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## Disclosure Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 17g-7

Issuer:	Central American Bank for Economic Integration
Rating Publication Date:	March 29, 2022

**1** The Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used to Denote Credit Rating Categories and Notches and, the Identity of the Obligor or the Identity and a Description of the Security or Money Market Instrument as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.

**2** The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating; as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.

**3** The Main Assumptions and Principles used in Constructing the Procedures and Methodologies used to Determine the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, to be applied to assess the likelihood of a given debt payment in light of its issuer's condition and business environment, etc. in the relevant future. There is certain limitation, however, in the time horizon that the rating foresees.
- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, that the factors posted in the below are particularly important for such likelihood to be determined, and that the rating determination is made by evaluating each of them not only quantitatively but also employing qualitative analyses.

**A) Business Bases**

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to its issuer's business bases - how they can be maintained/ expanded into the future and thereby secure earnings and cash flows in adequacy and in a sustainable way.

**B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality**

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the degree of the issuer's indebtedness and loss absorption capacity in terms of equity capital. Also notable is that a financial institution might see a significant loss of financial grounds as a result of changes in value of the assets under its possession.

**C) Liquidity Positions**

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the adequacy of the issuer's cash and other sources of repayment (liquidity positions).

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The likelihood of debt payment is affected one way or the other by the issuer's related parties such as member countries, the issuer's related organizations, guarantor, and the government of the issuer's business domicile, etc. - by their own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

The likelihood of debt payment can be different between given debts of the same issuer. The likelihood of debt payment for an individual debt is dependent on the issuer's discretion, and/ or its rank relative to other debts of the same issuer in the order of seniority in principal/ interest payment which is determined by design as financial product or by laws, etc.

4 The Potential Limitations of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- The objective of the credit rating herewith presented does not include any concerns other than the likelihood of debt payment, such as risks of price changes, market liquidity, etc.
- The credit rating herewith presented is necessary to be reviewed along with possible changes of the issuer of rated objects in its business performance and/ or circumstances which include regulatory environment, and hence subject to possible alteration.

5 Information on the Uncertainty of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7

- The information used for the determination of credit rating as herewith presented is obtained by JCR from the issuer of rated objects and other sources that JCR trusts in terms of accuracy and reliability but possibly contains errors due to human, non-human or other causes. Consequently, the credit rating determined on the grounds of such information does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, any representation or warrant of JCR on the information itself or any consequences of its use in terms of accuracy, relevance, timeliness, wholeness, market value, or usefulness for any specific purposes.

6 Use of Due Diligence Services of a Third Party in Taking the Rating Action as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any third-party due diligence service in the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

7 Use of Servicer or Remittance Reports to Conduct Surveillance of the Credit Rating Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any servicer or remittance report to conduct surveillance of the credit rating herewith presented.

8 The Types of Data Relied Upon for the Purpose of Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule 17g-7

- The information posted in the below, which includes data, is used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

- A) Audited financial statements presented by the rating stakeholders
- B) Explanations of business performance, management plans, etc. presented by the rating stakeholders

## 9 Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(I) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR holds its basic policies for securing the quality of information as a base of due diligence for the determination of credit ratings. The information used as a base for the determination of credit rating herewith presented satisfies such policies, which include the audit by an independent auditor, the publication by the issuer or some independent media or, otherwise, JCR analyst's scrutiny, etc.
- JCR sees no particular weakness in the quality of information used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented as compared to the information used in other cases of the credit rating for comparable issuers or ratable objects.
- If the credit rating is an Indication, please see the report for Indication.

## 10 Information Relating to Conflicts of Interest as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR receives payment of compensation for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented from either one of those parties who are issuer, underwriter, depositor or sponsor.
- JCR did not receive in the last fiscal year in the past payment of compensation from the same party for any kind of JCR's service other than the determination of public or private credit rating, such as one in the ancillary business.

## 11 Explanation or Measure of the Potential Volatility of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

### A) Business Bases

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases, since its revenue, etc. may improve or deteriorate by the change in its business management policies, clients' preferences, competitive situation, or a technological innovation. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the business bases is large.

### B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating is subject to alteration if the issuer increases/ decreases its debt/ capital or vice versa and thereby makes its individual debt payment liability less or more bearable and its loss absorption capacity into the future decreased or increased. Also, the changes in the quality of asset under the issuer's holding may affect the credit rating, since such changes could raise or lower the likelihood of future loss of the issuer's financial grounds. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the financial grounds and/ or asset quality is large.

### C) Liquidity Positions

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's financial management policy or in the relations with fund procurement sources and the change thereby makes its liquidity positions improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's member countries, the issuer's related organizations, guarantor or other provider of credit enhancement, or the government of the issuer's business domicile, or other related parties' own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer, and the change thereby makes its business bases, financial grounds and/ or liquidity positions improve or deteriorate, and/ or making the effectiveness of guarantee and other credit enhancement improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment and Non-Payment Forgiven by Contract

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the rated debt's status in the order of seniority relative to other debts caused by the improvement/ deterioration of the issuer's financial condition. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large. Also, in case of the financial products for which non-payment of interest/ principal is contractually permissible, the credit rating is subject to alteration if and when the likelihood of such non-payment is projected to increase or decrease. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but often as much as a few notches.

F) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a rise/ fall in the general economy and/ or the markets inducing the issuer's revenues/ expenses to increase/ decrease and vice versa, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is exceptionally large.

G) Various Events

The credit rating is subject to alteration on occurrence of various events, such as change in the issuer's major shareholders, M&A and other organizational change, accident, violation of the law, litigation, legal/ regulatory change, natural disaster, etc., which are unforeseeable at the time when the credit rating is determined, causing a significant change on the issuer's business bases, financial grounds, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but more often than not as much as a few notches.

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Information on the Content of the Credit Rating, Including the Historical Performance of the Credit Rating and the Expected Probability of Default and the Expected Loss in the Event of Default as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

- Historical records of the credit rating herewith presented are posted in the end of this paper.
- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- Facts of the probability of default are posted as Form NRSRO Exhibit 1 on the JCR website under the URL:

<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/service/company/regu/nrsro/>

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Information on the Sensitivity of the Credit Rating to Assumptions Made as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

A) Business Bases

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's business bases and powers of earning or cash flow generation, etc. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases on some drastic change in the operational environments, etc.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's financial grounds and asset

quality. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's financial grounds and/ or asset quality on some drastic change in its business bases.

C) Liquidity Risks

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's liquidity positions. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's liquidity positions on some drastic change in its financial management policy or relations with fund procurement sources, etc.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to member countries, the issuer's related organizations, guarantor or other providers of credit enhancement, the government of the issuer's business domicile or other related parties' status and stance of support/ assistance for the issuer. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if there is a major change on the part of related parties, such as replacement, disappearance, some drastic improvement/ deterioration of financial grounds/ balances, etc.

E) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the prospects of general economy and markets. JCR expects the change should be most likely by a notch but could be as much as a few notches, should the economy or the markets change so greatly.

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Information on the Representations, Warranties, and Enforcement Mechanisms of an Asset-backed Security as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented is not for an ABS product, and hence no relevant issue.

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## The Historical Performance of the Credit Rating

Issuer Name	Issue Name	Publication Date	Rating	Outlook/Direction
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	June 5, 2006	A	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	May 30, 2007	A+	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	November 26, 2008	A+	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	February 17, 2010	A+	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	November 29, 2010	A+	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	February 10, 2012	A+	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	February 21, 2013	A+	Positive
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	April 1, 2014	AA-	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	April 1, 2015	AA-	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	March 2, 2016	AA-	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	May 30, 2017	AA-	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	April 4, 2018	AA-	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	March 25, 2019	AA	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	February 28, 2020	AA	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Issuer(Long-term)	March 31, 2021	AA	Stable
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	November 27, 2015	AA-	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	March 2, 2016	AA-	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	May 30, 2017	AA-	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	April 4, 2018	AA-	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	March 25, 2019	AA	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	February 28, 2020	AA	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	Japanese Yen Bonds-Fourth Series (2015)	March 31, 2021	AA	

## Attestation Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17g-7

I, Toshihiko Naito, have responsibility to this Rating Action and to the best of my knowledge:

- A) No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities.
- B) The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated.
- C) The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.



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